



ABK's Salary Transfer campaign photo

ABK announces lucky winners for Salary Transfer campaign

Al Ahli Bank of Kuwait (ABK) announced the names of the two winners of the eighth "Transfer your Salary and Find Reasons to Smile" monthly draw campaign, held on the 17th October, under the supervision of the Ministry of Commerce and Interior. The lucky winners were Siloyam Dasari Nageswra and Naser Amer Sulaiman Alshaqsi, who will each receive the equivalent of their monthly salaries.

The next draw date is on 14th November 2019, with the last draw taking place on 19th December 2019. Customers must have their salaries transferred to the bank at least one month prior to the draw date to enter, and the draw is open to both Kuwaiti and expatriate customers who hold Elite, Prestige or Al Raed Salary Transfer Accounts.

In addition to the draw, the "Transfer your Salary and Find Reasons to Smile" campaign offers ABK salary account customers a range of exceptional rewards. Kuwaiti salary account holders receive cash gifts of up to KD 1,000 provided they transfer a salary equivalent to or higher than KD 500. Moreover, Kuwaiti customers are eligible for an interest-free loan of up to KD 10,000 and expatriates up to KD 5,000.

These loans are subject to ABK's terms and conditions, as well as the Central Bank of Kuwait's regulations and policies. For more information about the Salary Campaign and other ABK products kindly visit eahli.com or contact an ABK customer service agent via 'Ahlan Ahli' at 1899899.

Event in partnership with Pro-Vision Sports Management, KRCS, and various sponsors

Gulf Bank announces start of Gulf Bank 642 Marathon 2019

KUWAIT CITY, Nov 6: Gulf Bank held a press conference in anticipation of one of its biggest events of the year, the Gulf Bank 642 Marathon. The much anticipated sporting event is scheduled to take place in less than ten days, on November 16, 2019, and invites challenge-seeking athletes as well as beginners to participate in one of Kuwait's biggest community events of the year. Last year's marathon was an unprecedented success with over 7,500 attendees representing over 66 nationalities competing at the event.

"Every year, we are proud to partner with local organizations that believe in our mission to spread awareness on the importance of health and fitness, and to take the lead in initiatives that benefit the Kuwaiti community. At Gulf Bank, we make it a point to welcome and support all members of our community, which is why the Gulf Bank 642 Marathon is open to participants of all levels," said Ahmad Al Amir, Assistant General Manager for External Communications at Gulf Bank. "Health and fitness are among the most important aspects of our corporate social responsibility program. According to the World Health Organization, the rate of obesity in Kuwait is 73.7%, and diabetics constitute 14.7% of the population, making events like this marathon more crucial than ever. Thanks to our combined efforts, the Gulf Bank 642 Marathon has become one of the biggest community events of the year and a fantastic day of fun for the whole family."



Group photo of the organizers at the conference.

For the fifth year in a row, Gulf Bank is launching the Gulf Bank 642 Marathon in partnership with Pro-Vision Sports Management. The race consists of four categories open to runners of all abilities, including: the 5K Family Fun Walk/Run, the 10K Souq Run, the 21K Half Marathon, and 42K Full Marathon. The 5K is open to runners aged 11 and above, the 10K to runners aged 16 and above, and the 21K to runners aged 18 and above.

The race takes runners through beautiful landmarks in Kuwait, starting at the entrance bridge of Souq Sharq, and heading in and out of Souq AlMubarakiya. The Gulf Bank 642 Marathon is the only marathon in Kuwait that has the AbbottWMM accreditation. The AbbottWMM Wanda Age Group World Rankings, a global age group marathon ranking system. Runners participating in the Gulf Bank 642 Marathon 2019 will get a chance to qualify for the age group ranking program, earning points according to their age, time and gender, aligned with the following age groups for men and women: 40-44, 45-49, 50-54, 55-59, 60-64, 65-69, 70-74, 75-79, 80+.

