



## International Downstream Conference & Exhibition



# THE LEADING MIDDLE EAST STRATEGIC PLATFORM FOR DOWNSTREAM PROFESSIONALS

## Theme

**Towards a Competitive Downstream through  
Innovation, Collaboration and Technology**

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The Gulf Downstream Association (GDA) was established by its founding members from Saudi Aramco, Kuwait Petroleum International (KPI), Bahrain Petroleum Company (BAPCO), Kuwait National Petroleum Company (KNPC) and Abu Dhabi National Oil Company (ADNOC). GDA is a non-profit organization aiming to bring Downstream players together to further develop the industry and draw benefits from knowledge sharing and best practices. GDA's Headquarter is located at the GBCORP Tower of Bahrain's Financial Harbor. Visit [www.gda.org.bh](http://www.gda.org.bh) for more information.

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# GDA Conference 2018

The GDA Conference is the leading Middle East strategic platform for Downstream professionals to address business challenges, share best practices and unlock potential opportunities through collaboration and partnerships. Striving towards excellence, this forum aims at engaging regional and international stakeholders across the business, academia and technology providers to capitalize on investment, innovation and growth.

## Theme: Towards a Competitive Downstream through Innovation, Collaboration and Technology

### Topics:

#### 1. Regulations

Stringent environment policy, IMO, CORSIA Jet Fuel, carbon foot-print, greenhouse gas, New Product Specifications Requirements, Green House Gas (GHG) Requirements, Waste Management - Spent Caustic, etc.

#### 2. Integration

Value chain, molecular management, Petrochemical Integration, Crude to Chemical, Upstream-Downstream, etc.

#### 3. Human Capital

Operator competency development, Skill & Knowledge Gap, retention, future required skills, academia & industry collaboration, knowledge transfer, virtual training & simulation, etc.

#### 4. Digitalization

Big data, data analytics, cyber security, IR 4.0, advanced control, IoT, Artificial Intelligence, process automation & optimization, disruptive technology, etc.

#### 5. Energy

Alternative, clean energy, renewable, conservation, efficiency, sustainability, Transportation Fuel Demand, EV Penetration, etc.

#### 6. Process Safety

Asset Integrity, risk Management, Key Performance Indicators, etc.

#### 7. Market Intelligence

Profitability, Market volatility, bottom of the barrel, shared economy, electric vehicles, Global Trading, Crude Flexibility, Diversification of Crude Demand, etc.

#### 8. Innovation & Technology

Technology advancement, R&D, academia & industry collaboration, Catalyst Advancement, etc.

#### 9. Improvements

Plants/Process improvements, systems enhancement and other add-ons or changes to increase reliability and assets returns, etc.

## SUBMIT YOUR ABSTRACTS

Deadline - 6<sup>th</sup> April 2018

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# Conference at a Glance

Date:	23rd October - Tuesday		
Theme:	Innovation & Technology		
Streams:	Stream 1	Stream 2	Stream 3
07:30 - 09:00	Registration		
09:00 - 10:30	Opening Ceremony & Executive Keynote		
10:30 - 12:00	Exhibition Opening	Technical Session 1	Technical Session 2
12:00 - 13:00	Lunch		
13:00 - 14:30	Panel Discussion - Future of Fuels		
14:30 - 15:00	Coffee & Networking		
15:00 - 16:30	Technical Session 3	Technical Session 4	Technical Session 5
16:30 - 16:45	Raffle Draw		
19:00 onwards	Award Ceremony & Gala Dinner		

