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# Guide for Eastern Province Major Projects 2025



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## The Purpose of The Guide

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This guide aims to highlight the key development initiatives and projects planned for implementation in the Eastern Province in the coming period, given their significant developmental impact on the economic, social, and environmental levels in alignment with the targets of Saudi Vision 2030. These projects will enable the Eastern Province to become one of the Kingdom's most attractive regions for investment, in addition to serving as key enablers for enhancing the quality of life in the region.

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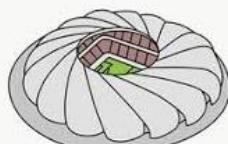


## Tourism and Entertainment Projects

Entertainment and tourism projects stand as vital pillars of the Eastern Province's economic evolution, leveraging the region's unique coastal beauty and rich cultural heritage. From the vibrant waterfronts of Dammam and Khobar to the historic landscapes of Al-Ahsa and the industrial hubs of Jubail, recent developments have ignited commercial activity and opened a new frontier for investment. Under the ambitious framework of Saudi Vision 2030, the Province is undergoing a total metamorphosis—integrating sustainable infrastructure with world-class recreational zones and modern retail centers. These initiatives do more than provide leisure; they empower local entrepreneurs, stimulate the hospitality sector, and establish the region as a premier global destination. The following guide outlines the landmark projects set to redefine the Eastern Province in the coming period:

# Aramco Stadium

## Overview of Aramco Stadium



Aramco Stadium

In July 2024, Saudi Aramco — the world-leading energy and chemicals company — launched the construction of the "Aramco Stadium," with a seating capacity of approximately 47,000. The new stadium, to be built in the city of Khobar, is expected to be completed by 2026. It will serve as the main stadium for Al-Qadsiah Club, which is owned by Saudi Aramco, and as one of the primary venues for the AFC Asian Cup that the Kingdom will host in 2027.

Saudi Aramco, in collaboration with ROSHN — the leading national real estate developer and a Public Investment Fund company — is developing a state-of-the-art football stadium that incorporates the latest global technologies and integrated cooling systems to provide an ideal environment for spectators. The stadium's design is inspired by the water vortex commonly seen along the shores of Khobar, blending authenticity with innovation.

Promoting sports is a core pillar of the Quality-of-Life Program and Saudi Vision 2030. The development of major sports projects such as the Aramco Stadium contributes to strengthening community engagement and enhances the Kingdom's appeal as a host for international competitions, thereby supporting the growth of the sports economy.

3.7  
Billion ₩

The estimated value of the Aramco Stadium

**Source:** Eastern Province Development Authority.

The Aramco Stadium features a distinctive design inspired by the water vortices that form off the shores of the Arabian Gulf. The stadium will serve the needs of both entertainment and sports activities. The companies executing the project are committed to the highest standards of inclusivity, safety, and sustainability, making it a leading local destination for sports and entertainment.



## Aramco Stadium Events

Aramco Stadium has been designed as an integrated sports complex capable of hosting a wide range of events and sports tournaments, whether local, regional, or international. In this context, the following section highlights the most prominent of these events:

### Local Events

Aramco Stadium will contribute to hosting numerous local sports events, particularly for the Eastern Province and the Kingdom as a whole, with Roshn League matches being among the primary activities.



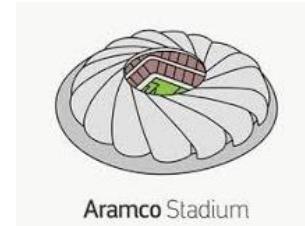
### Global Events

Aramco Stadium will strengthen the Kingdom's global standing, as it will host international sports events and activities. Notably, it is one of the Saudi stadiums set to host the 2034 FIFA World Cup finals.



Source: Eastern Province Development Authority.

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### Regional events

Aramco Stadium also enhances the Kingdom's position as the host of the 2027 AFC Asian Cup, as the stadium is expected to serve as the main venue for major sports and entertainment events in the region. It will be the premier destination in the Eastern Province, featuring VIP sections and facilities designed to accommodate the needs of the community and individuals with special needs.

