

## **Burgan Bank Appoints Barrak Al-Mattar as General Manager Information Technology**

*Within the framework of its endeavors to attract top talent and support national cadres*

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*Mr. Barrak Al-Mattar, General Manager of  
Information Technology at Burgan Bank*

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### **Kuwait, 8 August 2023**

Burgan Bank has announced the appointment of Mr. Barrak Al-Mattar as General Manager of Information Technology. With over 22 years of experience in the tech industry, Mr. Al-Mattar, a seasoned veteran, will lead the Bank's efforts to strengthen its digital transformation while keeping up with the latest technological advancements that offer reliability and security. His primary responsibilities include modernizing IT operations, implementing robust security controls, and aligning IT objectives with the Bank's strategies and goals, especially ensuring a seamless banking experience for customers.

The Bank's decision to appoint Mr. Al-Mattar aligns with its commitment to nurturing local talent and attracting top professionals for senior leadership positions. This dedication reflects the

Bank's role in shaping the future of Kuwait and its sustainable development. Mr. Fadhel Mahmoud Abdullah, Acting Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of Burgan Bank in Kuwait, emphasized the importance of a solid and capable IT department in the Bank's digital transformation journey. He believes that Mr. Al-Mattar's experience and forward-looking approach make him an ideal fit to lead the IT department and support the Bank's overall growth.

Mr. Al-Mattar has an impressive track record of achievements and notable leadership qualities, enabling him to oversee major transformational projects throughout his career successfully.

Before joining Burgan Bank, Mr. Al-Mattar was the General Manager of IT at Kuwait International Bank (KIB). During his time there, he developed the Bank's IT transformation roadmap and implemented new strategies to transition the Bank into the digital era. Earlier in his career, he spent nearly 20 years at EQUATE Petrochemical Company, primarily serving as an IT Group Leader in different areas in IT dept.

Mr. Al-Mattar holds a Bachelor of Science in Management Information Systems (MIS) from Kuwait University. He is an SAP-certified consultant and has been a Board Member of SAP User Group MENA. Throughout his extensive career, he has earned various certifications, including Six Sigma (green belt). He has actively participated in programs such as the KFAS Innovation Challenge and the Thukhur leadership program in Kuwait.

### About Burgan Bank

Established in 1977, Burgan Bank is currently the third-largest bank by assets in Kuwait. From its earliest days, the Bank has significantly focused on the corporate and financial institution sectors, in addition to diversifying its offering to cater to its growing retail and private banking customer base.

Burgan Bank has majority-owned subsidiaries, collectively known as the "Burgan Bank Group", in the MENAT region. This Group is supported by one of the largest branch networks across the region and includes: Gulf Bank Algeria – AGB (Algeria), Tunis International Bank – TIB (Tunisia), and the fully owned Burgan Bank Turkey. Furthermore, Burgan Bank has a presence in the UAE through its corporate office, Burgan Financial Services Limited.

The Bank has continuously improved its performance over the years, through an expanded revenue structure, diversified funding sources, and a strong capital base. The adoption of state-of-the-art services and technology has positioned it as a trendsetter in the domestic market and within the MENA region. Moreover, Burgan Bank's brand has been built on a foundation of real values – trust, commitment, excellence, and progression – which serve as a reminder of the high standards to which the Bank always aspires. In fact, the Bank's core philosophy of 'Driven by You' is the foundation on which its products and services are continuously developed.

The Bank obtained the ISO/IEC 27001: 2013 Information Security Management Systems certificate (ISMS) and was re-certified with the prestigious ISO 9001:2015, making it one of the few banks in the GCC and Kuwait to receive such certification for five consecutive times. The Bank also has the distinction of being the only Bank in Kuwait to have won the JP Morgan Chase Quality Recognition Award for twenty consecutive years. Moreover, in a testament to its dedication to the development of its human capital, Burgan Bank is the first bank in Kuwait to be certified as a Great Place to Work®, earning the distinct honor in 2023.

Burgan Bank is a majority-owned subsidiary of KIPCO (Kuwait Projects Company), one of the largest holding companies in the MENA region.

