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# Our Story

ASAR – Al Ruwayeh & Partners (ASAR) is Kuwait's leading Tier 1 corporate law firm, and one of the most prominent firms operating across the GCC. ASAR has been operating in Kuwait for over 35 years, in the Kingdom of Bahrain since 2006, and is recognised for professional legal services of the highest order. As one of the region's premier law firms to many foreign and domestic multinational companies, we advise many of the biggest and most ambitious organisations across all major industries and we are consistently considered as the number one law firm of choice.

With our team of lawyers spanning two emerging and highly competitive markets in the GCC, our expertise extends over a wide range of areas that cater to the needs of local and foreign multinational corporations, banks and investment companies, industrial conglomerates, governments and state authorities, and private clients. The firm has multilingual capabilities and provides services in, amongst others, English, Arabic and French.



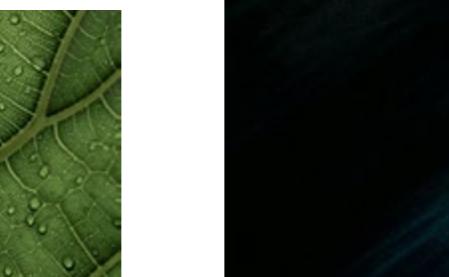
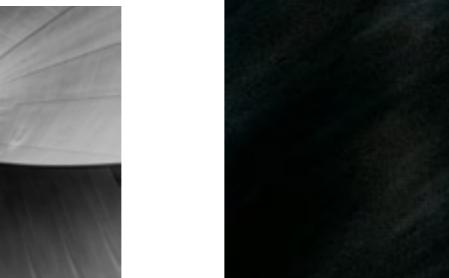
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# Why ASAR?

ASAR provides the highest quality legal services to our clients. With our lawyers covering both the jurisdictions of Kuwait and Bahrain, we have the ability to assist our clients with their most challenging matters – no matter where they arise or what they entail.

Our lawyers' seamless teamwork, exceptional capabilities and innovative thinking enable us to deliver outstanding representation and results. Our successes are grounded in the fact that in an ever-changing world, our culture, values, and commitments to pro bono, diversity and community service never waver.

ASAR is consistently rated as a leading corporate and commercial law firm by reputable legal guides such as the International Financial Law Review (IFLR), the Chambers Global Guide, the Legal 500 and the Practical Law Company.



## Our Offices

ASAR is the largest full service corporate and commercial law firm in Kuwait and one of the largest in the Middle East, with strong connections throughout the Gulf region. To offer maximum coverage to our clients across key jurisdictions of the world, we not only operate our own offices, but also have associations and relationships with law firms across the world to ensure we can provide seamless legal services to our clients regardless of the jurisdiction their matters relate to.

### Our Offices:

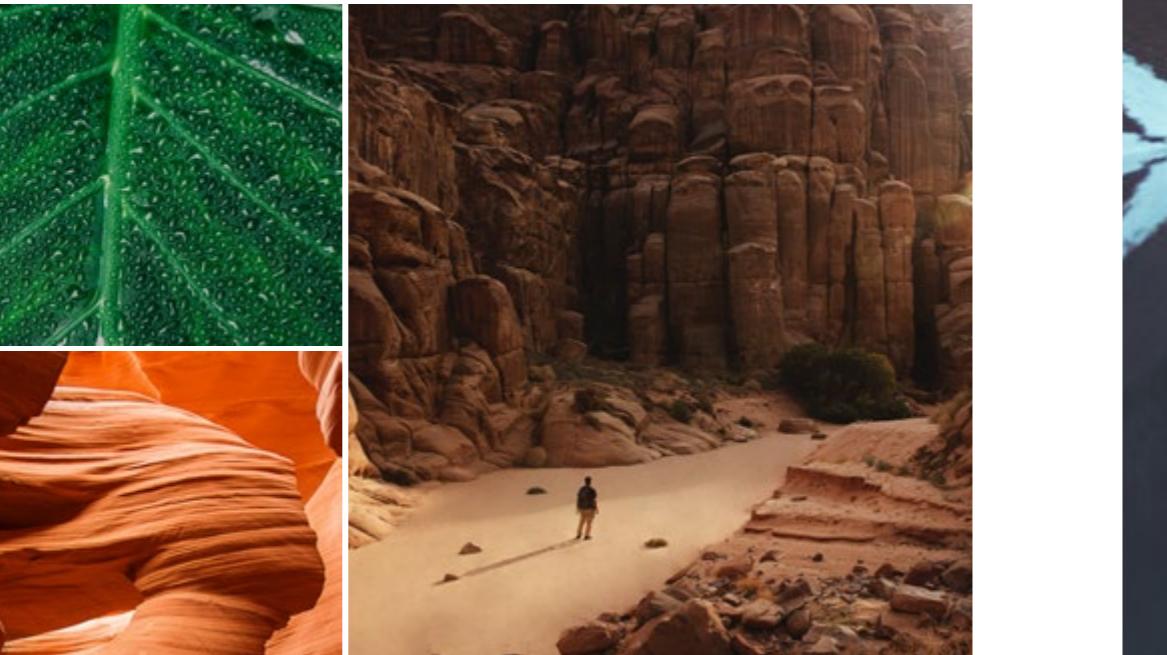
ASAR currently operates offices in Kuwait City in the State of Kuwait, and Manama in the Kingdom of Bahrain.

### Relationship firms:

ASAR maintains close working relationships with law firms throughout the Middle East, Europe, North and South America, Africa, Asia and Australia.

# Our People

With our team of professional lawyers, we respond quickly and timely to clients' urgent needs and can allocate adequate resources to attend to assignments and projects.



With our lawyers covering both the jurisdictions of **Kuwait** and **Bahrain**, we draw on extensive regional experience and knowledge of the relevant laws, regulations and practices.

ASAR has been involved in some of the most innovative and complex projects and transactions in Kuwait and is best placed to provide valuable insight into Kuwaiti and Bahraini considerations – both legal and practical.



## Oil & Gas

Our firm has substantial experience assisting both foreign and local entities with doing business in the Kuwaiti oil and gas sector. Although Kuwait and other countries in the region are taking steps to diversify their economies away from oil and gas, and certain projects are reserved for local entities, the oil and gas market in Kuwait remains robust and valuable opportunities continue to arise in the country.

ASAR offers practical and focused legal services that put our clients in the best position to take advantage of valuable projects in this sector while taking account of increasingly important environmental considerations and other relevant nuances of the Kuwaiti legal regime.

We have assisted both private and Kuwaiti government clients with a wide range of subjects in the oil and gas sector including setting up joint ventures and special purpose vehicles with the aim of pursuing supply and

distribution arrangements, assisting in tendering arrangements with Kuwaiti government entities, advising on the sale and acquisition of facilities (such as refineries), and supporting clients in contractual disputes and litigious matters relating to projects in the oil and gas sector.

With respect to natural gas, while Kuwait is primarily known for its substantial oil deposits, since the first gas processing complex was commissioned in 1979, the country has dedicated considerable resources to increase its natural gas production. It is expected that production at the gas rich North Kuwait Jurisdiction fields will be fully operational within the short to medium term and that by 2031/2032, Kuwait will be producing around 3.5-billion standard cubic feet of natural gas per day.

Kuwait Petroleum Company has recently initiated a long-term strategy for the expansion of both the upstream gas exploration and downstream gas refining sectors, as liquefied natural gas is reportedly being considered as an environmentally friendly option to accommodate a large portion of Kuwait's energy needs. Accordingly, opportunities in the Kuwaiti gas sector are expected to expand considerably in the near future.

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