## Al khobar Pier



The Khobar Pier project is the result of a collaboration between the Tourism Development Fund, Ishraq, and Ajdan to develop "Khobar Pier" into a world-class, multi-use waterfront destination. The project will feature hotels and branded residential units, alongside commercial spaces, restaurants, and entertainment facilities, including a water park. This development will diversify tourism pathways through partnerships with the private sector and support the Fund's partners at the Khobar waterfront, serving as a key driver for enhancing and attracting foreign direct investment to the area.



The project will contribute to increasing tourism spending and attracting local and international private investment, in line with the targets for developing the tourism sector and enhancing quality of life. It also represents a pioneering model of public-private partnership, reflecting the partners' commitment to delivering high-quality projects that meet community aspirations and strengthen the Kingdom's position as a global tourist destination.



The project includes a collection of hotels and resorts offering more than 1,450 rooms and hotel units, in addition to residential units branded by international hotel chains. This will increase the Eastern Province's accommodation capacity and enhance its tourism appeal. The development also features retail areas, restaurants, and entertainment facilities designed to provide a comprehensive visitor experience and create a vibrant, year-round environment.



### Project objectives:

- A leading tourism and investment company in the Kingdom.
- Contributing to the diversification of the tourism economy in line with the goals of Vision 2030.
- Providing quality job opportunities and supporting sustainable development in the tourism sector.
- Offering a unique entertainment experience that meets the aspirations of tourists and citizens.

## Figures About Al khobar Pier

**1450**  
Hotel Room

Total number of hotel units and rooms  
that the project will provide

**850**  
Meter

Total length of the project's waterfront

**671**  
 $1,000 \text{ m}^2$

Total area of the Al Khobar Pier  
project in Al Khobar

**259**  
 $1,000 \text{ m}^2$

Total area allocated for  
entertainment, restaurants, and  
retail.

**Source:** Tourism Development Fund.



## The Avenues – Khobar

### The Avenues – Khobar

Avenues Khobar is located in Al Khobar Governorate in the Eastern Province and spans an area of 198,000 m<sup>2</sup> at the intersection of King Saud Road and Prince Sultan Road. The development will include eight commercial zones, dedicated entertainment areas, and towers featuring hotels, offices, event halls, and exhibition spaces.

Avenues Khobar features modern designs that reflect the character of the Eastern Province, developed in accordance with the highest global standards and incorporating sustainability features aligned with Saudi Vision 2030. The project is expected to open in the first half of 2027.

**Source:** Avenues Al Khobar website

The development of the first phase of the Avenues project is the result of a Saudi–Kuwaiti partnership between Alkifah Contracting and Al-Ahmadiyah Contracting. The project will contribute to the development of the Eastern Province, create thousands of jobs, and serve the region and the Kingdom by delivering a development that adheres to sustainable standards and world-class design.



## Figures About The Avenues – Khobar

the place to be

الأهليون

THE AVENUES

الجبير

10

Thousands of  
opportunities

Total number of job opportunities provided by the Avenues Al Khobar project.

198

1,000 m<sup>2</sup>

The land area on which the Avenues Al Khobar project is being built.

7.2

Billion ₩

The total value of the Avenues Al Khobar project.

170

1,000 m<sup>2</sup>

The leasable area that the Avenues Khobar project will offer upon completion

Source: Tourism Development Fund.

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Thousands  
of parking  
spaces

The number of parking spaces the project will provide for visitors and customers



The Coral Island Development Project on the Dammam Corniche is a distinctive tourism initiative. The project will include 65 semi-floating chalets, recreational areas, restaurant and café zones, and an open-air amphitheater for events, with the aim of developing and diversifying tourism and entertainment activities in the region.



