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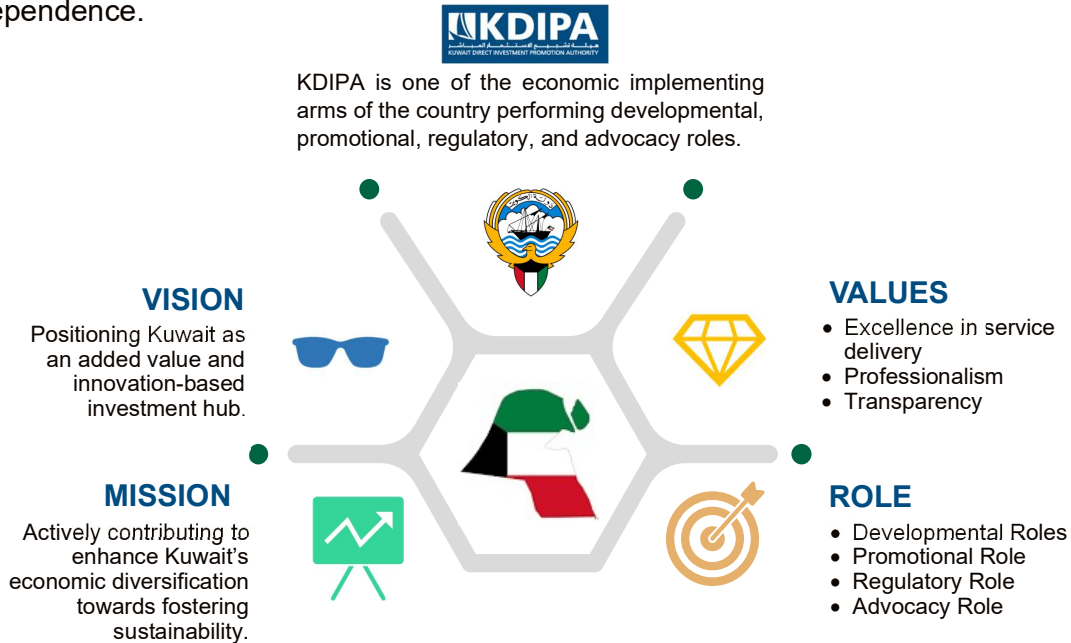
SERVING FOREIGN AND LOCAL INVESTORS

Investing in Kuwait: A guide for
Investment Opportunities in Kuwait



4.1 KDIPA Profile

The Kuwait Direct Investment Promotion Authority (KDIPA) was established in accordance with Law No. 116 of 2013 regarding the promotion of direct investment in the State of Kuwait, as a specialized public authority with financial and administrative independence.



4.2 KDIPA Services

KDIPA's main services include the below:



Source: KDIPA

4.3 KDIPA Board of Directors

The Board of Directors of KDIPA are provided below:



