GCC REIT Market Overview

A Deep Dive into the Growth, Trends, and Key Players

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Introduction

What are REITs

 Real Estate Investment Trusts (REITs) are publicly traded investment vehicles that own, operate, or finance income-generating real estate, offering investors the chance to benefit from large-scale property investments without direct ownership.

GCC Region

- Includes: Saudi Arabia, UAE, Qatar, Kuwait, Bahrain, and Oman.
- REITs in this region focus on properties like
 - Malls,
 - · Office buildings,
 - Warehouses,
 - Residential complexes, and
 - Emerging sectors like healthcare.

GCC Region



Market Highlights



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Overview

- Market Size in 2024: \$ 10.37 billion
- Project Market Size by 2029: \$15.40 billion
- CAGR (2024-2032): 8.24%

Growth Drivers

- Recent growth is attributed to supportive government policies and economic diversification efforts.
 REITs provide attractive investment opportunities through rental income and property value appreciation

Major Players

- Riyad REIT
- ENBD REIT
- Jadwa Investment
- Al Rajhi REIT
- Emirates REIT



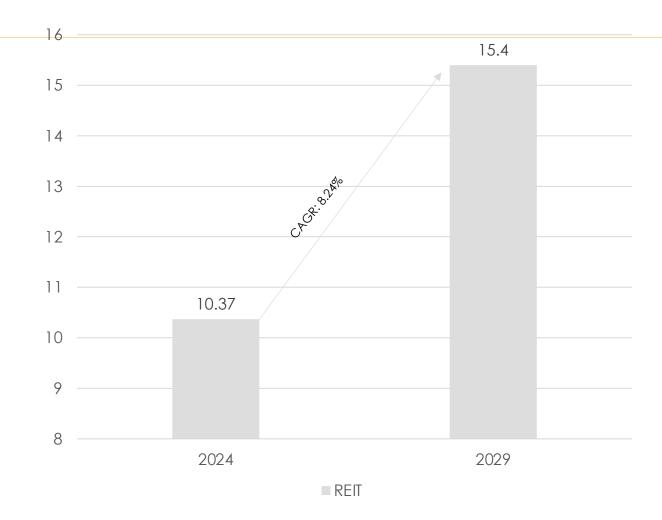








Market Size (2024-2029) - \$ Bn



Key Growth Drivers



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Economic Diversification

 Initiatives like Saudi Vision 2030 aim to reduce reliance on oil and promote real estate and financial markets.

Government Policies

• Tax incentives and a favorable regulatory environment encourage REIT listings.

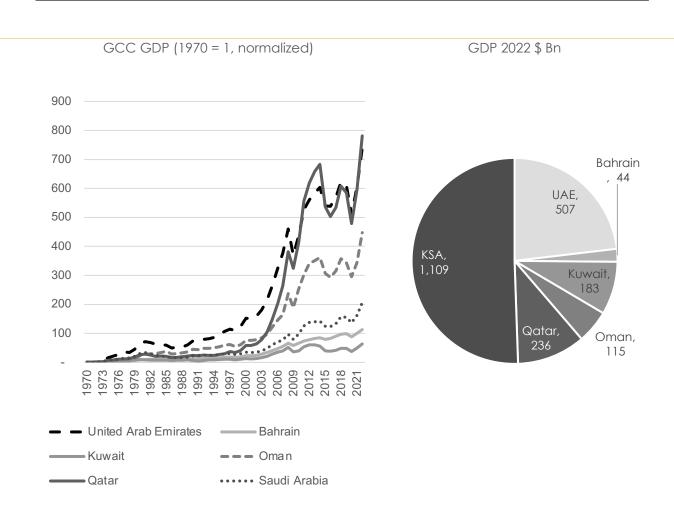
Population Growth

• Rising demand for rental properties and commercial spaces across the GCC.

Financial Literacy

• Increasing awareness among investors about REITs as alternative investments.

GCC GDP Overview



Major Challenges

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Competition

• Direct property investments remain popular, often offering similar returns.

Regulatory Uncertainty

• Evolving frameworks in countries like Saudi Arabia and Bahrain may hinder immediate growth.

