

Kona, Kona Electric named as 2019 North American Utility Vehicle of the Year

Hyundai Kona wins yet another international award

KUWAIT CITY, March 18: The Hyundai Kona and Kona Electric CUV models were together named the winner of the 2019 North American Utility Vehicle of the Year by the North American Car, Utility and Truck of the Year automotive media jury.

This is the first time that a Hyundai Crossover Utility Vehicle model has won the Utility Vehicle of the Year category. The winner of the CUV category is announced every year at the North American International Auto Show in Detroit.

The 2019 North American Utility Vehicle of the Year jury is made up of an independent panel of top journalists and analysts based in the United States and Canada. Since 1994, the organization has recognized top cars, trucks, and utility vehicles. This year's jury of 54 media outlets includes journalists from newspapers, magazines, radio and TV broadcast channels, digital columnists and freelance media.

Apart from the 2019 North American Utility Vehicle of the Year award, the Hyundai Kona has also achieved international recognition during the past year by winning an iF Design Award in the Automobiles/Vehicles category. The award recognised the elegant and expressive appearance of Hyundai Motor's first

subcompact SUV.

The iF Design Award is an arbiter of quality and one of the most important design awards. Since 1953 the iF, which stands for international Forum, has singled out worldwide products in all branches of industry for awards in recognition of their outstanding design. Hyundai Motor also won the iF Design Award in 2015 for the i20, in 2016 for the Tucson and in 2017 for the new-generation i30 – all after undergoing a rigorous testing cycle adopted by iF to keep the quality of the award as high as possible.

Earlier in 2018 the Hyundai Kona also received a Red Dot Design Award – one of the most renowned international design and innovation prizes. The Kona, which was recognised for outstanding design and innovation, was awarded together with Hyundai's NEXO Fuel Cell vehicle in the Cars and Motorcycles category.

Hyundai's Kona has also received a Good Design® Award from the Chicago Athenaeum: Museum of Architecture and Design and the European Centre for Architecture Art Design and Urban Studies. Founded in Chicago in 1950, the prestigious Good Design® Awards honour the yearly achievements of the best industrial and graphic designers and world manufacturers for their pursuit



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of extraordinary design excellence. Other awards won by the Hyundai Kona over the past year include:

- The Sub-Compact Sport Utility Vehicle of Texas at the 2018 Texas Auto Writers Association (TAWA)

Annual Texas Truck Rodeo. The two-day test drive evaluation program comprised 69 journalists and 59 vehicles that competed in 18 categories for all types of trucks, SUVs and CUVs;

- The ABC award for "Best Car of the Year 2019" in Spain. Granted by the newspaper ABC, and recognised as the most prestigious prize in the country's automotive industry, this award is decided by a jury com-

posed of 36 journalists from different media, newspapers, magazines, television, radio and agencies, as well as the public vote on the website of the newspaper ABC. The award takes into account both external and internal design, technology, reliability, performance, safety, as well as market segment, and the Kona convinced in all areas. It also recognises the overall quality of the vehicle.

The Hyundai Kona, launched regionally in August 2018, is available in Africa and Middle East Markets. Hyundai offers two highly advanced engine and transmission options for the Kona in Africa and Middle East markets: a 1.6-litre T-GDI, or a 2.0-litre MPI Atkinson cycle unit.

The Hyundai 'Gamma' 1.6-litre T-GDI petrol engine is offered with four-wheel drive and is paired with a 7-speed double clutch automatic transmission (7DCT). The engine, which delivers 177 PS / 130 kW and 265 Nm torque, handles every environment with ease. The turbocharger is equipped with an electronically-controlled waste-gate actuator which improves fuel efficiency by reducing pumping losses as well as improving throttle response and low-end torque. The unit features a six-hole GDI injector, pressured to a higher-than-average 200 bar, securing a clean combustion.



Photos from the event.



Kuwait Nat'l English School holds 'Annual Mathematics Challenge'

KUWAIT CITY, March 18: Kuwait National English School is committed to improving the academic performance of all our students. As mathematics skills are important both for careers and for university success, we annually hold our Mathematics quizzes throughout the school. Several evenings were recently occupied with Mathematics Quizzes from Year 3 through Secondary.

Kuwait National English School pupils were quizzed among their year group using different mathematics activities. In the preliminary competitions, which took place in their various classrooms, the individual students completed different range of activities including mathematical puzzles and written tests on worded problems. These activities were designed with the aim of challenging the intellectual curiosity of the students as well as enabling them to develop a deeper understanding of the various concepts of mathematics.

Following the elimination rounds in the classrooms, we were able to identify our best candidates in mathematics from each year group to compete. The

final round of the Mathematics Quizzes took place in the school theatre on their allotted evenings. Parents were invited to attend the final round and support the great accomplishment of their child/children. During the final round of the challenge, each year group competed as teams and worked together to achieve some amazing results.