### Objectives of Project

- Developing a local and international tourist destination to attract visitors to the Kingdom and improve the quality of life.
- Applying the Blue Flag standards is a global technical and environmental requirement that aligns with the Kingdom's directions.
- Improving livelihoods and sustainability, achieving the goals of Vision 2030, supporting environmental safety, promoting recreational and tourism activities, and achieving quality of life elements.
- A window to a prosperous future to elevate the Eastern Province and the Kingdom economically and positively impact local and regional aspects.

**19**

1,000 m<sup>2</sup>

Total area allocated for rent within the project

**100**

1,000 m<sup>2</sup>

The total area of project

**Source:** Ajdan Website





## Overview

- The Ajdan Island project is one of the most significant developments in Al Khobar Governorate. It will involve the redevelopment of the Al Khobar Water Tower, as well as the artificial island on which the tower is located.
- The investment activities targeted within the project include fast food restaurants and cafés; operating viewing theaters; retail shops; organizing hot air balloon trips; establishing a marina for pleasure boats; providing recreational activities; organizing events and parties inside and outside the tower; hosting special events and exhibitions; and supporting ancillary activities.
- The project involves developing both internal and external facilities, including a spatial redistribution that aligns with the project's character. A primary focus is placed on preserving the beach's aesthetic and protecting it from environmental pollution or visual distortion. Additionally, the project will beautify the tower's exterior and connect the tower island to the Corniche.



## Figures About Bayfront - Ajdan

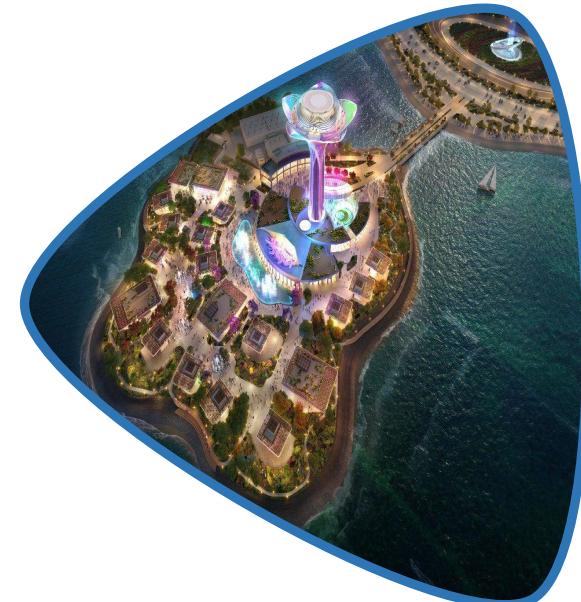


The total value of the project's rent that Ajdan Company will pay is 15.5 million riyals annually.



The total area of project

**Source:** The Eastern Province Municipality



## Global City Dammam



The massive 'Global City' project is being developed in three phases with a budget exceeding two billion US dollars. According to official reports, the first phase will launch in late 2025, featuring a dedicated area for entertainment and festivals. The second phase will involve a significant expansion of events, including the addition of water activities and new facilities. The project will culminate in the third and final phase with the opening of a world-class amphitheater and the construction of a modern residential district.



### Phase One - A Window to the World

The inaugural phase will feature approximately 16 international pavilions, inviting visitors to explore the unique cultures and products of various nations. Complementing these are 11 restaurants offering a diverse culinary journey through Arabic, Asian, and modern fusion cuisines. To enhance navigation and atmosphere, the area will be organized into themed districts, including Chinatown, Indian Alley, and a central food street.

Entertainment takes center stage, offering everything from cutting-edge electronic skill games to an intimate mini-zoo. Visitors can enjoy thrilling acrobatic performances, culminating each evening in a spectacular, magical light show. The experience is designed to be immersive; promotional materials even promise live performances that entertain guests as they browse the traditional handicraft markets.



### Phase Two and Three

The project's second phase will see a significant expansion, introducing new pavilions, performance areas, and dining options. A key highlight of this phase is the opening of an integrated water park, featuring thrilling slides, wave pools, and 'lazy rivers' designed for guests of all ages.



