

**KW GROUP ASIA: FDI, Trade, Economic Development & Market Access** Consulting & Intelligence

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### INTRODUCTION

WHY ASIA: By 2030 65% of the worlds middleclass consumers will be found in Asia and it is forecast that ASEAN will become the world's fourth-largest economy with a roughly \$4 trillion USD consumer market.

"ASEAN is poised to become a dramatic consumption opportunity, driven by four mega-forces: strong demographic trends; rising income levels; geopolitical shifts increasing foreign investment; and digital advances opening new consumer markets."

Covid 19 has increased the pace of a rapid digital transformation across the public & private sectors in Asia, driven by rising consumer classes, a strong start-up sector, cheap and accessible devices, and youthful (60% of SE Asia's population is under 35), educated, tech loving populations who have embraced e-commerce and social media.

At this critical time for access to The Asia Pacific region regulators, donors, governments and business leaders need a partner with credibility, networks and relationships to assure them of growth and we are grateful to work with some of the worlds top governments and trade organisations to support access to Asia.

**ANDREW KEABLE** 

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MANAGING DIRECTOR

ABOUT KW GROUP 2022



Bilateral Meeting between S.Korea Ministry Trade & UAE Ministry of Economy organised & facilitated by KW Group

### Asia Pacific FDI, Trade & Economic Development

KW Group was founded in 2010 as an independent Asia-focused consultancy specializing in FDI, trade, economic development & market access with our HQ in Malaysia.

Annually we support over 100+ businesses, governments, and trade organizations on Foreign Direct Investment (FDI), Investor Attraction, Trade & Export Development, Economic Development Strategy & Market Access projects on a retained & project basis.

We work with regulators, donors, governments, investors & businesses to support Asia-focused trade & investment with extensive start-up/scale-up experience & networks with investors, government, multipliers, and businesses we deliver consistent high quality investment results and genuine export value through our regional intelligence and networks.

### www.kwconfex.com

#### **CORPORATE SERVICES**



# FOREIGN DIRECT INVESTMENT (FDI) SERVICES

FDI in Asia Pacific remains robust with the introduction of RCEP and a booming, young consumer market the region is an essential part of the investment portfolio for international governments.

- FDI Lead Generation & Outreach
- FDI Pipeline Development
- FDI Lead Interviews & Meetings
- FDI Government Representation In Markets (Outbound & Inbound)
- FDI Market Analysis & Research
- FDI Advisory, Strategy Development & Planning
- Investment Sourcing, Positioning & Outreach (Sovereign Wealth Funds, Private Equity, Institutional Investors etc)
- FDI & Investment Promotion Benchmarking,
   Strategy & Capacity Development

# TRADE, EXPORT & MARKET ACCESS SERVICES

We advise over 100+ businesses, governments and trade organisations annually to realise export within the Asia Pacific region.

- Government Export Development Programs
- Export Market Scoping, Analysis & Recommendations
- Due Diligence, Partner & Investor Development
- Export Partner Listing, Outreach & Meetings
- Private Sector Trade Access, Distribution Partnerships, Sourcing & Representation
- Official Trade Intelligence, Statistics & Commodities Data
- Government Alliances & Lobbying
- Trade Missions, Exhibitions, Conferences &
   Capacity Building Programs
- Special Projects, Sourcing & High-Value Business Introductions

"We delivered over \$19M USD in ASEAN export sales for a US State Government client in 2021-2022 in a new region."

LEADERSHIP 2022



## **ANDREW KEABLE**

MANAGING DIRECTOR, HEAD OF COMMERCIAL DEVELOPMENT & ALLIANCES

Annually we support over 100+ governments & companies with inbound and outbound Asia-Pacific FDI, trade, market access & Tradetech projects on a full-time & project basis.

I have been living in Asia since 2005, working with regulators, donors, governments & businesses to support Asia trade & investment, FDI, market access, research, policy & trade technology. Extensive start-up/scale-up experience & networks with investors, government, multipliers, and businesses.



## **MICHELLE WONG**

CEO, HEAD OF RESEARCH & INTELLIGENCE

Michelle leads the intelligence and research side of KW Group working directly with global and regional thought leaders around complex fdi, trade & investment projects. She has extensive networks of industry stakeholders and strategic relationships & alliances with international organisations across the private and public sector.

Michelle has worked extensively with donors including organisation of capacity development and technical projects for Islamic Development Bank (Arab Ministers Meetings 2017, 2018), Asian Development Bank, World Bank, Interpol, UNCTAD and International Trade Center as well as managing teams in Asia, Middle East and Africa.

