Europe, Middle East, and Africa

Kajima has played an active role in the European economy over the years through its construction and development projects. We have also constructed numerous landmark buildings in the Middle East and have been involved in construction and civil engineering in Africa for more than four decades.

Supporting Prosperity in Europe

Kajima launched its European construction operations in the former East Germany in 1976. In the ensuing period, with growing Japanese investments in Europe, Kajima's presence has been expanding across Western Europe with projects in the former West Germany, France, Belgium, the United Kingdom, the Netherlands and Spain. Our projects include high-rise office buildings, corporate headquarters, factories, logistics facilities, schools and hospitals. Our construction business activities have shifted from Western Europe to Central Europe where infrastructure is developing at a fast rate. Our offices in Poland and the Czech Republic offer a full complement of construction services as a general contractor and a design and build contractor.

Kajima first became involved in the property business in Europe over twenty five years ago with the redevelopment of an office building in Piccadilly, London. This was followed by high profile, high quality office projects in partnership with local developers in both Frankfurt (the iconic 63-storey Messeturm) and central London (1 London Wall). Kajima has also carried out a number of large-scale, mixed-use developments including Stockley Park in the U.K., a beautiful landscaped Business Park near Heathrow Airport, as well as Les Domaines de Saint Endréol, a residential and resort development with a highly regarded golf course and spa hotel in the South of France.

We have also delivered many public sector projects in the U.K., where we have developed offices, schools, libraries, and healthcare facilities such as Royal Alexandra Children's Hospital under the Private Finance Initiative.

We are now moving into a new phase of our development with the acquisition of 55 Moorgate, an elegant office building in the City of London with a floor area of approximately 6,200 sqm.











Cairo Opera House



Al-Shaheed Monument





Suez Canal Bridge

Delivering High-Profile Projects in the Middle East and Africa

After starting in Algeria, Egypt and Saudi Arabia in the 1970s, Kajima then expanded its presence in the Middle East and Africa by engaging in projects driven by overseas development assistance in countries such as Egypt, Ghana, Tanzania and Ethiopia, helping to build vital social infrastructure for these nations.

In 1970, Kajima completed Congo's Musoshi Copper Mine project, followed by the construction of the Selander Bridge in 1982 and numerous other projects in Tanzania and Ethiopia. A particularly noteworthy contribution to social infrastructure was the Kapunga Rice Project in Tanzania, where we developed around 3,800 hectares of rice fields by constructing a network of water collection dams, waterways, and drainage.

We have carried out a number of flagship construction projects in Egypt over the years, including the Japanese Children's Hospital, the Cairo Opera House, El-Dikheila Steel Works in Alexandria, and GM Egypt's automobile factory.

In 1986, Kajima built the spectacular al-Shaheed Monument in Iraq. This memorial to martyrs comprises a 40-meter-high dome atop a 190-meter platform. In Saudi Arabia, we undertook a full turnkey project to construct the Royal State Palace, a guesthouse exclusively for the Saudi King and Crown Prince.

Kajima has been building main roads in Ethiopia since 1999, and by the end of 2015, the total constructed in the country will reach 250 kilometers.

In 2001, Kajima completed the 3,960-meter Suez Canal Bridge, a massive bridge with a central span of 404 meters. Rising 70 meters above sea level, this road links the Asian and African continents. At the time of its completion, the bridge boasted the world's tallest girders, able to pass the largest vessels. As part of this project, the Company was also responsible for repairing a road tunnel running below the canal.

Looking ahead, Kajima is determined to keep improving people's lives throughout the Middle East and Africa.