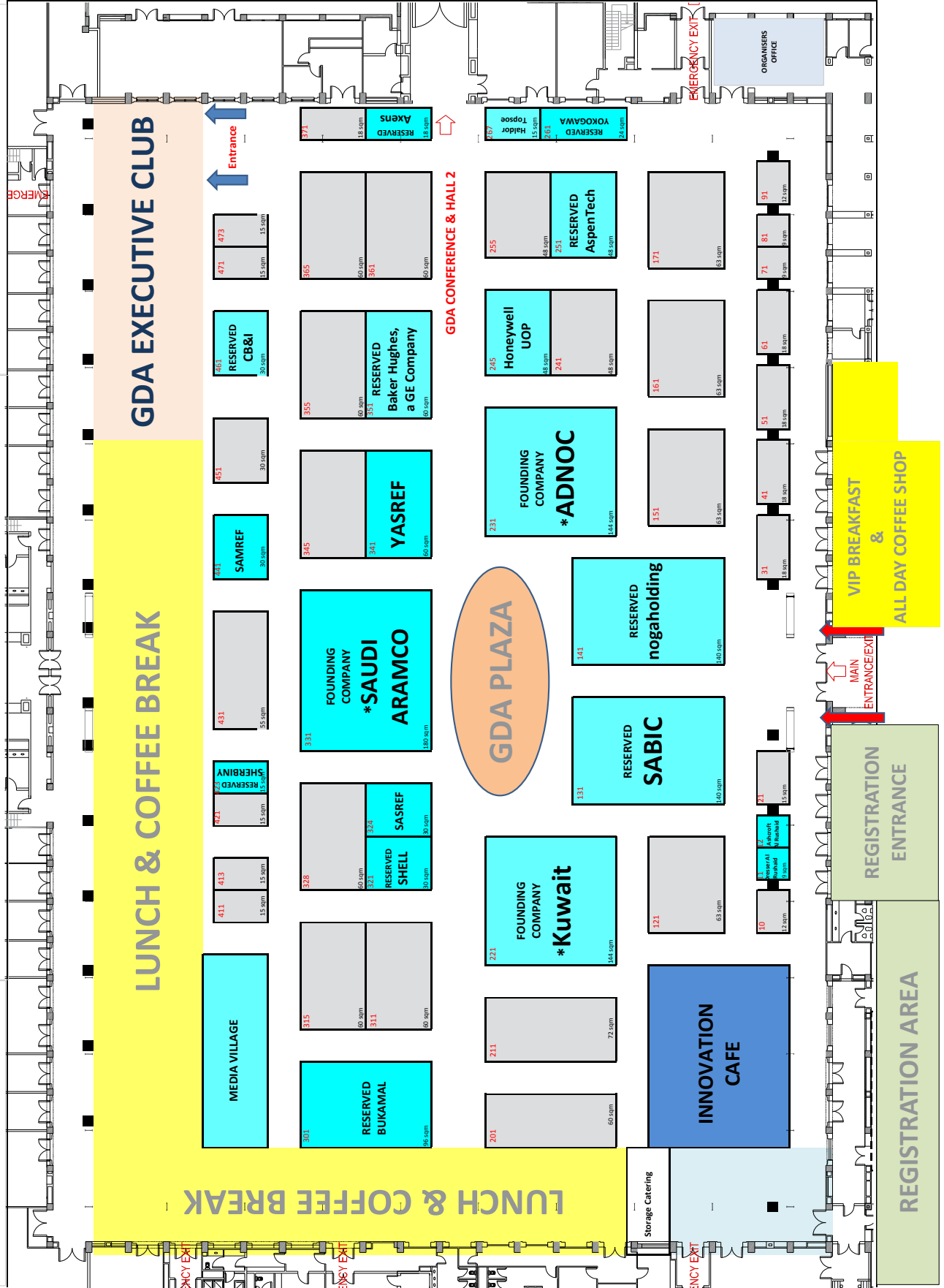
Date:	24th October - Wednesday		
Theme:	Integration & Collaboration		
Streams:	Stream 1	Stream 2	Stream 3
07:30 - 08:30	Registration		
08:30 - 10:00	Technical Session 6	Technical Session 7	Technical Session 8
10:00 - 10:30	Coffee & Networking		
10:30 - 12:00	Panel Discussion - Future of Energy		
12:00 - 13:00	Lunch		
13:00 - 14:30	Technical Session 9	Technical Session 10	Technical Session 11
14:30 - 15:00	Coffee & Networking		
15:00 - 16:30	Round Table - Human Capital	Technical Session 12	Technical Session 13
16:30 - 16:45	Raffle Draw		

Date:	25th October - Thursday			
Theme:	Investment & Growth			
Streams:	Stream 1	Stream 2	Stream 3	Stream 4
07:30 - 08:30	Registration			
08:30 - 10:00	Technical Session 14	Technical Session 15	Technical Session 16	LEWAS Symposium
10:00 - 10:30	Coffee & Networking			
10:30 - 12:00	Panel Discussion - Future of Margins			
12:00 - 13:00	Lunch			
13:00 - 14:30	Technical Session 17	Technical Session 18	Technical Session 19	
14:30 - 15:00	Coffee & Networking			
15:00 - 16:30	Closing Ceremony & Raffle Draw			

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<b>15sqm EQUIPPED STAND</b> <b>8,925 USD</b>	Includes:	Equipped Stand	
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