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Skal Int'l names Mouawad Asia acting president



Jano Mouawad

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Jano Mouawad has been appointed as the new acting president for Skal International Asian Area.

Mouawad, who is currently the vice-president for the West Asian Area, will now lead more than 2,425 members in 41 clubs in Asia.

Skal International is the professional organization of tourism leaders from around the world who have been promoting global tourism, business and friendship since 1934.

Its members, industry managers and executives, meet on a regular basis to discuss and pursue topics of common interest. "Mouawad is a very active member of the club and he is a deserving leader, able and capable to bring safe, sound and strong leadership," said Skal International Bahrain President Mohammed Buzizi.

This is the third time that the Skal Bahrain club has presided over the Asia region as Buzizi was elected in 1986 and served three terms.

Annual KPMG MESA conference in Nov.



Bill Thomas

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Bahrain will host the annual KPMG Middle East & South Asia (MESA) Partners Conference, which also coincides with KPMG's 50th-anniversary celebrations in the Kingdom. The conference will take place on 7 - 8 November 2018, which includes a public reception on 6 November.

The conference will include a visit by Bill Thomas, Chairman of KPMG International, which will serve as his first visit to Bahrain.

Managing Partner at KPMG in Bahrain Jamal Fakhro emphasized the importance of the MESA, which is expected to bring together over one hundred partners from KPMG member firms in 20 countries.

Khamis Al Muqla gets global advertising industry honour

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Khamis Al Muqla, a founder of the IAA Bahrain Chapter established in 1993 and Chairman of the Gulf Marcom Group, was bestowed with an Honorary Life Membership Award by the international advertising industry for his services to the IAA and his work as a communication leader.

The event held in Bucharest paid tribute to a number of distinguished personalities at the 2018 IAA Inspire Awards and Gala dinner held on 2 October 2018.

"This is in recognition of your contribution to advancing the aims and objectives of the IAA in the Kingdom of Bahrain and your long and distinguished services in supporting the Association's activities and the global marketing communications industry," said IAA World President and Chairman, Felix Tataru, presenting the Inspire Award and Honorary Life Membership to Khamis Al Muqla.

This is also the third time Al Muqla is being honoured by the agency for his works - previ-



Khamis Al Muqla receiving the Award from the IAA World President and Chairman, Felix Tataru

ously in Moscow and London and this time in the Romanian capital, Bucharest.

Commenting on the nominations, Heather Leembruggen, IAA VP & Chairman of the IAA Inspire Awards selection com-

mittee said, "We were delighted with the calibre of the nominees and the spread of countries represented in the entries we received."

Al Muqla, referring to the honour, said, "It is indeed grati-

Top achievements

In 2013, in London, Al Muqla received a special honour for his leadership role, vision and commitment.

In 2010, Medal of Merit during the World Advertising Congress in Moscow.

Bahrain's Medal of First Class, conferred by His Majesty King Hamad Bin Isa Al Khalifa

Featured in the list of top 50 influential figures in Bahraini society, according to a 2009 Arabian Business magazine poll.

One of the most influential figures in the business sector in Bahrain for the year 2018, according to the recent 'Business in Gulf' Magazine.

First to join the International Advertising Association from Bahrain and the Gulf region

Represented Bahrain at the International Advertising Congress held in Copenhagen, Denmark in 1978.

Contributed to the establishment of several professional associations in the field of advertising and public relations.

Founder of Gulf Marcom Group (GMG), established in Bahrain in 1974, known as Gulf Public Relations (GPR).

Founder and Chairman of Hill + Knowlton Strategies M.E. established in 1985.

fying to be recognised for one's contribution along with venerable members from Romania and Sri Lanka."

Khamis Al Muqla is a member

of the High Authority for Information and Communications under the chairmanship of H.H. Shaikh Abdulla Bin Hamad Al Khalifa.



Electricity and Water Affairs Minister Dr Abdulhussain Mirza with a delegation from Kassab International Company during a group photo session. The delegation, headed by Board Member Amer Mahjoub, expressed their desire to open cooperation in the fields of renewable energy and energy efficiency and offered modern techniques in producing solar energy. The meeting was attended by Advisor to the Minister Adel Al-Taho and officials in the Sustainable Energy Unit.



Aluminium Bahrain B.S.C. (Alba) officials during the 12th World Trade Fair and Conference - Aluminium 2018, which took place from 9 to 11 October 2018 in Messe Düsseldorf, Germany. Alba's Chief Executive Officer Tim Murray, Chief Marketing Officer Khalid Abdul Latif, Director of Marketing Boris Santosi and Director Line 6 Smelter Project and Engineering Shawqi Al Hashimi were the key attendees at Aluminium 2018 along with other Alba officials. Aluminium 2018 in Dusseldorf is one of the leading B2B events in the world for the aluminium industry and its main application fields.

Durrat Marina beings residential units' handover

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Durrat Marina yesterday announced the completion and handover of residential units within the Marina Residence 1 Project on the main island of Durrat Marina.

"We are pleased to begin the handover process at Marina Residence 1, a prime location residential block which boasts both sea and Yacht Club views," said Fahad Bushager, Chairman of Durrat Marina's Board of Directors.

Upon completion of the Yacht



Durrat Marina - Marina Residence



Durrat Marina is approx. valued at US\$1.5 billion and consists of three interconnected islands linked via a network of bridges

club, which is in close proximity to Marina Residence 1, will be able to accommodate up to 350 boats or yachts and will further contribute to the vibrancy of the area.

CEO of Durrat Marina, Waleed Saffy said, "The units have been designed to cater to the practical demands of local family life as well as the comforts and recreational elements that are associated with sea-side living."

Durrat Marina, which is comprised of 3 interconnecting islands, is valued at approximately US \$ 1.5 billion.