"The third phase marks a major transformation for the project, headlined by the debut of a world-class amphitheater. This comprehensive exhibition and entertainment complex will be equipped with state-of-the-art display technologies and highly adaptable spaces. Simultaneously, a modern residential neighborhood will be developed, offering sustainable housing and integrated community amenities designed to serve both long-term residents and visitors.

**Source:** Official Website of Global City Dammam

## Global City Dammam



7.5  
Billion ₩

Total investment cost of the Dammam International City project

125  
1,000 m<sup>2</sup>

The total area allocated to the entertainment zone in the International City in Dammam, which will house dozens of national pavilions, restaurants, and specialized markets with a unique cultural character.

800  
1,000 m<sup>2</sup>

The total area of the International City in Dammam, which includes vast lakes and green gardens, makes it a competitor to the largest international parks.

Source: Global City Dammam Website



## Al Othaim Park



Al Othaim Park stands as a premier tourist destination, seamlessly blending local values with international standards. The development integrates commercial and entertainment zones with lush green spaces and versatile event halls. Defined by its unique architectural vision, the park harmonizes heritage and progress in every detail, offering diverse attractions and world-class centers designed to provide an unforgettable visitor experience.



The 'Al Othaim Park' project stands as one of Al Othaim Investment's largest and most ambitious developments in the Eastern Province. As a premier integrated destination, it seamlessly combines shopping, entertainment, and hospitality. Its cutting-edge design embodies the company's commitment to strategic expansion and its vision for delivering exceptional, modern landmarks across various regions of the Kingdom.



The project aligns with the strategic goals of the Eastern Province Development Authority and the Kingdom's Vision 2030, specifically supporting objectives to enhance the Quality of Life Program. By creating over 3,500 direct and indirect positions, the project serves as a key driver for employment. This initiative supports the company's broader commitment to generate 50,000 job opportunities for Saudi nationals across its various developments by 2030.



**The project components are divided as follows:**

- shopping mall.
- Hotel and residential towers.
- Cinema.
- Open recreational areas.

# Al Othaim Park

## Al Othaim Park



**Billion**  
Saudi ₡

The size of the investment in the Al-Othaim Park project.

**3500**  
Opportunity

Total number of job opportunities that the Al-Othaim Park project will provide after its opening.

**729**  
1,000 m<sup>2</sup>

Total building area in the Al Othaim Park project in Dammam.

**Source:** Al-Othaim Investment Company website



## Al Othaim Circle



The Al Othaim Circle project in Al Khobar is an expansive multi-use complex situated along the city's vibrant waterfront. As a cornerstone of the waterfront's redevelopment, the project aims to significantly bolster tourism and entertainment in the region. Construction is currently proceeding at an accelerated pace, ensuring that Al Othaim Circle will soon emerge as a landmark destination in the Eastern Province.



The Al Othaim Circle project features an array of recreational facilities, diverse retail shops, and specialty restaurants with stunning sea views. The complex also integrates professional offices, a premier fitness center and spa, and lush green spaces, offering a balanced environment for work and leisure.

## Al Othaim Circle

**157**  
1,000 m<sup>2</sup>

Total area of buildings to be implemented within the framework of the Al Othaim Circle project

**52**  
1,000 m<sup>2</sup>

The total area of the project



## The Rixos Half Moon Bay



The resort occupies an exceptional site on Half Moon Beach. This project is a key part of an ambitious vision to attract foreign investment and expand luxury hospitality through an all-inclusive resort model. By catering to the aspirations of visitors seeking a modern, integrated experience that blends comfort and entertainment, the project significantly enhances the Eastern Province's status as a premier tourist destination.



The Rixos Half Moon Beach Resort is poised to drive tourism growth and stimulate high-value investment within the hospitality sector. These efforts align with national objectives to diversify the economy and elevate the quality of life, further establishing the region as a global destination.

