

Madinat Al-Hareel, otherwise known as Silk City, is an innovative solution to the problems facing Kuwait. This \$130 billion project will result in the construction of a new city, combining residential, financial and commercial districts. Taking its name from the ancient silk routes that traversed Kuwait, the ultimate aim of the project is to establish Kuwait's status as a commercial hub of the world, whilst providing habitation and a desirable lifestyle for the proposed city's 700,000 residents. The city will also create 450,000 new jobs. The city, which is to be built in Subla, north of Kuwait City, will be a unique city because its layout has been completely and meticulously planned from its inception. In this way, its growth will be less organic than other cities, which often add housing and businesses as needed, but will benefit from clear demarcations between residential, financial, commercial, and leisure areas. The design is not simply about creating living places, but creating an architectural space that induces contentment and wellbeing. The city is going to be built with its residents in mind and features large expanses of greenery along with all the normal amenities people in the modern world have become accustomed to. In fact, to guarantee the residents' happiness, the city is designed so that you will never be more than three blocks away from a garden or water. The jewel of Madinat Al-Hareel will be the Burj Mubarak Al-Kabir. This tower, which will stand at 1001 metres and 200 storeys high, will house the equivalent of seven vertical villages. This imposing construction will dominate the skyline, and is just one example of the ways in which modern engineering allows designers to overcome the constraints of limited land.