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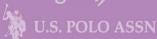


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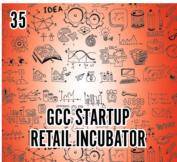
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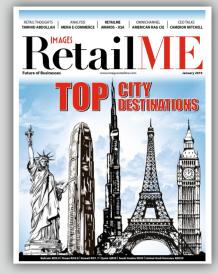












According to the Top City
Destinations 2018 rankings by
Euromonitor International, six out
of the top 10 global cities are in
Asia, which accounted for 41 out of
the 100 top cities globally in 2018.
Asian cities are the clear winners. In
the Middle East, Saudi Arabia is now
opening to international tourists,
targeting family and group travellers.
Dubai and Abu Dhabi have emerged
as the most significant destinations in
the UAE. Cairo is seeing a resurgence.





ODear reader

Is it Social Media's turn now to take to the stores?

No, this is not fiction but 'what several social media networks seem to think. Platforms from Snapchat to Facebook have been investing in retail to capture broader consumer interest and boost revenue and followers,' writes Bryan Pearson, president of LoyaltyOne. Why? 'Likes are nice, but buys are better business,' he adds.

It's good news for all those who are part of the brick-and-mortar retail and have also come to believe in omnichannel retail as the future. After the conversion of e-commerce giants, now it's the turn of Social Media platforms - who's next? Nevertheless, the new comes at the right time as we are beginning the year 2019.

We also have an overview of the Top City Destinations 2018 by Euromonitor International. According to the rankings, six out of the top 10 global cities are in Asia, which accounted for 41 out of the 100 top cities globally in 2018. While Asian cities are the clear winners, cities in the Middle East and Africa regions, such as Jerba and Sousse in Tunisia and Sharm el-Sheikh in Egypt, have dropped out of the ranking in recent years. Cairo, however, is seeing a resurgence.

Saudi Arabia is now opening to international tourists, targeting family and group travellers. Dubai and Abu Dhabi have emerged as the most significant destinations in the United Arab Emirates. Dubai Tourism Vision 2020 aims to welcome 20 million visitors to the emirate by the year 2020. The tourism board is actively promoting Dubai as a top choice for leisure and business travellers. Mecca, the holy city in Saudi Arabia, is trying to facilitate religious tourists with the use of smartphone applications. The Ministry of Hajj and Umrah offers official applications such as Hajj Services, Umrah Services, Manasikana and a Hajj Bracelet reader.

We would like to wish all our readers a happy and prosperous 2019. We also like to pay our tributes to some of the well-known industry veterans who left for their heavenly abode in December. Noshir Motiwalla, Anthony Chalhoub and Mohammed Salem Al-Mashad, who left a vacuum and will be missed immensely by their families, colleagues and associates.







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HOW TO ENTER

All entries must be submitted in PDF format

Use visuals and design elements to enliven the submission. All entries must be accompanied by professional high resolution /photographs/images (300 dpi JPG or Tiff) with captions.
 Support your presentation with as many details as possible, including third party evidence for the jury's evaluation.

1. Most Admired Retailer of the Year - Fashion

This award will recognise an outstanding home-grown or international retail chain in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia dealing in fashion and accessories that has successfully worked on fashion merchandise and pushed customers to shop contemporary fashion more frequently. The chain would have also shown remarkable success in the profitable expansion of its retail operations and winning customer confidence.

ENTRY GUIDELINES:

- A brief history of the company: Year of establishment: Total number of stores:
- List the initiatives undertaken: innovations, marketing and advertising and promotions, customer service and staff training.
- Support the entry with professional high resolution photographs/ images of 300 dpi JPG or Tiff with captions.

2. Most Admired Retailer of the Year - Footwear & Accessories

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3. Most Admired Retailer of the Year - Lingerie & Nightwear

This award will recognise an outstanding home-grown or international retail chain in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia dealing in lingerie and nightwear that has successfully worked on 'Lingerie & Nightwear' merchandise and pushed customers to shop for trendy fashion wear more frequently. The chain would have also shown remarkable success in the profitable expansion of its retail operations and winning customer confidence.

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4. Most Admired Retailer of the Year - Children's Wear

This award will recognise an outstanding home-grown or international retail chain in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia dealing in children's wear that has shown remarkable success in the profitable expansion of its retail operations and winning customer confidence.

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- List the initiatives undertaken: innovations, marketing and advertising and promotions, customer service and staff training.
- Support the entry with professional high resolution photographs/ images of 300 dpi JPG or Tiff with captions.

5. Most Admired Retailer of the Year - Beauty & Personal Care Products

This award will recognise an outstanding home-grown or international retail chain in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia dealing in cosmetics & personal care products that have shown remarkable success in the profitable expansion of its retail operations and winning customer confidence.

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8. Most Admired Retailer of the Year - Consumer Electronics

This award will recognise an outstanding home-grown or international retail chain in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia dealing in consumer electronics that has shown remarkable success in the profitable expansion of its retail operations and winning customer confidence.

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 - Year of establishment:
 - Total number of stores:
- List the initiatives undertaken: innovations, marketing and advertising and promotions, customer service and staff training.
- Support the entry with professional high resolution photographs/ images of 300 dpi JPG or Tiff with captions.

