

Subscription for Mawassam shares exceeded expectations

Rotage success remarkable

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KUWAIT CITY, Jan 16: The Rotage Investment Co has achieved a remarkable success by assuring the management of subscription of shares of the Mawassam Hajj and Qawa Services Co. This was evidenced by the huge attendance by subscribers including elite personalities and companies from Kuwait and the GCC states, says the company.

The huge number of subscribers (about 467) has applied for shares in the company which was floated last November. This confirms the trust the Rotage Investment Co. enjoys among investors in the region.

Chairman of the board of directors of Rotage Investment Co Yakoob Al-Awwali said "The company is the founder and subscription manager of 'Mawassam' Co. and we are keen to utilize our experience with high professional competence so that we can maintain and win the trust of those who put their trust in us even prior to the official announcement."

The initial subscription applications exceeded our expectations three fold of the company's net capital of KD 13 million. The company was compelled to close subscriptions within three weeks from opening date instead of the two months that was initially agreed upon, he added.

For his part, the managing director and CEO of the company Fهد Mohammed Al-Qubandi, pointed out following initial consultations with some companies, subscription applications were reduced to KD 17.5 million.

The companies subscribed 71 percent of the shares



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and individuals took 29 percent. So the founding committee of Mawassam Hajj and Qawa Services Co. in conjunction with the subscription manager, the Rotage Investment Co, has allocated shares to individuals and companies as per the specified percentage and approved using the capital at KD 17 million instead of KD 13 million for the following reasons:

- Guaranteeing the minimum limit for individuals and companies as provided by the founder and the subscription manager
- The founders keeping the maximum percentage in the company's shares
- Providing effective rates for strategic partners who represent a number of pioneer companies in Kuwait and GCC states

The founding committee, after discussions with consultants RPHG, found out that the operational pattern for 'Mawassam' allows increment of up to KD-4 million to the capital by expanding its activities, in addition to investing in real estate market in Makkah and Madina.

As a result of that, KD 4 million was added to the capital in a manner that it will not affect internal returns of 'Mawassam' as stipulated in the subscription prospectus.

The Mawassam Co aims at providing integrated high level and excellent services to pilgrims including transportation, boarding, hospitality and all other services that pilgrims need when they perform the pilgrimage rites in the Holy Land.

The company is expected to expand its activities from Kuwait to all the GCC states, the Middle East, North Africa, Europe and Asia.