The School Director Madame Chantal Al-Gharabally addressed the pupils, staff, parents and guests as well as presented certificates of achievement, medals and the Challenge Cup. The director reiterated on the school's vision in promoting independent learning skills across all year groups. We strongly believe that such skill, when developed, not only prepare pupils for universities but also equip them with the lifelong skills needed to thrive in the 21st century.

Kuwait National English School would like to thank the parents and staff for attending the event and praise the students for the confidence that they have built up as the academic year has gone by.

Well done all!

90 medical sciences students receive degree

ABK sponsors KU Graduation Ceremony

KUWAIT CITY, March 18: Al Ahli Bank of Kuwait (ABK) recently sponsored the graduation ceremony for Kuwait University, Faculty of Medicine, which was held at the Symphony Hotel on March 16, where 90 students received their Bachelor's Degree in Medical Sciences.

Attending the graduation ceremony on behalf of ABK was Fawzy Al Thunayan, GM – Board Affairs who said: "The bank's support is based on its commitment to the importance of educating Kuwaiti youth. They are not only a valuable asset, they are the future of Kuwait and the country depends on them. The medical professional plays a crucial role in the well-being of the society and ABK is proud to be a part of sponsoring this important day as they end their academic life and transition into a life change where they will face important challenges in their career.



Prof Adel Ayed Khudur, Dean of the Faculty of Medicine at Kuwait University, honoring Mr Fawzy Al Thunayan, GM Board Affairs at ABK.

They will be an invaluable asset to the communities in which they live and work. ABK wishes them every success in their future and takes this opportunity to congratulate each one of them".

For more information about ABK please visit eahli.com or contact an ABK customer service agent via 'Ahlan Ahli' at 1899899.



Omar Zaineddine
GFM award

KAMCO wins Best 'Debt' Bank in ME

KUWAIT CITY, March 18: KAMCO Investment Company, a leading investment firm with one of the largest AUMs in the region, won the "Best Debt Bank in the Middle East – 2019" prestigious title from the renowned Global Finance Magazine (GFM). Throughout the past year, KAMCO completed 9 investment banking transactions that amounted to over \$1.8 billion, achieving a track record of 131 successful transactions worth around \$20.4 billion, in addition to advisory services for local and regional clients.

KAMCO was honored with the "Best Debt Bank in the Middle East – 2019" title in an exclusive survey that will be published in Global Finance Magazine's next April issue. Award winners were invited to attend the awards ceremony taking place later this year on Oct 19, 2019 at the National Press Club in Washington, DC. Global Finance editors, with input from industry experts, selected KAMCO based on a multi-criteria approach that includes: reviewing market share, number and size of deals, service and advice, structuring capabilities, distribution network, efforts to address market conditions, innovation, pricing, after-market performance of underwritings and market reputation.

Achievement

Commenting on the achievement, Omar Zaineddine, Senior Vice-President and Head of Debt Capital Markets at KAMCO, said, "At the core of our business is to continuously deliver on a promise. Our clients are enterprises that contribute to their respective economies through products and services. They provide wealth to their constituents be it shareholders or employees. When the client identifies a compelling event to raise funds from the debt markets, this is always driven by a need to deliver on their promise to their stakeholders. Having an advisory team, who understands that need and delivers on the promise, is paramount. This award acknowledges the team's dedication throughout the year in supporting our clients to prosper by further expanding their funding options".

He also said, "As our footprint expands to cover other markets in the Middle East, our regional team will bring fresh ideas to their clients in the core markets. Our clients would be able to capitalize on our longstanding track record in bridging between debt issuers and investors."

Q1 Al Danah draw on March 27

Gulf Bank reveals Al Danah weekly draw winners

KUWAIT CITY, March 18: Gulf Bank held its weekly draw on 17th March, 2019 announcing the names of its winners for the week from the 10th March till the 14th March, 2019, in which five winners will receive KD 1,000 each, every week. The winners this week are:

- Yaseen Abdulla Alelaiwi
- Abdallah Mohammad Falah Alreshedi
- Hamza Abbas Abdulwahab Bahroh
- Amal Ahmad Mohammad Almoamen
- Zahra Ahmed Mohammad Mahdi

The first Gulf Bank Al Danah's quarterly draw 2019 for the prize of KD150,000 will be held on 27 March, 2019, the second quarterly draw 2019 will be held on 26 June, 2019, for the prize of KD 250,000, and the third quarterly draw for the prize of KD 500,000 on 25 Sept, 2019. The final Al Danah draw for KD 1,000,000, will be held on 16 Jan, 2020, where the Al Danah millionaire will be announced at a live event.