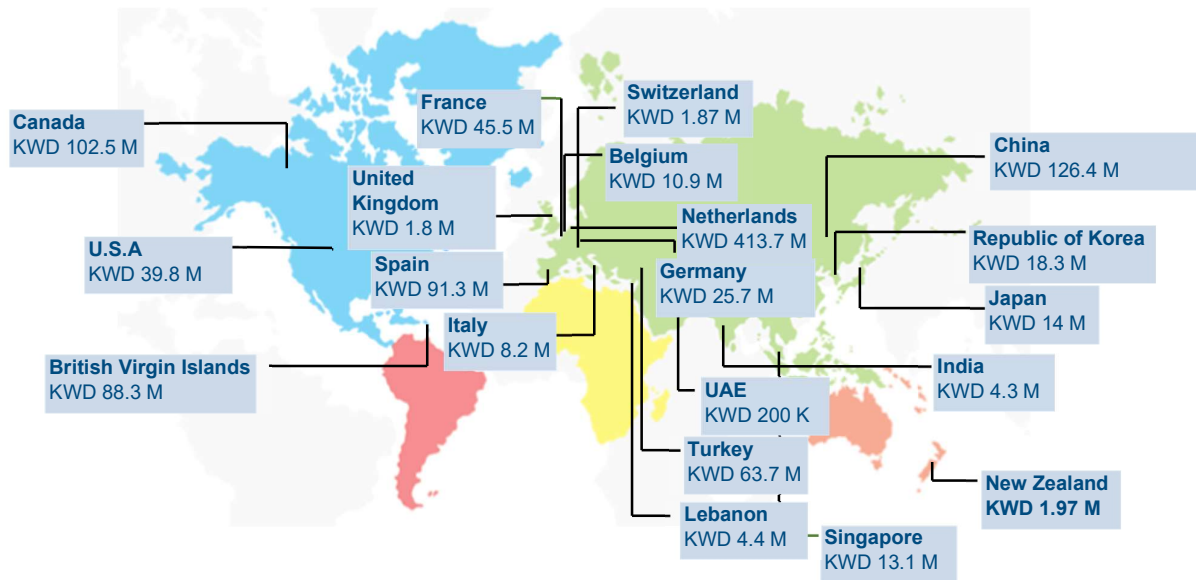
4.4 KDIPA Approved Direct Investments as of March 2020

The cumulative approved Direct Investments by KDIPA as of March 2020 are provided below:



Source: KDIPA

4.5 KDIPA Approved Direct Investment flow by county



Cumulative approved Direct Investments Volume is KD 1,075,865,892, i.e., around USD 3.5 Bn, coming from 21 countries.

4.6 Prominent International Companies operating in Kuwait under the Direct Investment Law:

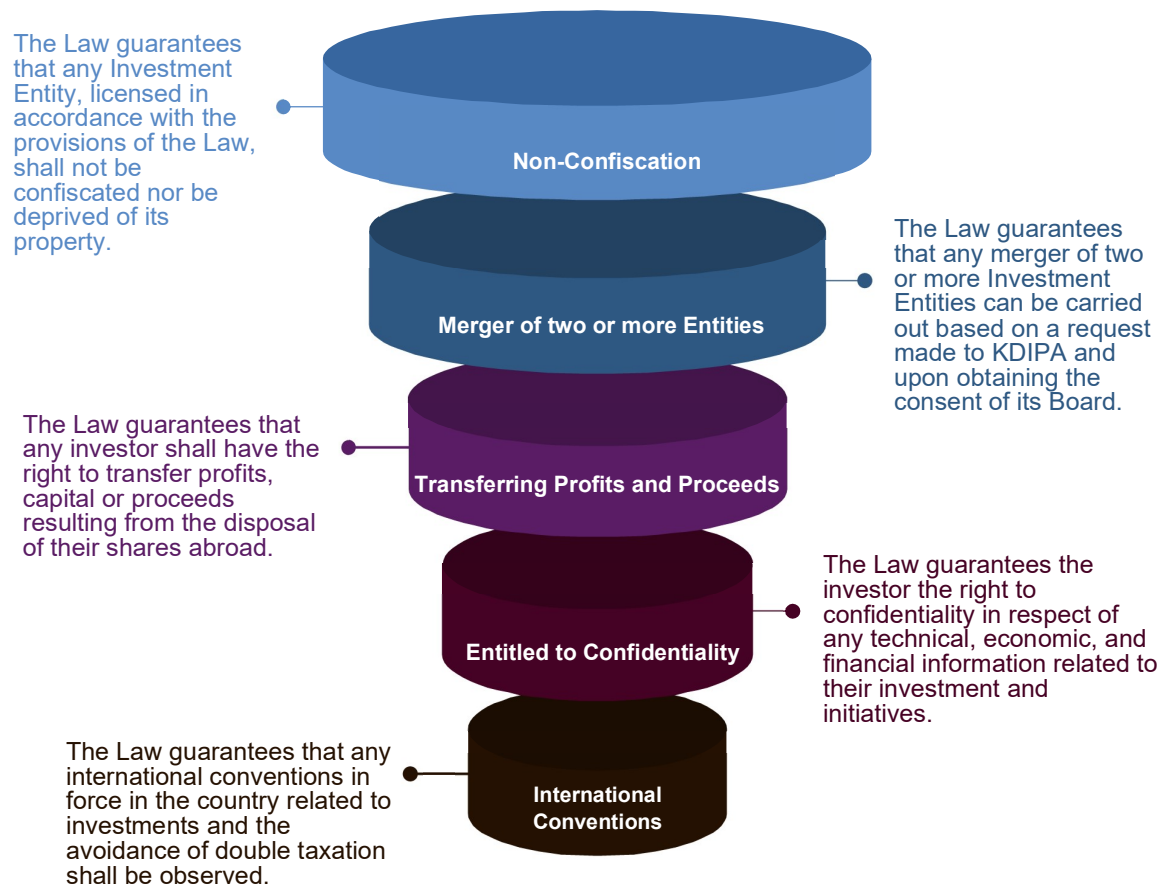
Prominent International Companies operating in Kuwait under the Direct Investment Law are provided below:



