



# Infrastructure Roundup

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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



### Ministry of Municipality launches strategy 2024-2030

The new strategy focuses on three main priorities, including excellence in services and digital transformation; enhancing food security; and improving the quality of life and humanizing cities.

Regarding the quality of life and humanization of cities, the new strategy aims to increase green spaces and parks and develop public facilities and beaches within the framework of the Ministry's future vision, which aims to attract more visitors and investors.

Ministry's initiatives include implementing the integrated national solid waste programme.

### Ashghal installs 60km vehicle restraint system on Al Shamal Road

Ashghal's continuous efforts to safeguard drivers who traverse this vital expressway daily and reduce the frequency and severity of road accidents. VRS barriers serve as a critical safety mechanism on highways and major roads. Designed to absorb and manage the energy of crashes, they keep vehicles within roadways, play an essential role in enhancing road safety, and reduce the severity of accidents.

Sources: Zawya, Peninsula



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### Qatar, an emerging hub for EVs, hybrid vehicles

Qatar is actively preparing for the influx of EVs through rapid infrastructure development. Quoting officials of Kahramaa, the country boasts as one of the fastest-growing electric charging station infrastructure in the world in 2023.

Demonstrating its commitment to sustainable development and promoting clean technology.

### Audi has launched its second High Power charging station at the Pearl Island, strengthening Qatar's Electric infrastructure.

Audi inaugurates second high power charging station at the Pearl Island, Qatar in collaboration with United Development Company (UDC).

The Pearl charging station features a total of six chargers, making Audi the first luxury automotive brand in Qatar to offer a 180-kW charging station to the public, with an upgradable capacity to 300 kW.

The launch of the second high power charging station at the Pearl Island underscores Audi's dedication to expanding its charging network and enhancing customers' charging experience while promoting sustainable mobility.

## Transport and Other Infrastructure



### Ooredoo, Alfardan Group sign strategic MoU to enhance connectivity, drive innovation in Qatar

Ooredoo and Alfardan Group, have signed a strategic memorandum of understanding (MoU) to upgrade connectivity and enhance technological infrastructure in Qatar.

The signing ceremony marked a significant milestone in the partnership between two national industry pioneers committed to driving innovation and economic development in the region.

### Ooredoo strikes deal with Nvidia to launch AI in data centres

Nvidia is set to deploy artificial intelligence technology at data centres owned by the Qatari telecoms group Ooredoo in five Middle Eastern countries under a new agreement.

The new partnership is geared towards enhancing AI infrastructure across the MENA region, and aims to improve security, optimise performance, and customise solutions to meet local standards effectively.

Sources: Gulf Times, Doha News



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### New project to enrich Qatar's tourism and entertainment sectors

The Minister of Municipality said Qatar has witnessed continuous successes and achievements, which are the result of the collaboration of the private and public sectors, which enhances the region's attractiveness for investment and its impact on the local economy and benefits the society.

To emphasise the importance of tourism, Qatar has made enormous investments to develop infrastructure and tourist destinations.

### Ashghal wins seven international awards

The Public Works Authority (Ashghal), represented by the Drainage Networks Projects Department, was awarded seven new international awards for outstanding performance in a number of projects implemented by the department in various fields, including health and safety at work sites.

### Qatar ranks fourth globally in economic performance for 2024

In the report, Qatar ranked high in the four main factors: economic performance (4th), government efficiency (7th), business efficiency (11th), and infrastructure (33rd).

The competitiveness assessment was based on the developments witnessed by a comprehensive set of data and indicators provided at the local level, along with the results of an opinion poll of a sample of company managers and businessmen on the business environment and the competitiveness of the Qatari economy, as well as comparing such data and indicators with counterparts from other reviewed countries.

Sources: Peninsula, Zawya



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