Gulf Bank encourages customers to increase their chances of winning with Al Danah by depositing more into their Gulf Bank accounts using the new ePay (Self-Pay) service, which is available on Gulf Bank's online and mobile banking services.

Al Danah offers a number of unique services to customers, including the Al Danah Deposit Only ATM card, which allows account holders to deposit money into their accounts at their convenience. Account holders can also calculate

their chances of winning the draws through the 'Al Danah Chances' calculator available on the Gulf Bank website and app.

Gulf Bank's Al Danah account is open to Kuwaiti and non-Kuwaiti residents of Kuwait. Customers require a minimum of KD200 to open an account and the same amount should be maintained for customers to be eligible for the upcoming Al Danah draws. If the customer's account balance falls below KD 200 at any given time, a KD 2 fee will be charged to their account monthly until the minimum balance is met. Customers who open an account and/or deposit more will enter the weekly draw within two days. To take part in the Al Danah 2019 upcoming quarterly and yearly draws, customers must meet the required hold period for each draw.

The Al Danah draws are all approved by and held in the presence of a representative from the Ministry of Commerce. Furthermore, Gulf Bank have partnered with

Ernst and Young Kuwait (EY) with reference to "Al Danah Prize Draw" system in order to assist in assessing processes, technical controls considering relevant parameters and provide recommendations in-line with industry leading practices. The study was conducted in line with industry standards and control requirements relevant to similar prize draw schemes wherein, a detailed review of prize draw management system along with draw scheme parameters, data extraction for draw, filtration of customers as per defined business criteria and necessary system interactions was conducted to advise on any potential areas of improvements.

Customers can visit one of Gulf Bank's 58 branches, transfer online, place queries through the official Gulf Bank WhatsApp service on 65805805 or call the customer contact center on 1805805 for assistance and guidance. Customers can visit the website to find out more about Al Danah and its winners.

'Award reflects strong results'

NBK awarded Best Bank in Kuwait by 'Global Finance'

KUWAIT CITY, March 18: National Bank of Kuwait (NBK) was named the "Best Bank in Kuwait – 2019" by Global Finance, as it unveiled its 26th annual listing of the best banks in 150 countries.

Winners in the World's Best Banks Awards 2019 were selected based on objective criteria considering the following aspects: growth in assets, profitability, geographic reach, new business development and innovation in products.

Moreover, Global Finance's editorial review board relies on the opinions of equity analysts, credit rating analysts, banking consultants and other key banking executives.

This year's winners demonstrated their ability to attentively meet their customers' needs and achieve positive financial results in addition to their good future planning, despite the unfavorable operating conditions in the markets in which they operate.

NBK-Kuwait CEO Salah Al-Fulaij said: "Winning the "Best Bank in Kuwait – 2019" award is a strong testament of the trust our customers place in the bank and a reflection of NBK's strong results and its promising future. It also proves our unwavering ability to meet rising challenges through prudent planning for the future by following our path to successfully complete our digital transformation journey as part of NBK's di-



Certificate of Best Bank Award 2019

versification strategy."

"Our focus on digital transformation is a key element in maintaining our leadership which we gained through positioning ourselves ahead of our peers through providing the best banking services and products", Al-Fulaij added stressing that the rapid pace of technological advancement poses additional challenges, especially as the bank strives to ensure the utmost safety and security measures to its customers. Founded in 1987 and headquartered in New York City, Global Finance is one of the leading financial magazines with a mission to publish specialized economic reports and analysis. Its monthly circulation exceeds 50,000 in over 188 countries around the world.

The awards ceremony will be held on the sidelines of the annual meetings of the International Monetary Fund and the World Bank in Washington, DC, next October.

For more information on the awards, please visit Global Finance magazine's website: <http://www.gfmag.com/>



Al Fulaij

Burgan Bank brings its customers offer to enjoy at 'Haleeb O Heil' Restaurant

KUWAIT CITY, March 18: Burgan Bank is inviting its customers to enjoy a 10% discount at one of the most popular restaurants in Kuwait, "Haleeb O Heil". The latest offer is part of the Bank's aim to ensure every customer receives the chance to experience a wide range of privileges.

With over five branches in Kuwait and one in Dubai, "Haleeb o Heil" incorporating a modern approach to its offerings, the restaurant offers a diverse range of cuisines while is particularly known for its traditional Kuwaiti food.

In the same way, "Haleeb O Heil" offers classical traditional music that creates an entertainment and lively atmosphere, meanwhile, the customers enjoy their meals.

Burgan Bank customers can profit from the discounted offer by using any of Burgan Bank credit cards. To know more about Burgan Bank's latest offers, or any of its products and services, customers can visit any of the bank's branches or Burgan Banks Instagram page on @BurganBankKuwait or to contact the call center on 1804080.

Congratulations

to the Al Danah weekly winners

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