Liquidity Issues

• Smaller markets face challenges in trading REIT shares due to low liquidity.

Economic Risks

• Economic downturns can impact property values and rental income.

Challenges









Emerging Trends

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Sustainability Focus

• REITS adopting ESG (Environmental, Social, Governance) principals.

Islamic REITS

• Sharia-compliant products are gaining traction among traditional investors.

Digital Platforms

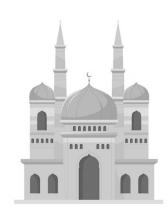
• Data analytics and AI are being used for decision-making and operations

Cross-Border Expansions & Specialized REITs

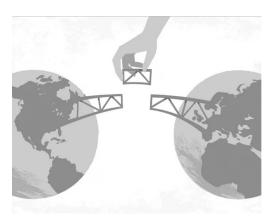
- GCC REITs exploring international real estate investments.
 Emerging focus on sectors like healthcare, logistics, and residential properties.

Emerging Trends









Regional Insights

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United Arab Emirates

• Offers high returns due to tax exemptions and infrastructure-driven growth.

Saudi Arabia

• Increased REIT listings post-2016 regulation with support from Vision 2030.

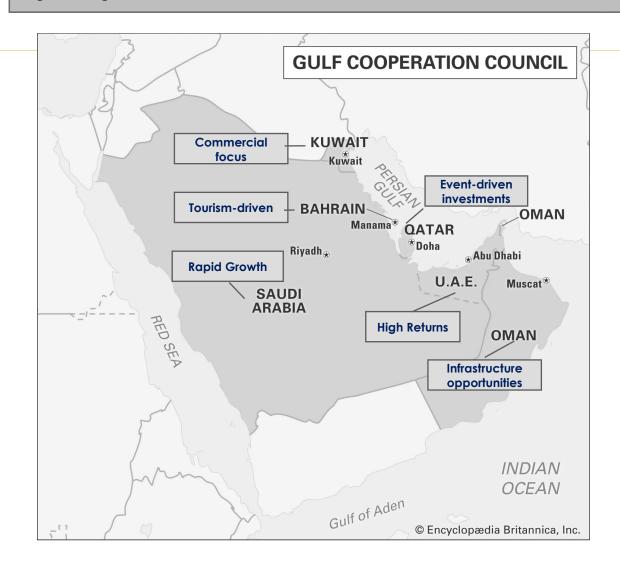
Qatar

• Investment momentum boosted by the 2022 FIFA World Cup and development projects.

Kuwait, Bahrain, Oman

• Focus on tourism, commercial real estate, and infrastructure development.

Regional Insights



Leading Players

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Emaar Malls Group (UAE)

· Manages major retail assets like The Dubai Mall.

Aldar Properties (UAE)

• Key player in Abu Dhabi's residential and commercial real estate.

Saudi Real Estate Company (SAREC) (Saudi Arabia)

Focused diversified real estate assets.

Qatar Real Estate Investment Fund (QREIF) (Qatar)

• Specializes in high-quality commercial real estate.

Riyad REIT (Saudi Arabia)

• First listed REIT in Saudi Arabia, focused on diversified assets.

ENBD REIT (UAE)

• A Sharia-compliant REIT focused on commercial properties.

Jadwa Investment (Saudi Arabia)

• Leading Saudi investment management firm with a REIT portfolio.

Emirates REIT (UAE)

• Focused on UAE-based commercial real estate investments.

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Expanding Listings

• More REITs are being listed on GCC stock exchanges, enhancing investor access.