Gulf Bank will also be hosting the Gulf Bank 642 Marathon Exhibition prior to the race. The three-day health and fitness event is scheduled to take place from November 12-14 at Kuwait International Fairgrounds (Hall 4A). This year's main sponsors include Kuwait Airways, Lincoln Alghanim, Extreme Sports, and Intersport.

The exhibition will include a number of health and fitness-related discussions, as well as activities for participants to enjoy. Participants will also be able to collect their race kits at the exhibition. Gulf Bank is committed to maintaining a robust corporate social responsibility program. Every year, Gulf Bank extends its support to local youth initiatives, proudly advocating for women empowerment, sustainability, health and fitness, and building on the legacy of Kuwait's heritage and history. This year, Gulf Bank 642 Marathon has partnered with Kuwait Red Crescent Society to bring medical aid to those who are unable to afford medical treatment, providing support in covering the provision of medical devices including pacemakers, cochlear devices, hearing aids, electric wheelchairs, and stents.



Ahmed Al Amir speaking at the press conference.

For event registration and more information, please visit www.gulf-bank642marathon.com or access the Instagram account @GulfBank642. Registration closes on November 15, 2019

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'Love Yourself At Every Stage'

Jumeirah Zabeel Saray launches region's first wellness for cancer Spa programme

KUWAIT CITY, Nov 6: Known for unparalleled luxury, the award-winning Talise Ottoman Spa has launched a wellness programme with a difference this November. The "Love Yourself At Every Stage" initiative focuses on treatments and therapies which are suitable for those touched by cancer and survivors, allowing them to enjoy 360-degree relaxation along with the pampering facilities at the world-leading Talise Ottoman Spa.

"For those touched by cancer and survivors, it's important that all facials, massages and treatments are adapted for their specific needs and delivered by experienced therapists, whether they have just been diagnosed, or are in remission", explains Talise Ottoman Spa Director, Afrah Hamdy. "We are proud to have trained wellness professionals who are now equipped to perform these special treatments safely, effectively and provide specialised care to those touched by cancer for their body, mind, and spirit, and to help them de-stress and feel better". She added.

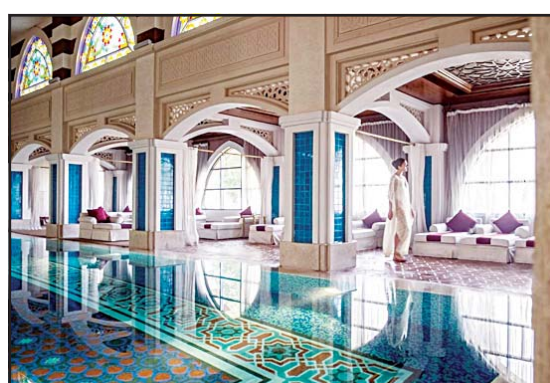
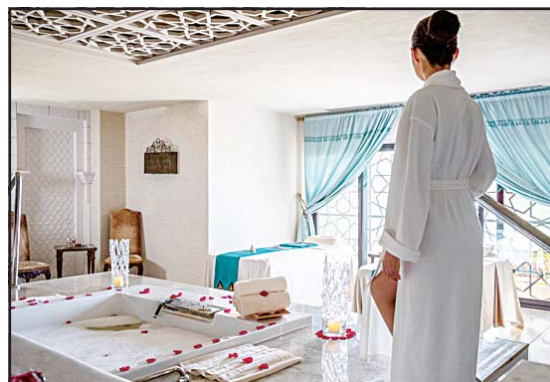
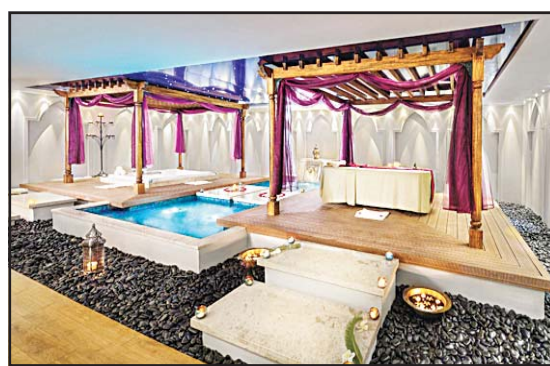
The Talise Ottoman Spa therapists have undergone intensive training directly with Julie Bach, the founder of the Wellness for Cancer (Training Board) from the US, and are all certified to offer special treatments including massages for those who have undergone surgery, have an open wound or lymph node sensitivities. Speaking about her work, she said, "Historically many spas didn't want the responsibility, nor the reliability of cancer and I can think of no greater purpose for my life than teaching compassion to our industry and stewarding peace to individuals who are suffering."

