

## Technology

# Honda Alghanim launches Nov offers with 0% profit and no down payment

## Chance to own one of the Pilot, Civic or Odyssey J cars

**KUWAIT:** Honda Alghanim, the exclusive distributor of Honda cars, motorcycles and marine equipment in Kuwait, launched its October offers campaign, giving customers an unprecedented opportunity to own one of its renowned Pilot, Civic 1.6 and 2.0 liter or Odyssey J cars at 0 percent profit installments over five years and without a down payment.

The October campaign from Honda Alghanim also brings exclusive offers on the Accord's sedan and coupe vehicles, giving customers the chance to own the sedan at a starting price of KD5,999, and the coupe at KD6,999.

The November offers also reveal the fifth generation 2018 Odyssey, which brings a whole lot of features and the world's first technologies such as CabinWatch, CabinTalk, 10 Speed AT and Magic Slide 2nd row seats. The exterior of the Odyssey has been redesigned to portray sophisticated and modern new styling that incorporates a signature flying wing front grille with Halogen Headlights (in LX and EX-L) and LED headlights with Auto On-Off timer making it energy efficient.

Known for being the ideal vehicle for families and youth, and suitable for the lifestyle of every segment of customers, Honda Alghanim ensures great value, strong performance, comfort, reliability and an advanced design which derives from Honda's vision of, "Engineered for Better."



### Pilot

The Pilot was designed to be stylish, useful and trouble-free when driving, with its sporty and refined design redefining the modern family SUV. The Pilot is built for comfort with seating for as many as eight persons, while not compromising on premium interior and exterior features.

### Accord's sedan and coupe models:

The 2017 Accord has just been named one of Car and Driver's 10 best for the 31st time. The signature Honda vehicle upholds a legacy that Honda started in 1976. With further design refinements and even more efficient performance, the Accord 2017 is available as either a two-door coupe or a four-door sedan, and continues to offer four- and six-cylinder engine choices.

### Civic 1.6 and 2.0 liter

The iconic Honda Civic has set an all-new standard in compact car style and performance with its sleek, sporty lines and improved power-to-weight ratio that has proven

to be every driver's daily delight. While the spacious, dual-zone automatic climate control and premium-grade cabin is loaded with premium features for class-above comfort and convenience, the exterior features boast color-coordinated power side mirrors. Convenience was a key factor in the redesigned Honda Civic. From the cap-less fuel system, electric parking brake and aerodynamic wing spoiler to the smart entry engine start and stop button and 7-inch touchscreen audio display, the Honda Civic is truly the ideal car for the youth who yearn for a smooth and comfortably stylish drive that reflects their lifestyle.

### Odyssey J

Ranked among the best family cars for 2017, the Odyssey J is known for its safety, value, reputation, driving manners, comfort and convenience, cargo versatility, technology, and fit of various rear-facing and forward-facing child safety car seats when choosing the vehicles that best meet the needs of today's families.

### The new 2018 Odyssey

With a completely re-designed exterior and two new colors, the 2018 Odyssey is available in three grades namely, LX, EX-L and Touring, and offer luxurious interiors with New Magic Slide second-row seat and 60/40 3rd row seat to provide the ultimate family comfort. The car also comes with an advanced connectivity and entertainment system in a new 8-inch Display Audio Screen, CabinWatch, CabinTalk and a Rear Entertainment system with children

friendly apps. The car is equipped with a new 10-Speed Automatic Transmission mated to a 3.5-liter direct injected i-VTEC 24-Valve SOHC V6 engine with variable cylinder management. Standard across all grades are eight airbags including knee airbags for additional protection. Honda Alghanim also offers a large range of cars catering to the different needs of audiences that can be viewed at all Honda Alghanim showrooms.