CREDENTIALS 2022

### **ACHIEVEMENTS**

\$19M USD Export Value Achieved For

**Government Partner 21-22** 

**UAE Ministry of Economy MOU** 

**UAE Customs Authority MOU** 

APMEN China MOU

PDI Vietnam MOU

UAE Trade Missions: China, Malaysia,

Singapore

Saudi Customs: China Trade Mission & UAE

**GTDW Mission** 

Qatar Free Trade Zone: Trade Missions

Malaysia & Singapore (Manateq & Ministry

of Petroleum)

Oman Trade Mission - GTDW Halal Trade &

Logistics

Nigeria EPZA Trade Mission China 2019

Indonesia – Trade Mission to UAE 2016

Korean Free Economic Zone Authority -

Trade Mission UAE 2016

Namibia - Trade Mission by Minister Trade

to UAE 2017

### **BILATERAL MEETINGS**

**UAE Ministry of Economy** 

South Korea Ministry Trade

Korea Free Economic Zones Authority

Namibia Ministry Trade

Malaysia – PM, Minister Trade, Head

Sovereign Wealth Fund

Singapore – PM, Head Customs, Head

Minister Trade

Indonesia – Minister Economy & BKPM

UNCTAD - Director General (Multiple)

International Trade Centre - Executive

Director (Multiple)

World Customs Organisation - Deputy DG

Islamic Development Bank - Arab

Ministers Meetings 2016-2018

**UAE-Huawei** 

**UAE-Ericsson** 

### **CAPACITY BUILDING PROGRAMS**

World Association of Investment Promotion Agencies (WAIPA) - Asia Pacific Capacity Building Program

Islamic Development Bank Arab Ministers meeting 2018, 2017, 2016

Asian Development Bank Project Finance Workshops 2015, 2016, 2017

China Customs International Workshop (Shanghai Customs College) 2019

USAID - Arab Region Trade Facilitation Workshops Dubai 2017, 2018

UNODC - Container Control Program Dubai 2017

World Bank - Pakistan FBR

AUSAID - Fiji Strategic Development Investment Promotion

RELATIONSHIPS 2022

# **Government Networks**

"Implementation of The Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership (RCEP) will create a free trade zone covering about 30 percent of the world's gross domestic product, trade and population driven by ASEAN making the Asia Pacific region an essential part of any policy or strategy for growth."

# Key Relationships & Multipliers

### We work with regional governments across:

Ministries of Trade & Industry | Ministries of Finance | Ministries of Health | Tax
Administrations | Customs Administrations |
Statistics Agencies | Investment Promotion
Agencies | Export Agencies | Central Banks |
Intellectual Property | Law Enforcement

ASEAN Secretariat | APEC | EU-AEAN Business
Council - Member | Singapore Business
Federation | Vietnam Chamber | Federation of
Malaysian Manufacturers | Vistage Malaysia &
Singapore | British Chambers | Central Banks |
Sovereign Wealth Funds | United Nations
Economic & Social Commission for Asia Pacific
(UNESCAP) | International Trade Center |
International Chambers of Commerce | UNCTAD
| IATA | DCSA | World Bank | Interpol | Asian
Development Bank | World Bank | Islamic
Development Bank | Shanghai Foreign
Investment Association | UOB Bank FDI |
Embassies & Commercial Counsellors | UNODC

TRADE PROJECTS 2022

## SAMPLE TRADE SUPPORT PROJECTS

We support fdi, trade, export and investment across all sectors in Asia Pacific through our networks.

**TECHNOLOGY (CHINA):** Technology Company – UAE Introduction MOE & Customs – Led to major development of EMEA Distribution Centre in Dubai

**TECHNOLOGY (CHINA):** UAE & Saudi – Led to procurement of major tech contracts \$4 Million USD+

TELECOMS (EU): MOU with UAE Government for EMEA distribution centre

**GOVERNMENT SUPPLY CHAIN TECHNOLOGY (EU):** UAE & China introductions – Led to new projects in Middle East & Asia

**FINTECH (Middle East Government):** SE Asia & ANZ Market analysis for investors and multipliers, introductions and recruitment of investors

**AGTECH (Middle East Government):** SE Asia & ANZ Market analysis for investors and multipliers, introductions and recruitment of investors

**LOGISTICS (ASIA):** Project Logistics & Shipping (Malaysia) introduction UAE – Established new logistics network

**GOVERNMENT SUPPLY CHAIN DIGITALISATION (EU):** Dentsu Tracking (Switzerland) – APAC market entry strategy, implementation & representation

