

## SAILING THE SEAS OF SUCCESS:

# AKD'S 18-YEAR JOURNEY TO EXCELLENCE

Founded in 2005, under the esteemed patronage of His Highness the Father Emir Sheikh Hamad Bin Khalifa Al Thani and the Emir His Highness Sheikh Tamim Bin Hamad Al-Thani, Al-Khor and Dakira Schemes & Services Company Q.S.C (AKD) has strived to transform the limitless potential of Ras Laffan Industrial City. With its roots nestled in Al-Khor & Dakira Cities, AKD was established with the mission to stimulate the region's development into a bustling business hub. This was envisioned by His Highness the Father Emir as a significant step towards an industrialized Qatar.

Bound by the industry's highest standards, AKD has been unwavering in its commitment to regulatory compliance and maintaining utmost corporate ethics. AKD's journey to becoming a corporate giant in Qatar has been fueled by the visionary leadership of its founders and the exemplary professionalism of its management team. AKD's quality management system is certified by ISO 9001, ISO 14001, and OSHAS 18001.

With over one thousand Qatari shareholders and seven board members, AKD has consistently broken new ground while enhancing its accomplishments over the years. In 2006, AKD made its entry into the catering industry with restaurants and cafeterias in Ras Laffan Industrial City. They also set up over 45 mini markets within the industrial area, catering to the daily needs of workers.

In the same year, AKD ventured into the telecommunications industry, becoming a primary distributor for Ooredoo. By 2007, AKD had expanded its reach to industrial technical services, supplying and installing industrial valves to major Oil and Gas Companies in Qatar, such as RasGas, Qatargas, Dolphin Energy Oryx, and Shell Pearl, operating within Ras Laffan Industrial City.

By 2008, AKD had added ship chandling activities to its portfolio, becoming a major supplier of food, beverages, PPE, and technical marine spare parts to vessels docking in Ras Laffan. Building on its success and commitment to excellence.

AKD made its mark in the real estate sector in 2012, with the successful completion of the Bu Jleeb Compound, consisting of 397 villas and apartments. These were rented to Hamad Hospital for its Al Khor Hospital team. The compound includes amenities such as health clubs, a commercial center, and a school for around 800 students.

In 2013, a commercial complex was built inside Ras Laffan City, featuring food and beverage outlets, showrooms, supermarkets, and commercial store and office spaces. 2016 saw the completion of a joint venture project with Al Aqaria, offering workforce accommodation, and the inauguration of AKD Indus, a joint venture with Adhiam Thermal Systems and Solutions Pvt Ltd. India. Additionally, AKD built Al Bayt Village, a workers' facility meeting FIFA standards, to house the workforce involved in the construction of the Al Bayt Stadium for the 2022 FIFA World Cup Qatar.

In 2017, AKD completed the construction of a well-equipped MEP workshop in Ras Laffan. This year, the AKD New Commercial Complex in Ras Laffan Industrial City's West Side Support Services Area (WSSA) has been completed, offering business opportunities for supermarkets, restaurants, showrooms, and offices.

2021 AKD's Remarkable Voyage: Pioneering Offshore Solutions and Embracing International Maritime Excellence. AKD set sail towards new horizons by venturing into the offshore containers sector and offshore catering services. This strategic move demonstrated AKD's unwavering commitment to meeting the specialized needs of offshore platforms and installations.

With a focus on excellence, AKD provided high-quality containers tailored to the storage and transportation requirements of equipment, materials, and supplies in challenging offshore environments. Moreover, AKD's offshore catering services offered a delightful culinary experience to personnel stationed in remote offshore locations, ensuring their well-being through nutritionally balanced meals bursting with flavor and variety.

As the years progressed, AKD's dedication to growth and adherence to international standards led to a series of prestigious milestones. In a momentous achievement, AKD proudly announces its adherence to renowned international organizations such as the International Marine Purchasing Association (IMPA) and the International Ship Suppliers Association (ISSA). This noteworthy feat showcases AKD's unwavering commitment to upholding stringent standards and regulations while fostering collaboration within the global maritime community.

With an expanding portfolio encompassing ship chandling, offshore containers, and offshore catering, AKD has solidified its position as a trusted and comprehensive solution provider for the maritime and offshore sectors. Embracing international maritime excellence, AKD continues to navigate the seas with unwavering dedication, setting a benchmark for reliability and innovation in the industry. As the journey unfolds, AKD remains steadfast in its commitment to the safe and efficient operation of maritime activities, making waves as a true leader in the maritime landscape.

However, AKD's focus isn't merely commercial. The company has always undertaken social and environmental responsibilities, understanding the influence of its projects on societal and environmental well-being. This is evident in AKD's multiple CSR initiatives, which include supporting local sports clubs, participating in sporting tournaments, and numerous events and activities such as the National Day, Ras Laffan events, and workers' welfare activities.