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INTRODUCTION

HELD ON JUNE 10, 2026, the latest edition of the Thought Leadership Circle, "Unlocking Kuwait's Market Potential," co-hosted by Kuwait Direct Investment Promotion Authority (KDIPA) and The Business Year, convened leading voices from government, finance, and the private sector to assess Kuwait's evolving investment landscape and the opportunities emerging under the country's Vision 2035 agenda. The roundtable provided a platform for high-level dialogue on the reforms, partnerships, and market-enabling initiatives needed to strengthen Kuwait's competitiveness, deepen capital market participation, and support the country's long-term economic diversification.

The event was headlined by HE Abdulaziz Al-Marzooq, Minister of State for Economic Affairs and Investment, who underscored Kuwait's commitment to advancing reforms that foster a more dynamic, resilient, and diversified economy. Discussions focused on the role of regulatory modernization in enhancing investor confidence, the importance of expanding access to capital for SMEs and growth-stage companies, and the ways in which fintech, innovation, and public-private collaboration can accelerate the development of Kuwait's financial ecosystem.

The session brought together a distinguished group of participants, including Fawaz Bader Boresli, Head of Markets Sector at the Capital Markets Authority; Nawaf Hisham Al-Gharabally, CEO of Zain Kuwait; Sheikh Ahmad Duaij Jaber Al Sabah, Chairman of the Commercial Bank of Kuwait; Ali H. Khalil, CEO of Markaz; Abdullah Al-Haddad, CEO of KFH Capital; Abdulrahman Al Kharafi, CEO of ZAD Fintech; Abdulrahman Al-Khannah, Group CEO of Beyout Holding; and Muhannad Mohammed AlSane, Chairman and CEO of Almowazi Capital. Together, they explored how strong institutions, enabling regulation, private-sector dynamism, and strategic collaboration can unlock Kuwait's full economic potential.

By bringing together policymakers, financial leaders, and business executives, the Thought Leadership Circle reaffirmed the importance of continued dialogue in translating Kuwait Vision 2035 into practical outcomes. The event reflected a shared commitment to building a more competitive, investment-friendly, and future-ready economy, one capable of attracting capital, empowering enterprises, and positioning Kuwait as a stronger regional hub for finance, innovation, and sustainable growth.

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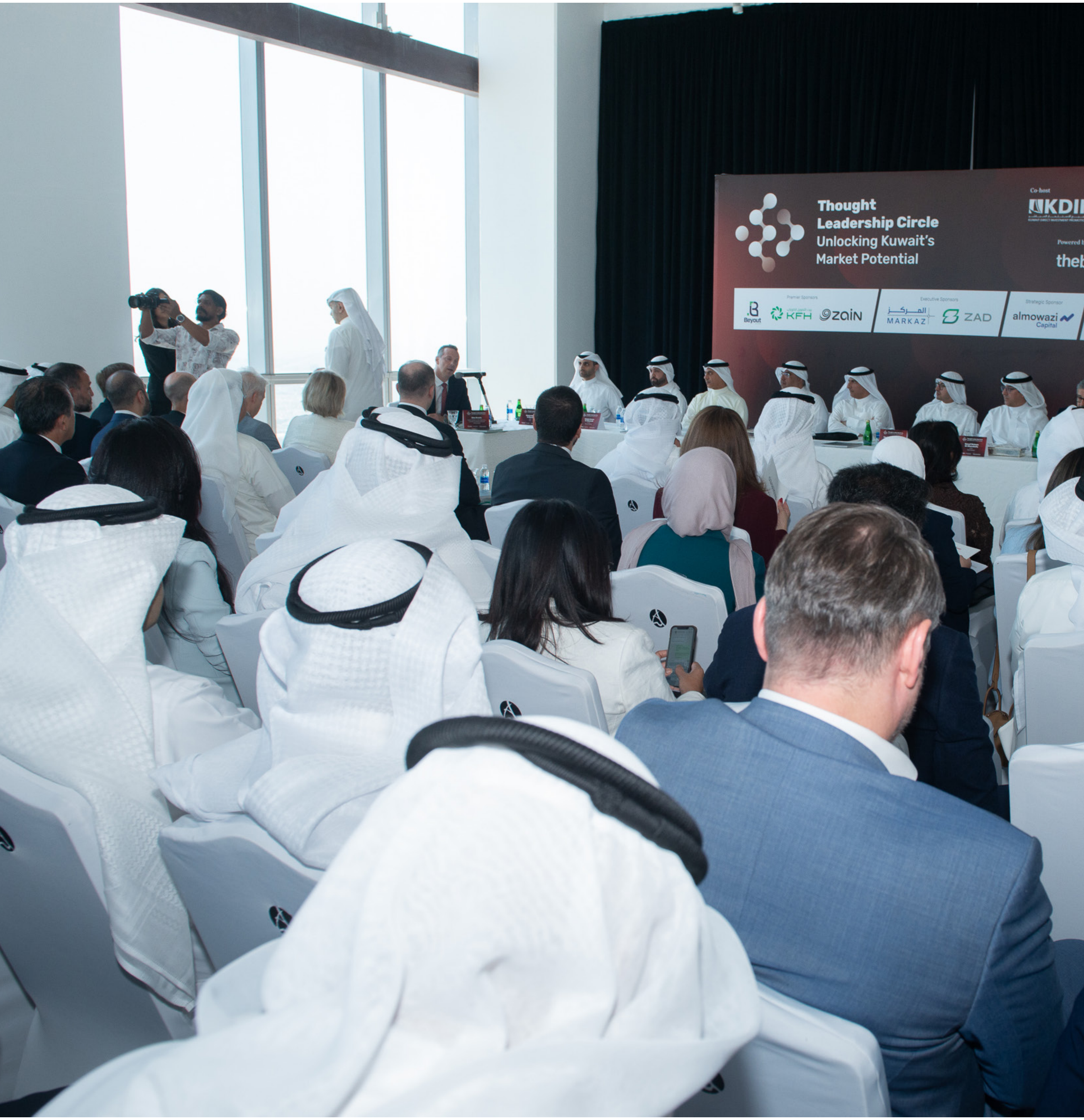
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The discussion was structured around the key forces shaping Kuwait's market potential and the country's broader economic transformation agenda. The conversation opened with capital access and market reforms, focusing on how regulatory modernization can lower barriers to entry and enable more companies, particularly SMEs and growth-stage businesses to participate in Kuwait's capital markets. This was followed by a discussion on family businesses and wealth preservation, exploring how listing mechanisms, transparency, and stronger governance can support long-term continuity and intergenerational value creation.

The roundtable then moved to fund management as an engine of economic growth, examining the instruments, policies, and market conditions needed to attract asset managers and align capital deployment with national investment priorities. Participants also addressed foreign participation in Kuwait's capital market, with particular attention to how regulatory frameworks, fintech, digital banking, and e-payments can strengthen investor confidence while positioning Kuwait as a more competitive financial hub. The final part of the conversation focused on public-private partnerships and business development, highlighting how collaboration between government entities, local companies, and international investors can stimulate private-sector growth and advance Kuwait's long-term development objectives.