TECHNOLOGY (USA): Trade Data Monitor – APAC market entry & representation

SERVICES (EU): OCO Global - ASEAN & ANZ market entry & representation

CLEAN ENERGY (CHINA): Australia Market Access & Investment \$2Million USD

MINING (EU): Poland Mining Supplies – ASEAN Market Access & Distributor Shortlist - Introduced major new distributor in Indonesia

**HEALTHCARE TECH (US):** Due diligence on major health tech distributors, connection and introductions

**O&G EQUIPMENT (US):** Due diligence on shortlisted partners. Recommendation to reject and sourcing of new partners

**AEROSPACE (US):** ASEAN Market access report, partner and association shortlisting and recommendations

**FOOD & BEVERAGES (EU):** Market access strategy, sourcing distributors & partners

**BIOTECH (ASIA):** EU market entry and representation

HALAL INGREDIENTS (Middle East): Sourcing distributors across Asia

**RADAR DEFENCE SYSTEM (US)**: Due Diligence & Partnership Sourcing ASEAN, secured \$10M USD deal in year 1 of project.



# WAIPA APPOINTS KW GROUP AS A REGIONAL ADVISOR TO SUPPORT, EMPOWER AND ADVOCATE IPAs IN ASIA PACIFIC

# **Enhancing Trade Capacity Across Asia**

WAIPA APPOINTS KW GROUP AS REGIONAL ADVISOR, ASIA PACIFIC

The World Association of Investment Promotion Agencies (WAIPA) has announced the appointment of Malaysia-based KW Group as Regional Advisors, Asia Pacific to support WAIPA Asia Pacific members and related WAIPA capacity development activities in support of the region's investment promotion agencies (IPAs).

"WAIPA is delighted to appoint KW Group as Regional Advisors for Asia Pacific to support our global objective to promote and develop understanding and cooperation amongst the world's investment promotion agencies and to advocate government support for the work of IPAs and recognition of their role in stimulating economic development.

KW Group is based in Malaysia and their Asia focus of networks and experience in supporting inbound and outbound FDI, Trade & Investment will be a huge support for WAIPA to allow us to serve the region's investment promotion agencies through a dedicated regional partnership allowing us to accelerate WAIPA global initiatives and to stimulate economic development."

Ismail Ersahin, Executive Director, World Association of Investment Promotion Agencies



# **UK Department For International Trade**

KW Group supports ASEAN FDI Lead Generation for UK DIT.

Key sectors include cleantech, R&D, Life Sciences & Biopharma, and Mega

Projects

### We Support:

- Market development strategy & investment outreach
- Lead generation based on key investment sectors across ASEAN
- Research on key investment sectors and identification of investors
- Outreach to target investors
- Development of key sector networks across ASEAN countries
- Marketing of UK DIT with UK Commercial Offices, Associations, and Business Councils
- Development of Sector Networks
- Trade Missions
- Regional Trade Shows







The World Gold Council is the market development organisation for the gold industry. It works across all parts of the industry, from gold mining to investment, and their aim is to stimulate and sustain demand for gold. KW Group support:

- Policy Development Research and Analysis
- Supply Chain & Anti Illicit Trade Market Assessment & Recommendations
- Strategic Advisory
- Trade & Commodities Intelligence
- Capacity Building & Institutional Relations
- Government Advisory

https://www.gold.org/



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Trade Commissioner Service

KW Group are a Regional FDI Lead Generation supplier for The Canadian Trade Commissioner Service.

- Market development strategy
- FDI lead generation on key investment sectors
- Investment Marketing of TCS related services
- Development of Sector Networks

hthttps://www.tradecommissioner.gc.ca/



### KW Group are the Regional Associate Partner & Representative of OCO Global for Asia Since 2020.

Supporting Inward and Outbound FDI, Trade & Investment in Asia and The Pacific,
Australia & New Zealand. Services include:

- Investment Lead Generation and Outreach (Region, Country, Sector)
- In Market Representation
- Company Trade Advisory (Market Assessment, Sourcing Regional Partners & Distributors etc)
- FDI Consultancy, Marketing & Communications Strategy
- FDI Training Academy (We train all UK DIT Domestic & International Officers)
- Trade Intelligence (Official monthly trade statistics on commodity imports & exports)
- Government, Association & Enterprise
   Alliances & Networks

### **KW GROUP RESULTS**

- Secured Missouri Government ASEAN Representation
- Secured Atlantic Canada AMDP Representation
- Secured MIDA Australia, New Zealand,
   Singapore & USA FDI Lead Generation
- ASEAN & ANZ business development strategy, launch and representation
- Sourcing of Tenders in Asia Pacific
- Bid Development & Management
- Donor Project Development
- Government Alliances & Partnerships
- Industry Partnerships
- Capacity Building for APAC Investment Promotion Agencies

https://www.ocoglobal.com/







# Missouri Government

KW Group are the appointed Regional ASEAN Representative Office of The State of Missouri and Missouri Department of Economic Development

We support export and market access for Missouri based companies looking to establish across the ASEAN region as well as supporting the development of FDI from ASEAN in to Missouri State.