## The Rixos Half Moon Bay



The Rixos Half Moon Beach resort is being implemented through a financing agreement with Banque Saudi Fransi, managed by Saudi Fransi Capital, and developed by FTG Development Co.



# The Rixos Half Moon Bay

## The Rixos Half Moon Bay



400

Total number of hotel rooms in the Rixos Resort project.

41

Total number of luxury villas overlooking the sea within the Rixos resort project.

260

Total built-up area in The Rig project.

1.5  
Billion ₩

The total value of the Rixos Half Moon Beach Resort.

Source: Tourism Development Fund

## The Rig



Launched in 2021 as a cornerstone of the Public Investment Fund (PIF) portfolio, THE RIG is designed to stimulate growth within the tourism sector and strengthen Saudi Arabia's global economic standing. By developing destinations rich in unique entertainment experiences, the project solidifies the Kingdom's role as a premier global attraction. Oil Park Development Company is currently leading all development efforts for this landmark initiative.



The project offers an extensive array of experiences designed to attract a global audience. The master plan includes three luxury hotels and eleven diverse dining venues, complemented by a world-class marina and dedicated helipads. For those seeking excitement, the destination features an adrenaline-fueled adventure and thrill sports park, ensuring a comprehensive stay for every visitor.



Spanning over 300,000 square meters, the project is situated 40 kilometers offshore near Al-Juraid Island and the Berri oil field. The architectural design pays homage to the Kingdom's rich oil and gas heritage, drawing direct inspiration from offshore oil platforms. This unique destination remains highly accessible from Dammam and Jubail Industrial Cities, with dedicated transport links via speedboats, helicopters, and seaplanes.



THE RIG draws its architectural inspiration from the concept of offshore oil platforms, paying tribute to the deep-rooted heritage of the Kingdom and the Eastern Province's storied history in the oil and gas sectors. By transforming this industrial legacy into an exceptional and unique tourism experience, the project is destined to become one of the world's most iconic entertainment landmarks.

## The Rig

## The Rig



Total number of hotel rooms in The Rig project.



Total number of local and international visitors targeted to visit the project by 2032.



Total number of local and international visitors targeted to visit the project by 2032.



Total built-up area in The Rig project.



**Source:** The Kingdom's Vision 2030 Website (THE RIG).

## The Dhahran Boulevard



Located at the site of Dhahran Mall, the Dhahran Boulevard project is designed to revitalize the city's recreational and tourism landscape. By enhancing Quality of Life elements and elevating Dhahran's profile as a premier entertainment destination, the project serves as a catalyst for development. Furthermore, it integrates a strategic focus on spending efficiency and long-term financial sustainability to ensure its lasting impact on the region.



Dhahran Boulevard will feature a diverse array of entertainment and tourism centers, complemented by premium wellness facilities and a vibrant culinary scene of cafes and restaurants. Designed with the community in mind, the project integrates expansive public squares, scenic multi-use overlooks, and lush green spaces. These elements, connected by dedicated walking paths, are set to significantly enhance the quality of life for both residents and visitors in the Eastern Province.

## The Dhahran Boulevard

**Source:** The Eastern Province Municipality



## Ritz-Carlton Al Khobar

### Ritz- Carlton Al Khobar



The Ritz-Carlton Resort in Al Khobar stands as one of the most distinguished tourism developments currently underway in the Eastern Province. The resort will feature cutting-edge, high-tech amenities while maintaining an architectural style that elegantly embodies the region's local heritage. Its prime location makes it an ideal destination for Saudi nationals, local residents, and visitors from across the Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) countries.



The Ritz-Carlton Al Khobar is being developed through a strategic financing and development agreement with the Arsi Beach Real Estate Fund, managed by Bloom Investment Saudi Arabia. This landmark project—the first luxury beach resort of its kind in Al Khobar—is supported by investments from Al Fozan Holding Company and Mansour Bin Jumaa & Sons Holding Company, in partnership with Bank Al Jazeera. Set along the shores of the Arabian Gulf, it represents a new pinnacle for luxury hospitality in the Eastern Province.