The internationally recognised wellness expert has launched similar pioneering projects around the world, and trained professionals at spas and wellness centres internationally on the needs of those touched by cancer and survivors. Julie and her team consult with cancer centres, oncology specialists, integrative medicine experts, and wellness specialists to establish treatments, including facials, massages and yoga.

"Across the board wellness has become increasingly important to our guests and as part of our strategy, we are focused on developing innovative health and fitness collaborations that enhance the Jumeirah Zabeel Saray experience. We want all of our guests, no matter what their situation, to enjoy our spa and wellness treatments and this programme is designed to help those affected by cancer to love themselves at every stage. As with all our spa programmes at Jumeirah Zabeel Saray, the new treatments are available for both in-house guests and members of the public," said Mahmoud Sakr, the General Manager of Jumeirah Zabeel Saray.

Talise Ottoman Spa has launched a Twilight menu, which opens its grand oak doors for 24hours during weekends. A newly refined membership package is also coming soon which will encompass access to our gym, spa, infinity pool, pristine private beach as well as many additional benefits, including food & beverage offerings.

Talise Spa has been recently awarded Favourite Spa Retreat at the Conde Nast Traveller Middle East's Readers' Travel Awards 2019, as well as Hotel Spa of the Year 2018, World's Best Resort Spa, Dubai's Best Resort Spa 2018 at the World Travel Awards and Best Turkish Hammam Treatment at the Cosmopolitan Middle East Beauty Awards 2017. Talise Ottoman Spa has also been awarded Favourite Spa in an Overseas Hotel at the Conde Nast Traveller India Readers' Travel Awards 2018, and Hotel Spa of the Year at the Leaders in Hospitality Awards 2018.



Photos from the Talise Ottoman Spa at Jumeirah Zabeel Saray.

German industrial orders 'rise' in September - data

Slowing world economy, trade war hit manufacturers

BERLIN, Nov 6, (RTRS): German industrial orders rose more than expected in September, according to data released on Wednesday, offering a glimmer of hope for the country's struggling manufacturers.

The export-reliant manufacturers have been suffering from a slowing world economy and business uncertainty linked to a trade war between the United States and China plus Britain's planned, if delayed, exit from the European Union.

Contracts for German goods rose 1.3% from the previous month, helped by increases in both domestic and foreign demand, the Federal Statistics said. A Reuters poll forecast a rise of 0.1%.

"At last, a positive surprise from German industry," said Jens-Oliver Niklasch, senior economist at Landesbank Baden-Wuerttemberg. "It looks at the moment like a bottoming out. The downturn is not continuing, although new impulses for growth are thin on the ground."

The economy ministry said the numbers were a good starting point for the final quarter of the year and pointed out that business expectations had also brightened.

Economy

Germany's economy shrank 0.1% in the second quarter and recent data have suggested continued weakness in manufacturing in the third quarter, which could put Germany in recession, generally defined as two straight quarters of contraction.

Concern about the outlook for Germany, the engine of the euro zone economy, has in turn discouraged the rest of 19-country currency union.