### We are responsible for:

- Market access strategy
- Export development programs
- Sourcing distributors and partners
- Supporting development of key sector networks in the region
- Marketing of Missouri State in the region with US Government Commercial Offices, Associations and Business Councils
- Development of Sector Networks
- Trade Missions
- Regional Trade Shows
- FDI leads in to Missouri Investment lead generation

https://ded.mo.gov/





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### **Atlantic Canada Chamber of Commerce**

Connecting Atlantic Canadian Eporters to New Asian Markets

KW Group are the appointed Regional ASEAN Partner for Atlantic Canada Chamber of Commerce to support the Asia Market Development Program.

The Asia Market Development Program (AMDP) is a powerful advisory and consultation program that is helping Atlantic Canada exporters expand their presence and grow sales in new industry sectors and countries in Asia. The program provides exporters with in-market expertise and networks to quickly identify opportunity and connect with qualified customers. Each company works with a professional trade development consultant, based in Asia, to design a market-entry or market expansion strategy specifically tailored to each companies requirements.

In a matter of months, you can go from wondering where to begin developing sales in Asia, to meeting with potential customers or sales agents. If you have considered exploring new sales to Japan, South Korea, or any of the 10 ASEAN nations, the AMDP will leverage your resources with market information and strategies for establishing new business relationships in the identified Asian countries.

#### We are responsible for:

- Market access strategy and consulting for ADMP exporters
- Sourcing distributors, partners & business development strategy
- Supporting development of key sector networks in the region
- Marketing of AMDP in the ASEAN region with Government Commercial Offices, Associations and Business Councils
- Development of Sector Networks

https://www.atlanticchamber.ca/asia-export-ready





# Malaysian Investment Development Authority

KW Group are the appointed Regional FDI Lead Generation supplier for The Malaysian Investment Development Authority (MIDA) supporting Australia, New Zealand and Singapore FDI development in to Malaysia.

### We are responsible for:

- Market development strategy
- Lead generation based on key investment sectors across Australia, New Zealand and Singapore
- Sourcing distributors and partners
- Development of key sector networks across the countries
- Marketing of MIDA with Malaysian Government Commercial Offices, Associations and Business Councils
- Development of Sector Networks
- Trade Missions
- Regional Trade Shows

https://www.mida.gov.my/







# Investment Fiji 5 Year Strategic Planning

As part of our partnership with OCO Global we successfully tendered and won the 5 Year Strategic Development Planning for Investment Fiji as part of a government mandate to change the agency to a full investment promotion and export promotion focused agency - The project included:

- Policy Review
- Stakeholder Consultations
- Stakeholder Workshops
- Competition Benchmarking
- Recommendations and Final Report
- Post Strategy Implementation





# NCER Malaysia Dubai Expo 2020 Investor Meetings

As part of our partnership with OCO Global, UAE we successfully managed foreign investor meetings as part of Northern Corridor Economic Region's participation at Dubai Expo

- Investor Briefings
- Long List of Potential Investors
- Short List of Investors
- Outreach to Investors
- Meetings with Investors at Dubai Expo

# dentsu TRACKING

KW Group are Regional Development Partner & Representative of Dentsu Tracking Since 2020.

Dentsu Tracking is a world-leading expert in supply chain regulation and transformation. Our solutions and services provide end-to-end visibility across the supply chain, from the factory through to distributor and logistic providers, down to retail outlets. A brand of Dentsu Aegis Network.

Core solutions are used by governments to reduce the availability of illicit trade with tools for data-driven enforcement. On 21 December 2018, the European Commission appointed Dentsu Tracking as the sole provider to operate the central platform of an EU-wide traceability system. Our corporate product line helps protect brands and citizens with solutions for the Grey Market, Retail Insights, and Digital Warranties (IoT, Blockchain).

### **KW GROUP RESULTS**

- Asia Pacific business development strategy, launch and representation
- Membership of EU-ASEAN Secretariat to lobby regional governments on major EU track & trace references and capacity development
- Sourcing of Tenders & RFPs across Asia
   Pacific
- Bid Development & Management
- Donor Project Development
- Government Alliances & Partnerships
- Industry Partnerships
- Brand Protection Business Development
- Capacity Building Workshops for APAC Governments - Ministries of Health, Tax, Customs, Finance & NGOs
- Client Development:

Ministries of Health, Finance, Tax & Customs Administrations, Brand Owners, NGO's

https://dentsutracking.com/



KW Group are the Regional Development
Partner & Representative of Trade Data
Monitor Since 2020.