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4.7 Guarantees provided by the Direct Investment Law

The guarantees provided to international investors under the Direct Investment Law are as follows:



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4.8 Incentives provided by the Direct Investment Law

The incentives provided to international investors under the Direct Investment law are provided below:

Utilization of land or real estate

Land or real estate allocated to KDIPA or that are subject to its supervision can be provided for investors to set up operations in accordance with the principles and rules established by KDIPA Board of Directors.

Other advantages and exemptions

Other exemptions and advantages may be granted to certain investors based on decision taken by the Council of Ministers.

Incentives and exemptions for Public Private Partnership (PPP) Projects

All advantages, incentives and exemptions from the law shall apply to PPP projects established for direct investment purposes so long as they are approved by KDIPA Board of Directors.

Exemptions from Taxes

Exemption from all taxes for a licensed investment entity for a period not exceeding ten years from the date of the actual commencement of operations.

Exemptions from Taxes for Expanded Investment Entities

Exemption from all taxes for a period no less than the duration of the exemption granted to the original Investment Entity as of the date of commencement of production or actual operation of the expansion.

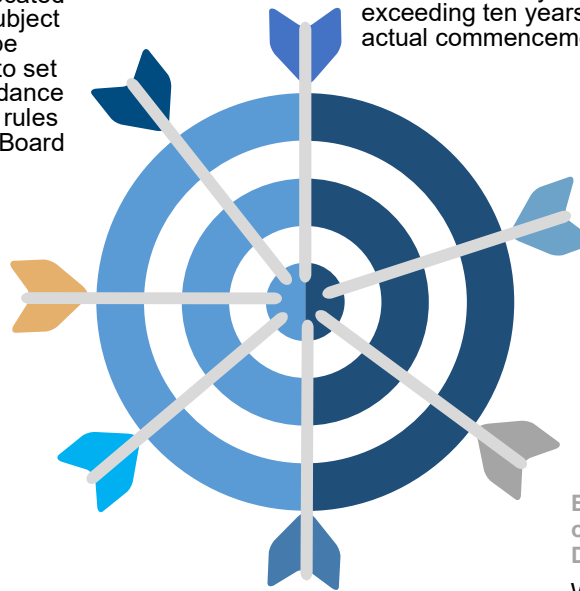
Exemptions on taxes, duties on certain items imported for Direct Investment Purposes

Whole or partial exemption from taxes, customs duties or any other fees that may be payable on imports required for the purposes of Direct Investment such as:

- a. Machinery, tools, and equipment and means of transport and other technological devices.
- b. Spare parts and necessary maintenance supplies for what has been described in the previous subsection.
- c. Merchandise, raw materials, partially manufactured goods, wrapping materials and packaging.

Employment of Foreign Labor

Employment of foreign labor required for the investment so long as the employed labor meets the minimum proportion of national employment that should be provided.