9. Most Admired Retailer of the Year – Leisure & Entertainment

This award will recognise an outstanding home-grown or international operator in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia (FECs, cinema, themed indoor and outdoor centres) that have shown remarkable success in the profitable expansion of its retail operations and winning customer confidence.

ENTRY GUIDELINES:

- A brief history of the company:
 - Year of establishment:
 - Total number of stores:
- List the initiatives undertaken: innovations, marketing and advertising and promotions, customer service and staff training.
- Support the entry with professional high resolution photographs/ images of 300 dpi JPG or Tiff with captions.

10. Most Admired Retailer of the Year - Food Service

This award will recognise an outstanding home-grown or international quick service restaurant (QSR) in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia that has shown remarkable success in the profitable expansion of its retail operations and winning customer confidence. **ENTRY GUIDELINES:**

- A brief history of the company: Year of establishment:
- Total number of stores:

 List the initiatives undertaken: innovations, marketing and advertising and promotions, customer service and staff training.
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11. Most Admired Retailer of the Year - Food & Grocery

This award will recognise an outstanding home-grown or international retail chain (convenience store/s, supermarket/s, hypermarket/s) in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia dealing in food and grocery that has shown remarkable success in the profitable expansion of its retail operations and winning customer confidence. ENTRY GUIDELINES:

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 - Year of establishment:
 - Total number of stores:
- List the initiatives undertaken: innovations, marketing and advertising and promotions, customer service and staff training.
- Support the entry with professional high resolution photographs/ images of 300 dpi JPG or Tiff with captions.

12. Most Admired Retailer of the Year – **Luxury**

This award will recognise an outstanding store/brand that retails premium lifestyle products (fashion, footwear, designer accessories, high-end and niche electronic gadgets and luxury goods) in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia that has shown remarkable success in the profitable expansion of its retail operations and winning customer confidence.

ENTRY GUIDELINES:

- A brief history of the company: Year of establishment: Total number of stores:
- List the initiatives undertaken: innovations, marketing and advertising and promotions, customer service and staff training.
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13. Most Admired Retail Start-up of the Year

This award will recognise an-outstanding homegrown start-up retail concept that has been in operation in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia for a minimum of two years and a maximum of three years. ENTRY GUIDELINES:

- A brief history of the company: Year of establishment: Total number of stores:
- List the initiatives undertaken: innovations, marketing and advertising and promotions, customer service and staff training.
- List of achievements/accolades
- Support the entry with professional high resolution photographs/ images of 300 dpi JPG or Tiff with captions.

14. Most Admired Store Design of the Year

Retailers can nominate one or more of their outstanding store design concepts across all retail formats, operating in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia. Successful entries will demonstrate how design is delivering delightful customer experience, enhancing the retail brand, while proving to be a truly innovative and commercial success.

- ENTRY GUIDELINES:

 Describe the design execution and how it meets objectives (100 words maximum)
- Describe the role design has played in the business and its impact (50 words maximum).
 - Support the entry with professional high resolution /photographs/ images (300 dpi JPG or Tiff) with captions.

15. Most Admired Online Retailer of the Year

Retailers in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia operating in the e-commerce space, including brick-and-mortar retailers now selling online, can nominate for their outstanding performance during January 1, 2018 to December 31, 2018.

ENTRY GUIDELINES:

- A brief history of the company: Year of establishment: Regions covered:
- List the initiatives undertaken: innovations, marketing and
- advertising and promotions, customer service and staff training.
 Support the entry with professional high resolution photographs/ images of 300 dpi JPG or Tiff with captions.

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Dunnes Stores

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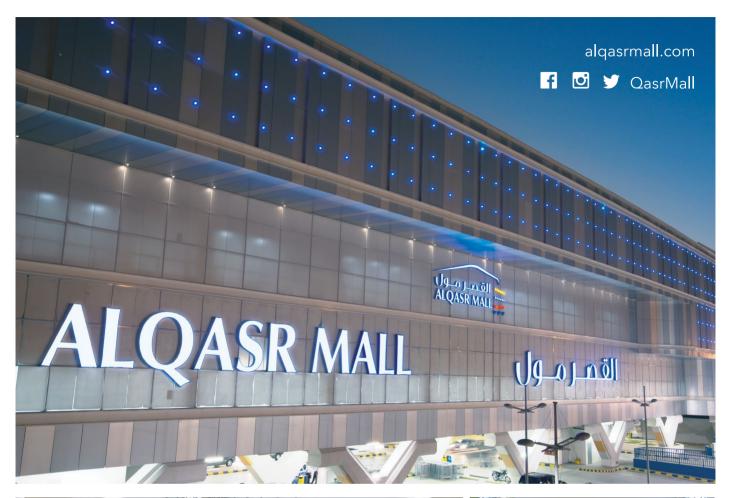
Size: Approximately 45,210 sqft
Designed by: Interstore | Schweitzer

One of Ireland's leading retailers, Dunnes Stores is a family-run chain known for its wide range of high-quality food and non-food products. Interstore | Schweitzer with its unique "design&build" competence have been rebranding, designing and building Dunnes Stores since 2015. So far, they have successfully designed eight branches of Dunnes Stores. The latest branch opened in November 2018, spanning approximately 45,210 sqft situated in the Irish city of Cork. The modernised food section carries Dunnes Stores' own brands targeted at price-conscious customers looking for high-quality products from Irish specialists, including James Whelan Butchers, Baxter & Greene and Sheridans Cheesemongers.













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