TDM is the world's top supplier of trade statistics to governments, corporations, manufacturers, law firms, trade associations and international organizations on six continents.

TDM collects monthly import and export statistics from customs agencies, statistics institutes and other sources in over 110 countries, then uses proprietary software to assemble, organize, and publish the data in user-friendly charts.

TDM offers unrivaled market intelligence in real-time in a dozen languages, and all currencies, months and sometimes years before the competition.

### **KW GROUP RESULTS**

- Asia Pacific business development strategy, launch and representation
- Bid Development & Management
- Client Development:

**Government Agencies** 

**Statistics Offices** 

**Commodities Companies** 

Associations

**Chambers of Commerce** 

Central Banks

**Trade Agencies** 

**Customs Administrations** 

Ministries Trade

**Export Agencies** 

**Investment Promotion Agencies** 

**Shipping Companies** 

https://tradedatamonitor.com/

EVENTS PORTFOLIO 2022



### **Event Portfolio**

KW Group leadership team have over 35 years experience in managing and launching major international trade shows, conferences and trade missions for Informa PLC (Arab Health, Hospital Build Asia, Aesthetics Asia, Primary Healthcare Middle East, Cityscape Asia, Phuket Boat Show) and Marcus Evans (Tall Buildings, Green Construction, Renewable Energy, O&G Asia).

KW Group own the successful international event profile **Global** 

### **Trade Development Week**

delivering 18 international editions, with Government MOU partnerships for editions in Dubai and Shanghai.

- Global Trade Development Week Middle
   East, Dubai Exhibition & Conference
- Global Trade Development Week Asia,
   Shanghai Exhibition & Conference
- Halal Trade, Manufacturing & Logistics
   Conference & Exhibition
- Anti Illicit Trade, Brand & IPR Protection
   Conference & Exhibition
- Intermodal Supply Chain Security
   Conference
- Trade Technologies & Digitalisation
   Conference
- Trade Facilitation Congress
- Transport & Logistics Congress
- FDI & Investment Promotion Conference
- Free Trade & Special Economic Zones
   Conference (Asia & Middle East)
- Trade Finance
- Public Private Partnerships in Emerging Markets Conference
- Customs & Compliance Conference
- Biotech Partnerships & Alliances
   Conference

CASE STUDY 2022

#### **UAE - MALAYSIA TRADE MISSION**

Organised by KW Group in 2018 as the first major trade & investment mission in ASEAN by the UAE Government the mission was led by His Excellency Sultan Bin Saeed Al Mansoori, Minister of Economy, UAE to facilitate bilateral trade, meetings and investment promotion activities.

#### **Key Sectors:**

- · Halal Trade & Logistics
- · Manufacturing & Services
- · Islamic Banking & Finance
- · Clean & Renewable Energy
- · Real Estate Investment
- · Franchising & Retail
- Technology & Innovation Agtech, Fintech
   Advanced Manufacturing
- · Infrastructure Ports, Zones & Transport

KW Group as the primary consultant were responsible for the program, marketing, operations, logistics, partnerships, government liaison and event management. We worked extensively with key local trade organisations, chambers of commerce and related associations connected to the key sectors.

#### **Deliverables**

- ·400 Attendees
- ·Business Matchmaking Over 600 Pre-Planned Meetings
- Signing of 6 new MOUs between Malaysia and UAE
- Bilateral meetings included sovereign wealth funds (Khazanah & Temasek),
   Ministers, Prime Minister of Malaysia and meetings with heads of key industry associations
- · Exhibition & Pitch Sessions



### **CREDENTIALS GALLERY**



MOU Between UAE Ministry of Economy and KW Group



UAE Ministry of Economy & KW Group hosting Dr Mukhisa Kituyi, Director General UNCTAD



Trade Facilitation Capacity

Development Program hosted at

Shanghai Customs College



Press Conference KW Group with UAE

Ministry of Economy & Federal

Customs Authority



KW Group organised COFACE Middle
East Country Risk Conference for 400
Trade Finance Professionals

### **CREDENTIALS GALLERY**



Islamic Development Bank, Arab Ministers Meeting hosted by UAE Ministry of Economy & KW Group



MOU Signing between APMEN, China & KW Group



Ministers & Trade Leaders attending
GTDW Middle East



Bilateral Trade Ministers meeting between UAE & Malaysia organised by KW Group



KW Group Team



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