Institutional Interest

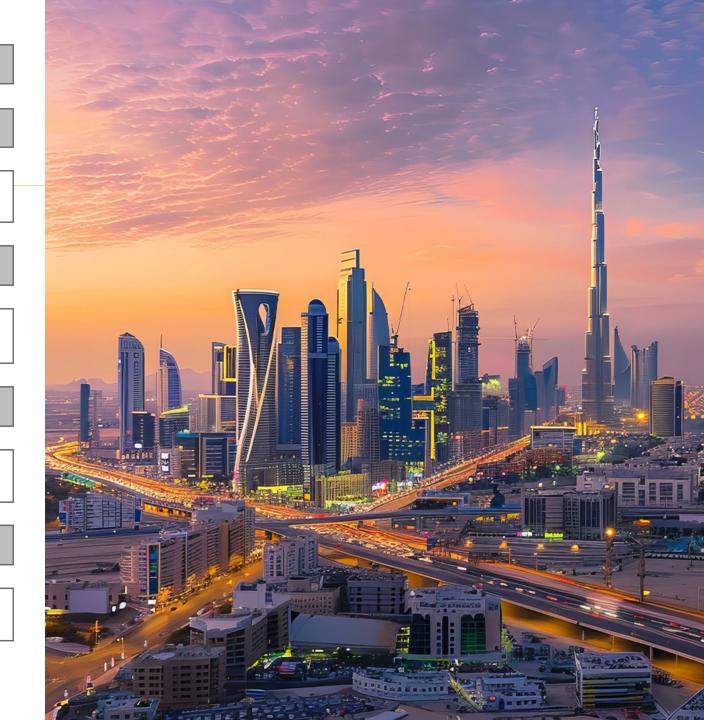
• Growing involvement of sovereign wealth funds and institutional investors.

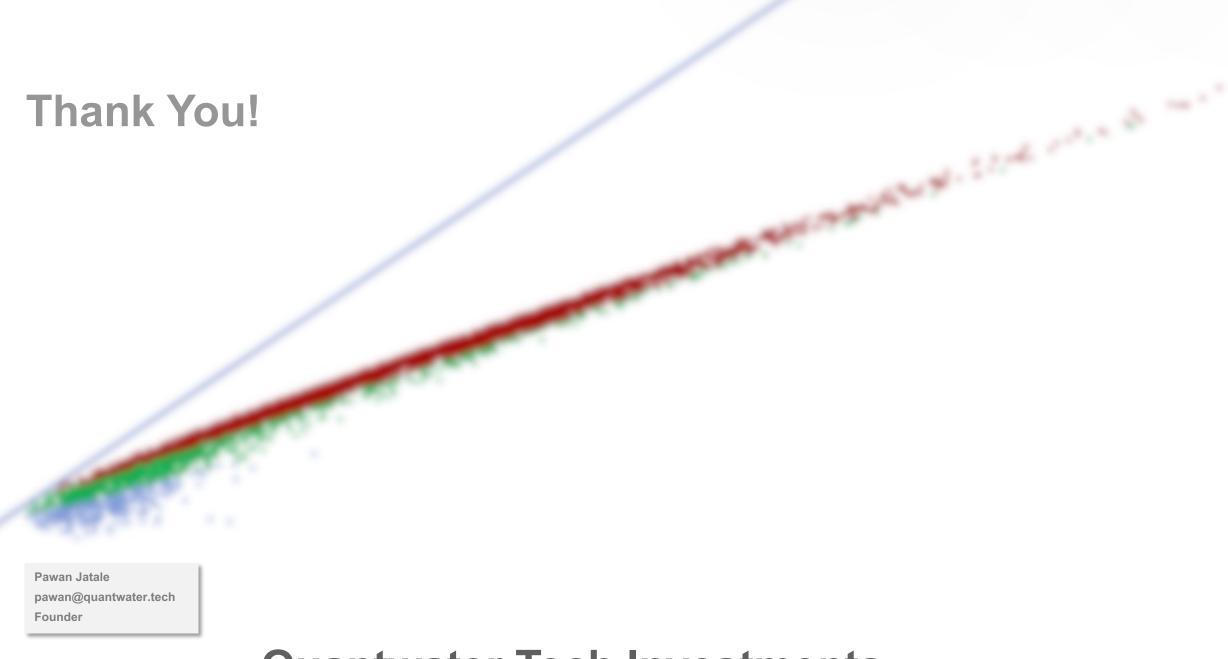
Infrastructure Projects

• Major projects (e.g., NEOM in Saudi Arabia) creating real estate investment opportunities.

Future Focus

Sustainable and tech-driven REIT portfolios to dominate the next phase of growth.





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