Customers can take any of these cars on a test drive by visiting one of the two Honda Alghanim showrooms located in Al Rai and Shuwaikh. The Honda Alghanim showroom in Al Rai area operates from 9:00am to 10:00pm, Saturday to Thursday, and from 9:30am to 10:00pm on Fridays. The Shuwaikh showroom operates from 9:00am to 10:00pm every day. The cars service center waiting lounge offers entertainment and comfort for customers, digital satellite



TV, free wireless internet, relaxing massage chairs a PlayStation 4 corner and more. The service center operates 7 days a week, from

Saturday to Wednesday from 7:30am to 8:30pm, from 7:30am to 6:30pm on Thursdays, and from 2:00pm to 7:00pm on Fridays.

## Privacy fears over artificial intelligence as crimestopper

**WASHINGTON:** Police in the US state of Delaware are poised to deploy "smart" cameras in cruisers to help authorities detect a vehicle carrying a fugitive, missing child or straying senior.

The video feeds will be analyzed using artificial intelligence to identify vehicles by license plate or other features and "give an extra set of eyes" to officers on patrol, says David Hinojosa of Coban Technologies, the company providing the equipment.

"We are helping officers keep their focus on their jobs," said Hinojosa, who touts the new technology as a "dashcam on steroids." The program is part of a growing trend to use vision-based AI to thwart crime and improve public safety, a trend which has stirred concerns among privacy and civil liberties activists who fear the technology could lead to secret "profiling" and misuse of data.

US-based startup Deep Science is using the same technology to help retail stores detect in real time if an armed robbery is in progress, by identifying guns or masked assailants. Deep Science has pilot projects with US retailers, enabling automatic alerts in the case of robberies, fire or other threats.

The technology can monitor for threats more efficiently and at a lower cost than human security guards, according to Deep Science co-founder Sean Huver, a former engineer for DARPA, the Pentagon's long-term research arm. "A common problem is that security guards get bored," he said.

Until recently, most predictive analytics relied on inputting numbers and other data to interpret trends. But advances in visual recognition are now being used to detect firearms, specific vehicles or individuals to help law enforcement and private security. Recognize, interpret the environment -

Saurabh Jain is product manager for the computer graphics group Nvidia, which makes computer chips for such systems and which held a recent conference in Washington with its technology partners. He says the same computer vision technologies are used for self-driving vehicles, drones and other autonomous systems, to recognize and interpret the surrounding environment.

Nvidia has some 50 partners who use its supercomputing module called Jetson or its Metropolis software for security and related applications, according to Jain. One of those partners, California-based Umbo Computer Vision, has developed an AI-enhanced security monitoring system which can be used at schools, hotels or other locations, analyzing video to detect intrusions and threats in real-time, and sending alerts to a security guard's computer or phone.

Israeli startup Briefcam meanwhile uses similar technology to interpret video surveillance footage. "Video is unstructured, it's not searchable," explained Amit Gavish, Briefcam's US general manager. Without artificial intelligence, he says, "you had to go through hundreds of hours of video with fast forward and rewind." "We detect, track, extract and classify each object in the video. So it becomes a database." —AFP

## The HUAWEI Mate 10 and Mate 10 Pro: Pushing the boundaries of smartphone design

**KUWAIT:** It takes an innovative hardware and a luxurious design to make a difference in the world of smartphones. At a time when smartphone designs are said to be too similar or too common, Huawei continues to create increasingly luxurious designs that push boundaries by leveraging its meticulous craftsmanship and exploring new materials and finishing.

This year, Huawei brought the ultimate design with the HUAWEI Mate 10 and HUAWEI Mate 10 Pro that feature bigger screens, less bezels and more compact bodies to fit comfortably into consumers' hands and offer an unparalleled experience.

### 3D glass body with a stunning display

The HUAWEI Mate 10 and HUAWEI Mate 10 Pro

## Take a walk in all of South Africa's parks with Google Street View

Search giant Google announced recently that all South Africa's national parks and reserves were available on the Google Street View platform. A year in the making, the project aimed to create 360° imagery of the country's wildest areas and comprised 206 South African volunteers.