The resort's presence will significantly elevate the hospitality landscape of Al Khobar, widely regarded as one of the Kingdom's most picturesque coastal cities. Beyond luxury accommodations, the destination will feature a curated selection of upscale and casual fine-dining venues, state-of-the-art conference facilities, and a dedicated wellness retreat. With a wide range of recreational and sporting activities—all set against the breathtaking backdrop of the Arabian Gulf—the resort offers a truly immersive coastal experience.



**Source:** Tourism Development Fund

# Ritz- Carlton Al Khobar

## Ritz-Carlton Al Khobar

**811**  
Million ₩

Total value of the Ritz-Carlton resort in Al Khobar.

**100**  
1,000 m<sup>2</sup>

Total area of the Ritz-Carlton resort in Al Khobar.

**48**  
chalet

Total number of chalets at the Ritz-Carlton resort in Al Khobar.

**130**  
Hotel  
Rooms

Total number of hotel rooms and suites at the Ritz-Carlton Resort in Al Khobar.

**Source:** Tourism Development Fund

# Maritime Transport Project

## Overview

- The Eastern Province Maritime Transport Project stands as a cornerstone of the region's infrastructure evolution. By establishing a sustainable and integrated maritime network, the project will seamlessly link coastal cities and revitalize key tourism hubs. Beyond enhancing connectivity, this initiative is a strategic response to urban challenges—reducing traffic congestion, lowering road maintenance costs, and significantly cutting carbon emissions to support a greener economy.
- In its inaugural phase, the project will serve seven key coastal cities: Dhahran, Khobar, Dammam, Qatif, Tarout, Jubail, and Khafji. With a long-term vision to explore regional routes connecting the GCC countries, the project is set to redefine transportation in the Gulf. By integrating maritime services with ride-sharing platforms, it offers a seamless land-to-sea transition. This unified approach ensures a safe, convenient, and modern experience that directly supports the growth of tourism, leisure, and the Kingdom's burgeoning marine sector.

## Figures About Maritime Transport

**400**  
Million ₩

Total cost of the maritime transport project in the Eastern Province

**7**  
Cities

Number of cities that will be included in the maritime transport project in the Eastern Province

**Source:** The Eastern Province Municipality



# Khafji Boulevard



## Overview

The Khafji Boulevard stands as a landmark tourism and urban development project situated in the Al-Shati district on King Faisal Street. Launched by the Eastern Province Municipality, this initiative is a cornerstone of the governorate's strategy to stimulate investment and elevate quality-of-life standards. The Boulevard is designed to be a vibrant community hub, integrating premium commercial spaces with diverse retail, modern cafes, and world-class recreational facilities.

## Figures About Khafji Boulevard

**10.8**  
1,000 m<sup>2</sup>

Total area of the Khafji Boulevard project.

**6**

Opportunities

Number of investment opportunities available in the Khafji Boulevard project.

**Source:** The Eastern Province Municipality





## **Industrial and investment projects**

The Eastern Province serves as a pivotal center for global industry and investment, anchored by its strategic geography and the Middle East's largest industrial complex. While the industrial clusters in Jubail and Dammam remain cornerstones of the national GDP, the region is now undergoing a qualitative transformation aligned with Vision 2030. This evolution expands the region's focus beyond petrochemicals into advanced manufacturing, resilient supply chains, and integrated logistics. Through a world-class business environment and robust infrastructure, the Eastern Province is solidifying its role as a sustainable economic powerhouse—empowering national talent and driving the Kingdom's global competitiveness. The following sections detail the strategic projects poised to lead this next chapter of growth:



