

## FROM HUMBLE BEGINNINGS TO A CORPORATE GIANT:

# AKD'S 17-YEARS'S SUCCESS STORY

Al-Khor and Dakira Schemes & Services Company Q.S.C (AKD) started off in 2005 with the blessing of His Highness the Father Emir Sheikh Hamad Bin Khalifa Al Thani and the Emir His Highness Sheikh Tamim Bin Hamad Al-Thani (God Bless Them),

The Company was established with the function to harness the boundless potentials of Ras Laffan Industrial city, which is next door to Al-Khor & Dakira Cities, and to help in fostering the region's evolution into a business hub as part of His Highness the Father Emir's vision of an industrialized Qatar.

AKD was built on a solid foundation that is rooted in strict adherence to the industry's best practices, compliance with regulations and commitment to embracing the highest corporate ethics.

Driven by the dynamic visions of the founders and ably supported by the diverse experience and top-notch professionalism of its management team, AKD has developed into a corporate titan in Qatar.

AKD is an ISO 9001, ISO 14001 and OSHAS 18001-certified Company with IMPA Certificate.

The Company has continued to open new horizons while enhancing its achievements over the years. It presently has more than one thousand Qatari shareholders and seven members on its Board of Directors.

In 2006, AKD ventured into the catering business with restaurants and cafeterias located inside the Ras Laffan Industrial city. It also established more than 45 mini markets distributed inside the industrial area to cater to the needs of workers.

AKD expanded into the industrial technical services sector in 2007 with the supply and installation of all kinds of industrial valves to all relevant Oil and Gas Companies in the State of Qatar such as RasGas, Qatargas, Dolphin Energy Oryx and Shell Pearl which are operating specifically in Ras Laffan Industrial City.

The ship handling activities started in 2008 and AKD became the major supplier of food and beverages, vegetables, consumables, PPE and technical marine spare parts to all vessels berthing in Ras Laffan.

AKD became one of the key players in real estate sector in 2012 when we successfully completed and commissioned the Bu Jleeb Compound of 397 villas and apartments which were rented to Hamad Hospital for its Al Khor Hospital team. Among the many amenities available in the compound is an equipped health club with the latest sports equipment for adults and children, a commercial center that serves

compound residents, and a school for around 800 students located inside the compound.

In 2013, a commercial complex was built inside Ras Laffan City, which covers a total of 4250 Sqm. This complex consists of food and beverages outlets, showrooms, supermarkets and commercial store and facilities in the Ground Floor along with a total area of 2200 Sqm. reserved for offices providing all facilities needed.

In 2016, the joint venture project between AKD (30%) and Al Aqaria (70%) of a workforce accommodation was completed. It consists of 12 residential buildings for senior and junior employees and workers and can accommodate about 2800 persons in addition to its annexes, which contain a commercial center, a mosque, public squares, equipped halls for sports activities, an industrial dry cleaning and laundry facility, and central kitchen equipped as per international standards.

In 2016, AKD Indus, a joint venture Company established between Al Khor and Dakira Schemes and Services (51%) and Adhiam Thermal Systems and Solutions Pvt Ltd. India (49%) began operation. The joint venture specializes in plate heat exchanger services and has technical partners for Qatar for PHE with Sondex, Danfos and Desco Coil.

Also in 2016, AKD completed the construction of Al Bayt Village – a standard workers facility built to FIFA standards. The village accommodates the work force handling the construction of the Al Bayt Stadium – one of the venues of the 2022 FIFA World Cup Qatar.

The AKD workshop, a well-established MEP outfit in Ras Laffan at West Side Support Services Area (WSSA), was completed and started industrial operations in 2017.

This year, the construction of the AKD New Commercial Complex, at West Side Support Services Area (WSSA) of Ras Laffan Industrial City is completed. This complex consists of two main sections of 16 units each with mezzanine floors which can be used for several businesses such as supermarkets, restaurants, showrooms and offices.

In addition to focusing on the commercial aspect of the Company, AKD has always assumed social and environmental responsibility and took into consideration the impact that its projects and businesses have on overall social and environmental well-being, which is reflected through the CSR initiatives it undertook over the years including supporting Al-Khor and Dakira Sports Clubs, participating in sports competitions such as basketball and volleyball tournaments in the area, in addition to participating in many events and activities such as the National Day, RasLaffan events and workers welfare activities.