

*Under the patronage of His Highness the Emir Sheikh Sabah Al-
Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah*



Kuwait Investment Forum 2018 to commence on Tuesday



- *Prominent government officials, leading Kuwaiti business and financial community, as well as international business executives from Fortune 500 companies will all participate*
- *The forum will also be attended by a senior Chinese delegation led by the Chairman of the China Council for the Promotion of International Trade (CCPIT)*

Kuwait, 18th March 2018: The Kuwait Investment Forum (KIF) 2018 will be held in Kuwait City on Tuesday, 20th March 2018 under the patronage of His Highness the Amir Sheikh Sabah Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah at the Bayan Palace and the Jaber Al-Ahmad Cultural Center. KIF 2018 is co-organised by the Kuwait Direct Investment Promotion Authority (KDIPA) and the Kuwait Chamber of Commerce and Industry (KCCI).

The two-day event will highlight important investment partnerships and strategic investment opportunities available in Kuwait. KIF 2018 boasts remarkable guest speakers from the Kuwaiti public and privates sector, as well as prominent international business executives.

Speakers will include: His Highness Sheikh Jaber Al-Mubarak Al-Sabah, Prime Minister of Kuwait, His Excellency Sheikh Nasser Sabah Al-Ahmad Al-Sabah, First Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Defense, His Excellency Sheikh Sabah Al-Hamad Al-Sabah, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs, His Excellency Mr. Anas Al Saleh, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of State for Cabinet Affairs, His Excellency Dr. Nayef Al Hajraf, Minister of Finance Kuwait, Her Excellency Mrs. Hind Al Subeeh, Minister of Social Affairs and Labor and Minister of State for Economic Affairs, His Excellency Khalid Nasser Al Rowdan, Minister of Commerce and Industry, Minister Sheikh Salman Al-Humoud Al-Sabah, Head of the General



Directorate of Civil Aviation, Dr. Mohammed Yousef Al-Hashil, Governor of the Central Bank of Kuwait and Sheikh Dr. Meshaal Jaber Al Ahmad Al Sabah, Director General for KDIPA.

Participating in the Forum, prominent private sector leaders in Kuwait, including Mr. Ali Mohammed Thunayan Al-Ghanim, Chairman of the Board of Directors of KCCI, Mr. Isam Jassem Al-Saqer, Group Chief Executive Officer of the National Bank of Kuwait Group, Mr. Hamad Al- Marzouq, Chairman Kuwait Finance House, Manaf Al Hajeri, CEO of Kuwait Financial Center, Mr. Omar Kutayba Al Ghanim, CEO of Alghanim Industries and Chairman of Gulf Bank, and Mr. Tareq Sultan, Chief Executive Officer and Vice Chairman of Agility.

The Forum will also be attended by several international delegations, including a high-ranking Chinese delegation from the China Council for the Promotion of International Trade (CCPIT), as well as speeches and participations by top executives of major international companies, including Ms. Ebru Özdemir, Chairwoman, Limak Investments- Turkey, Mr. Timothy Keating, Executive Vice President of Government Operations, The Boeing Company-USA, and Mr. Jason Channell, Managing Director and Global Head of Energy & Cleantech, Citi Research - London, England.

The Forum agenda will address the important topics of: Investing for the future Kuwait, trade facilitation: a driver for development, investment opportunities – lucrative options in dynamic sectors, financing for sustainable development and an open dialogue on “Kuwait Development Path: The Vision & the Determination”.

There will also be a special session that will provide an update on New Kuwait. This exclusive session is the first public event since the vision's launch in January 2017 and will shed light on the progress to date on each of the program's seven pillars. H.E. Dr. Nayef Al Hajraf

, Minister of Finance Kuwait, and Her Excellency Mrs. Hind Al-Sabeeh, Minister of Social Affairs and Labor and Minister of State for Economic Affairs and HE Khalid Nasser Al-Roudan, Minister of Commerce and Industry, Minister of State for Youth Affairs will be speaking at this session.

For more details on the agenda and speakers, visit: <https://kif.kdipa.gov.kw/>

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Note to Editors

About Kuwait Investment Forum 2018:

Under the patronage of His Highness the Amir Sheikh Sabah Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah, the second edition of the Kuwait Investment Forum (KIF2018) to be held March 20 and 21, 2018, at the Jaber Al-Ahmad Cultural Centre (JACC), Kuwait City, supports the concerted efforts to boosting Kuwait's economy and improving its business competitiveness.



The two-day forum is co-organised by the Kuwait Direct Investment Promotion Authority (KDIPA), and the Kuwait Chamber of Commerce and Industry (KCCI). It aims to reaffirm the government's interest in promoting and facilitating value-added investments into Kuwait's dynamic market, which focuses on the private sector leading economic activity, innovation and competitiveness.

Supporting the Kuwait Vision 2035, KIF 2018 will provide an interactive platform that brings together high-ranking government officials, local and foreign investors, industry leaders and executives, consultants and financial institutions, to showcase developments that underline Kuwait's business environment, investment opportunities, and emerging trends.

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