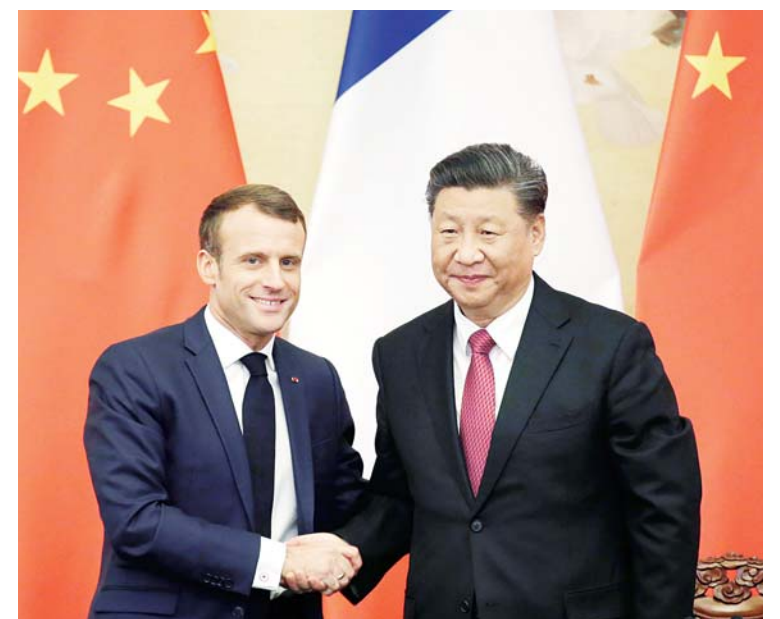
The data showed a 1.6% rise in domestic orders and 1.1% increase in foreign contracts, although those from the euro zone were 1.8% lower.

Orders for capital goods rose most, up 3.1%. Those for consumer goods increased 0.8%. Demand for intermediate goods, however, fell 1.5%.

The orders data offered a rare bright spot. Leading economic institutes have slashed growth forecasts for this year and next. The government has so far stuck to its balanced budget policy, resisting pressure to spend more to boost flagging demand.

A survey on Monday showed that Germany's manufacturers remained stuck in recession in October as new orders fell for the 13th straight month and factories cut jobs at the fastest pace in almost 10 years.

"The numbers today offer a small



French President Emmanuel Macron (left), shakes hands with China's President Xi Jinping after a joint news conference at the Great Hall of the People in Beijing on Nov 6. (AP)

China, France sign 'deals' worth \$15 billion during Macron's visit

BEIJING, Nov 6, (RTRS): China and France signed contracts totalling \$15 billion during a visit by President Emmanuel Macron, a Chinese government official told a news briefing on Wednesday.

Deals were struck in the fields of aeronautics, energy and agriculture, including approval for 20 French companies to export poultry, beef and pork to China.

They also agreed to expand a protocol for poultry exports reached this year to include duck and geese as well as foie gras, and to work on a protocol allowing France to export pig semen to China, said a statement from Macron's office.

Macron arrived in China on Monday and was due to leave later on Wednesday.

Energy deals included a memorandum of understanding between Beijing Gas Group and French utility Engie to collaborate on a liquefied natural gas terminal and storage in the northern city of Tianjin.

An executive with Beijing Gas Group told Reuters that the cooperation with Engie would include the French firm supplying membrane technology, used for gas leak prevention, in the massive gas storage projects that China is embarking on.

Among other deals, France's Total will set up a joint venture with China's Shenergy Group to distribute LNG by truck in the Yangtze River Delta.

The two countries also agreed to reach an agreement by the end of January on the cost and location of a nuclear fuel reprocessing facility to be built by Orano, formerly known as Areva.

Previous plans to build the plant in Lianyungang in eastern China's Jiangsu province were cancelled after protests.

Separately, Chinese state news agency Xinhua said China would support its firms' purchases of Airbus aircraft.

Xinhua said the two countries agreed to work together to push forward the completion and delivery centre programme of the European planemaker's A350 model, as well as step up investment by Airbus in China.

China and France hope to boost cooperation, particularly in the helicopter sector as well as on aircraft engines and pilot training, it said.

Airbus, in a separate press release, said its Tianjin completion and delivery centre in northern China was expected to deliver the first A350 widebody jet by 2021.

glimmer of hope that things will improve a bit in the coming months," said Thomas Gitzel, chief economist

at VP Bank Group. "But German economic growth will for now remain a sluggish affair."