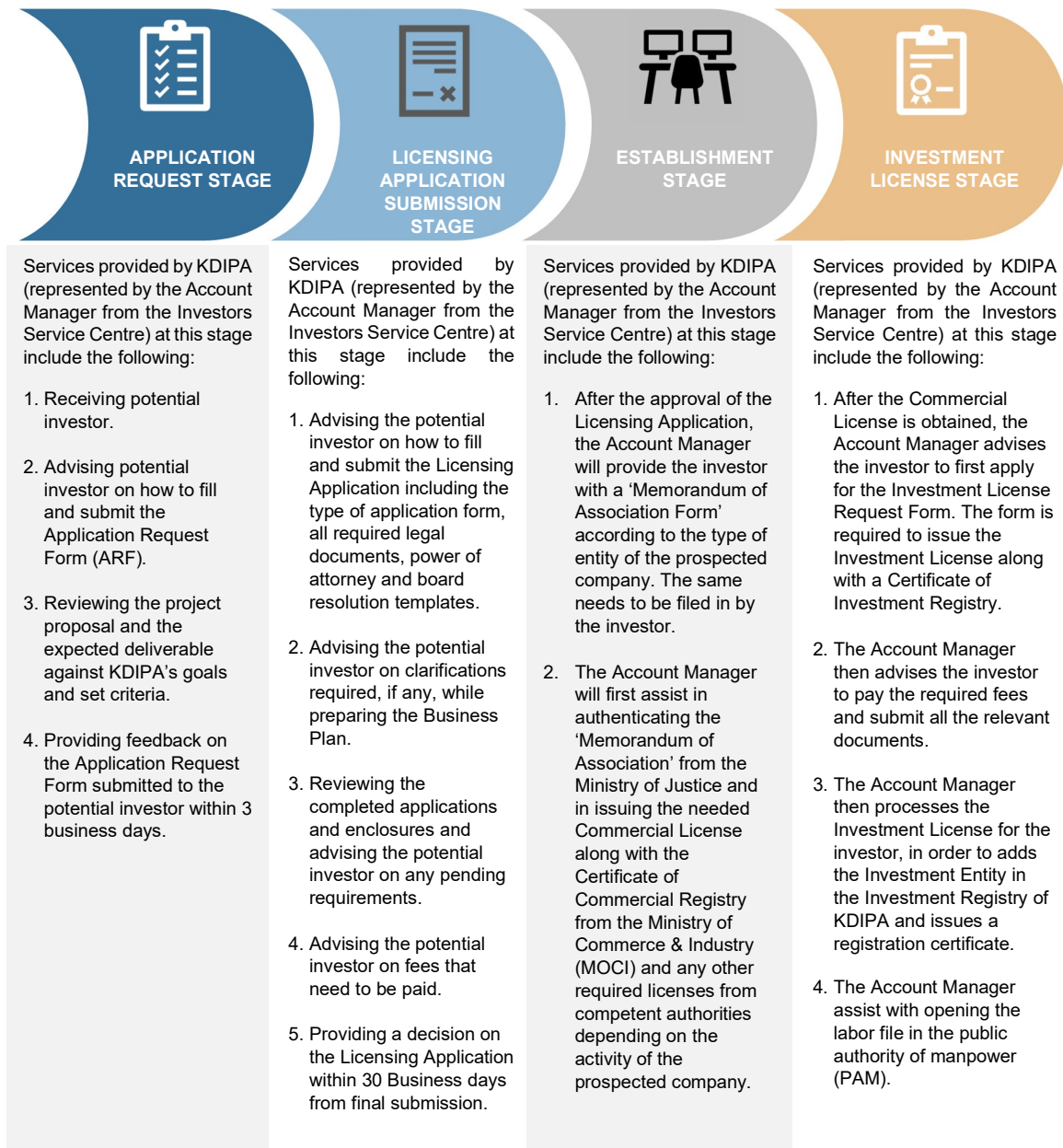


Source: KDIPA

4.9 Application and License Processing

Services provided by KDIPA

The application process by international investors under the Direct Investment Law are provided below:



Source: KDIPA