



THE KURDISTAN REGION: INVEST IN THE FUTURE

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The Kurdistan Region is one of Iraq's leading success stories. Iraq's Kurdistan Region has continued to thrive as a peaceful and stable region where civil society is booming, and democracy is taking hold. The region is widely considered as the *gateway for doing business in Iraq*.

It is an exciting beginning and the U.S. Chamber of Commerce and its co-organizers welcome you to join us on this journey. On 11 February 2008, the publication, *The Kurdistan Region: Invest in the Future*, will be released at our Washington, D.C. headquarters. This publication will provide potential investors and the foreign policy community in the United States with detailed information on the Kurdistan Region and its potential as an investment hub.

Invest in the Future gives a snapshot of the major sectors of the Kurdistan Region's economy – tourism, oil and natural gas, telecommunications, agriculture, among others.

This publication reflects the Kurdistan Region's economic and political development over the past decade, and anticipates its future economic growth and success. Moreover, it shows everyone – from investors to tourists, to friends around the world – how they can participate in strengthening the Kurdistan Region's democracy.

More than 30 authors with firsthand – and often passionate experience – contributed unique articles for *The Kurdistan Region: Invest in the Future*. These include the Kurdistan Regional Government (KRG)'s Prime Minister, Nechirvan Barzani; General Jay Garner; Ann Clwyd, the UK Prime Minister's Special Envoy on Human Rights in Iraq and the Chair of the UK Parliament's All-Party Iraq Group; Former-Secretary General of NATO Lord Robertson of Port Ellen KT GCMG PC; and David Bohigian, Assistant Secretary for Market Access and Compliance, U.S. Department of Commerce.

The publication provides an objective guide to the politics and culture of the Kurdistan Region of Iraq, as well as the challenges that lie ahead. This broad overview concludes with a directory that contains a useful series of economic data, travel tips as well as contact information for organizations operating in the region.

Invest in the Future is an essential guide for any investor interested in joining the people and the leadership of the Kurdistan Region on this path towards a secure, economically vibrant and peaceful future.

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