

Our Journey

stc has rapidly established itself as a leading force in Kuwait's telecom and ICT sectors, continuously innovating and raising the bar with industry firsts, strategic partnerships, and cutting-edge advancements. Through strategic growth and diversification, stc now plays a pivotal role in empowering Kuwait's digital future and advancing the nation's Vision 2035.



2008

- Launched commercially
- First to abolish incoming calls fees
- Became first operator in the world to have all IP network

2009

- Introduced high speed mobile broadband in Kuwait
- Launched innovative prepaid offerings and acquired 500K customers in one year

2010

- Expanded retail network and launched joint promotions with retailers
- Won Comms MEA 'Best Telecom Finance Deal' Award

2011

- Became first to introduce Apple iPhone
- Launched strategic partnership with Manchester United
- Became first to introduce newest HSPA+ (42.2 Mbps) broadband network

2012

- Launched Elite Program for loyal, VIP and high value customers
- Became profitable during the fourth year of operations
- Began deployment of 4G LTE network

2013

- Won 'Best LTE Deployment' at the vTelecoms World Awards – Middle East
- Introduced number portability and acquired majority of ported numbers between operators

2014

- Launched partnership with Real Madrid
- Listed on Kuwait Stock Exchange
- Ranked second in terms of revenue and subscriber market share

2015

- Became first to introduce the all-new (VoLTE) technology
- Expanded network to 70 branches across Kuwait
- Became first to introduce the LTE Advanced

2016

- Won 'Best Telecom Company' by Arabian Business
- Became Member of the International Telecommunication Union (ITU)

2017

- Won '2017 Speedtest Award' by Ookla
- Won 'Best Operator Network' from Telecom World Middle East

2018

- Won 'Best Network Development Award' at 5G MENA

2019

- Launched new **stc** brand
- Acquired Qualitynet, the leading ISP provider in Kuwait
- Launched 5G services
- signed MOU with Huawei to develop 5G services

2020

- Ranked first in the MENA region on the Forbes "Global 2000" list
- Rebranded Qualitynet to **solutions by stc**
- Established Connect Arabia W.L.L with Mobility Telecom Kuwait Limited (BVI)/ the main partner

2021

- Led consortium with Virgin Mobile Middle East & Africa that received a MVNO license from CITRA

2022

- Acquired e-Portal Holding Company and its subsidiaries, the leading ICT services provider in Kuwait
- Increased share capital to KD 999 million through the distribution of 100% bonus shares

2023

- Launched partnership with Samsung to expand availability of smart solutions
- Signed MoU with Huawei on 5.5G strategic cooperation and digitalization innovation
- Added to a number of the MSCI and FTSE Global Equity Indexes

2024

- Upgraded from the Main Market to the Premier Market on Boursa Kuwait
- Began rolling out the new spectrum for 5G-Advanced network (5.5G)
- Signed land agreement to build **stc**'s new headquarters