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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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