"The hundreds of volunteers who helped along the way, proved to be truly passionate about showing the best of South Africa through their participation in the loan program," said Magdalena Filak, Program Manager for Google.

Collectively, the volunteers trekked 900 km on foot in all nine provinces, explored 170 new trails, and encountered lions, cheetahs and elephants on foot. "The Trekker camera is a 22-kg custom-made backpack, fitted with 15 cameras pointing in all directions. The on-board technology plots the camera's exact location on the trail. While recording, the camera takes a 360° photo every two seconds. It's basically the off-road equivalent of Google's Street View cars," said Andre Van Kets of loan program partner, Drive South Africa.

United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization heritage sites, such as iSimangaliso Wetland Park, as well as Mapungubwe Hill, the Richtersveld and Drakensberg Mountains are some of the natural environments on display. All of South Africa's 19 national parks are covered on the platform, which also has built-in functionality to give tourists an overview of the country's natural heritage.

"Harnessing technology allows SANParks to showcase the 19 South African national parks like never before. Google Trekker allows South Africans and foreigners to explore and discover what the different parks have to offer. We are really excited that this introduces a new dimension to planning a trip and what better way to do it than through a virtual itinerary which you can then make reality," said Janine Raftopoulos, SANParks Head of

introduce a luxurious 3D glass body, beautifully and symmetrically curved for an improved in-hand feel. They feature Huawei's first FullView Display, which maximizes the screen. The HUAWEI Mate 10 features a 5.9-inch 2K screen, 16:9 LCD display and HDR10, while the HUAWEI Mate 10 Pro features a 6-inch AMOLED, 18:9 OLED screen; both have thin, symmetrical bezels at the top and bottom. The reduction of bezels allows for more screen usability: 18 percent more for the HUAWEI Mate 10 and 16 percent more for the HUAWEI Mate 10 Pro.

### A luxurious design

To come up with an ultimate design, Huawei leveraged its advanced craftsmanship to deliver a smartphone that everyone would love to carry. Both smartphones come with a 3D Glass body that brings totally new visual experience, along with a metal frame that creates a seamless transition at each corner, creating a perfect contrast and combination of glass and metal materials. The back of the devices feature a "reflective band" design to highlight the dual camera.

### Elegant colors

The HUAWEI Mate 10 and HUAWEI Mate 10 Pro come in a palette of elegant color that can satisfy the most discerning consumers. The HUAWEI Mate 10 is available in



Black, Mocha Brown and Champagne Gold while the HUAWEI Mate 10 Pro is available in Midnight Blue, Mocha Brown and Titanium Gray. The HUAWEI Mate 10 Pro is IP67 Water and Dust Resistant.



Communications. South Africa took fourth position - moving up from last year's fifth position - when it comes to being an appealing destination for Muslim travellers, according to the Mastercard-CrescentRating Global Muslim Travel Index 2017, held in Jakarta.

With an index score of 53.6, this placed South Africa behind Singapore, Thailand and the United Kingdom of Non-Organization of Islamic Cooperation (OIC) markets for the third consecutive year while Malaysia kept the pole position for OIC and overall. Indonesia moved up to third place in the overall rankings.

The index, which covers 130 destinations, showed a number of non-OIC destinations in Asia move up the rankings: a result of the concerted effort to adapt their services

to cater to and attract the Muslim travel market.

The rankings saw Hong Kong make up the top five for the non-OIC destinations, with Japan moving up two places to take the sixth spot with Spain entering the top 10 for the first time and Singapore remaining the only non-OIC destination in the overall top 10. Over and above, Indonesia, Japan and Taiwan saw the biggest improvements in ranking on the overall top 10 list.

The research showed that the Muslim travel market would continue to grow at a fast pace with the sector estimated to grow to \$220 billion (about R2 937 billion at R13.35/\$) in 2020 and expected to grow a further \$80 billion (about R73 285 billion at R13.35/\$) to reach \$300 billion (about R247 825 billion at R13.35/\$) by 2026.