

Oil Sector Complex Kuwait, UAE



Client

Kuwait Petroleum Company

Value

€152 M / £100 million / US \$152 million

Area

64,000 m² gross floor space

Schedule

Appointed in June 1996
Construction started in 1998
completion May 2004

Assignment

Construction Manager

Design Consultants

Salem Al-Marzouk and Sabah Abi-Hanna (SSH), and Canadian partner, Arthur Erickson Architectural Corporation



The Oil Sector Complex project occupies a prime 50,000 square metre site fronting on to Kuwait Bay at the entrance of the Kuwait Commercial Port. The site consists of 13,000 m² of reclaimed land together with 37,000 m² previously occupied by a Kuwait Government-operated Salt and Chlorine Plant, that underwent an extensive clean up under the control of the Kuwait Environmental Protection Agency.

Bovis Lend Lease, in joint venture with local company Projacs, constructed two semi-circular towers of 15 and 21 floors connected by a central lift core/observation bridge lobby, to form the new headquarters for the Kuwait Ministry of Oil (MoO) together with the Kuwait Petroleum Corporation (KPC).

The main entrance lobby is enclosed by frameless glass walls and a free-spanning truss/skylight. State of the art mechanical and electrical systems provide a comfortable working environment during the hot Kuwait summers, when temperatures rise to 55°C.

Common features such as a training centre, cafeteria, male and female mosques as well as plant rooms and a security centre are located in the basement.

Cladding is a combination of unitised curtain wall panels with cantilevered glass sunshades, framed glass walls and limestone panels.

The main entrance looks out onto an infinity pool that, in turn, overlooks Kuwait Bay. Externally there is a multi-storey car park covered by 11,500 square metres of tensile fabric sails, ground level parking, extensive landscaping with water features plus a shore front access road with two jetties.