



# Infrastructure Roundup

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KPMG in Qatar



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We are very pleased to share the latest issue of KPMG's Infrastructure roundup. In this newsletter, we aim to bring you the key news highlights about Qatar's involvement in the infrastructure space. We hope you will find this information valuable to keep you connected with the sector.

## Sustainable Infrastructure



### [Acciona organizes exploring sustainable solutions for water desalination in Qatar](#)

RIYADH. ACCIONA, a global leader in sustainable infrastructure solutions, organized a pivotal roundtable discussion titled "Exploring Sustainable Solutions for Water Desalination in Qatar" on February 28th, 2024, marking the company's first such event in Qatar. This event underscores Qatar's growing commitment to addressing water stress through innovative and sustainable desalination technologies.

With Qatar facing increasing challenges in water scarcity, the nation has turned to Reverse Osmosis desalination as a key strategy for securing potable water for its population. Since 2016, reverse osmosis plants have played a crucial role in Qatar's water infrastructure, with ACCIONA leading this technological evolution. The event brought together esteemed experts and stakeholders to discuss advancements and future directions in water desalination, highlighting Qatar's journey towards sustainable water management.

### [Rising infrastructure projects open doors for businesses in Qatar](#)

Qatar is in the brisk of emerging as a global trade hub with swiftly enhancing infrastructures and growing business opportunities for several companies that were introduced into the market over the past decade.

This has paved the way for numerous Austrian-owned firms in the country as the economy and GDP growth remain buoyant.

In an interview with The Peninsula, the Commercial Counselor at the Embassy of Austria in Qatar, Andreas Stauber, highlighted the country's robust bilateral business relations along with joint ventures planned for the year.

He mentioned that a few Austrian companies will soon join the market in 2024 as talks are going on with their subsidiaries and partners in Qatar.

Sources: Zawaya, Peninsula



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## Public Private Partnership (PPP)



### Qatar Chamber panel calls for establishment of land transport

Qatar Chamber panel calls for the establishment of a land transport company in the Public-Private Partnership (PPP) system.

The Qatar Chamber Services Committee recently held its first meeting for the new council at the Chamber's venue.

The meeting was presided over by QC board member, Eng. Ali bin Abdullatif Al Mesned in the presence of all members.

Speaking at the meeting, Eng. Ali Al Mesned praised the role performed by the Committee during the previous council, describing it as a key link between the private sector and relevant bodies in the state.

## Transport and Other Infrastructure



### Qatar, Oman discuss cooperation in transportation

Minister of Transport H E Jassim Saif Ahmed Al Sulaiti met Undersecretary of the Ministry of Transport, Communications and Information Technology of Oman H E Eng. Khamis bin Mohammed Al Shamakhi in the Ministry's offices yesterday. The two officials discussed aspects of enhancing cooperation between the two brotherly countries in the fields of transportation, ports and mobility services, and ways of further enhancing them, particularly on ecofriendly transportation. Several MoT officials and the delegation accompanying the Omani Undersecretary, attended the meeting.

Sources: Peninsula



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### Qatar's Lusail Tram expands service with new Pink Line, additional Orange Line stations

Qatar's Ministry of Transport (MOT) has unveiled an extensive expansion plan for the Lusail Tram service starting April 8, 2024. This expansion includes the inauguration of the Pink Line service alongside the addition of new Orange Line stations.

Ten additional Orange Line stations are set to commence operations, greatly improving accessibility across vital areas of Lusail. These stations encompass Naifa, Fox Hills – South, Downtown Lusail, Al Khayl Street, Fox Hills – North, Crescent Park – North, Rawdat Lusail, Erkiyah, Lusail Stadium, and Al Yasmeen.

Furthermore, all Pink Line stations will be operational during this phase, stretching from Legtaifiya to Seef Lusail – North, except for Al Sa'ad Plaza, which will join the service at a later date. With a grand total of 14 new stations being introduced, the Lusail Tram network will now offer a total of 21 operational stations.

### Transport Minister heads Qatar delegation to ICAO conference

Minister of Transport H E Jassim Saif Ahmed Al Sulaiti headed Qatar's delegation to the International Civil Aviation Conference organized by the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) in conjunction with the Republic of Korea's Ministry of Land, Infrastructure, and Transport, in Seoul, South Korea.

The event is being attended by the ICAO Secretary General H E Juan Carlos Salazar, several ministers, and heads of delegations from 86 countries.

### Autonomous e-Mobility Forum unveils programme

The Autonomous e-Mobility (AEMOB) Forum has unveiled its final programme and speaker lineup, featuring over 40 speakers from 20 countries, including policymakers, academics, industry experts, and leaders. They will share visions and exchange insights on electric transportation and self-driving mobility.

The forum will take place from April 30 to May 2, under the patronage of Minister of Transport H E Jassim Saif Ahmed Al Sulaiti, and is hosted by the Ministry of Transport (MoT).

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