## Overview

- ▶ Saudi Aramco, a global leader in energy and chemicals, has initiated a major expansion of the Fadhili Gas Plant in the Eastern Province through the awarding of EPC contracts totaling \$7.7 billion. This transformative project is set to significantly upgrade the facility's infrastructure, boosting its processing capacity from 2.5 billion to approximately 4 billion standard cubic feet per day. This expansion reinforces the Kingdom's commitment to meeting growing energy demands and optimizing its natural gas resources.
- ▶ The addition of 1.5 billion standard cubic feet per day in processing capacity is set to catalyze regional development and significantly bolster local content. This expansion is a key milestone in Aramco's ambitious roadmap to increase total gas production by more than 60% by 2030 (relative to 2021). Furthermore, the project will enhance industrial output by adding 2,300 metric tons of sulfur daily. With a scheduled completion date of November 2027, the Fadhili expansion stands as a cornerstone of the Kingdom's sustainable energy future.



## Figures About Fadhili Gas Plant

**7.7**

Billion USD

Total value of engineering, procurement and construction contracts for the development and expansion of the gas plant in Fadhili.

**1.5**

billion cubic feet

The total additional energy targeted by the project.

Source: Aramco Website





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Source: The Eastern Province Municipality

## Figures About Dammam's industrial Development

1.5  
Million m<sup>2</sup>

Total value of engineering, procurement and construction contracts for the development and expansion of the gas plant in Fadhili.



## AMAAD Business Park



The Business Oasis (AMAD) is a flagship development designed to be the premier hub for global energy and engineering firms in the Eastern Province. By providing a world-class, integrated business environment, the project directly supports the goals of Vision 2030—fostering innovation, accelerating industrial growth, and creating a specialized ecosystem where the world's leading technical minds can collaborate and thrive.



The AMAD Business Oasis stands as a landmark of sustainable urban development, distinguished by its contemporary architecture and unrivaled strategic location. Situated at the epicenter of the region's energy sector, the complex offers direct proximity to Saudi Aramco, KFUPM, and the Ministry of Energy, creating a high-density hub for engineering innovation. With eight elegant buildings designed to house a dynamic community of international and local partners, AMAD provides a sophisticated, integrated environment where industry leaders and essential services converge to redefine the region's business landscape.



### Objectives:

- ❑ Contributing to Vision 2030.
- ❑ Delivering environmentally friendly buildings, reducing the environmental footprint and improving air, water, and soil quality in the region.
- ❑ Providing a distinguished hub primarily targeting energy and engineering companies, as well as other businesses.
- ❑ Promoting sustainable development.
- ❑ Providing a suitable and integrated work environment for companies.
- ❑ Enhancing quality of life.



The AMAD Business Oasis is more than a commercial complex; it is an integrated ecosystem designed to uplift the community and unlock a new frontier of opportunity. By attracting world-class talent and high-value investments, the project serves as a magnet for the exceptional capabilities required to meet the demands of the future. Here, professional excellence meets a modern lifestyle, creating a vibrant environment that fulfills the aspirations of a forward-thinking community.

## AMAAD Business Park

**611**  
Unit

Total number of housing units that will be provided upon the opening of the project.

**214**  
1,000 m<sup>2</sup>

Total land area in the Business Oasis (AMAD) project.

**113**  
1,000 m<sup>2</sup>

The office spaces that the project will provide.

**Source:** AMAAD Business Park website



## Overview



The King Salman Global Maritime Industries Complex in Ras Al-Khair is a cornerstone of Saudi Vision 2030, set to become the world's largest shipyard through a strategic partnership between Saudi Aramco, Bahri, Hyundai Heavy Industries, and Lamprell. Spanning approximately 12 million square meters, this mega-project provides a full spectrum of services, including shipbuilding, offshore rig construction, and comprehensive maintenance, repair, and overhaul (MRO) for very large crude carriers (VLCCs). Once fully operational, the complex is expected to contribute \$17 billion to the Kingdom's GDP and create 80,000 jobs, reinforcing the Eastern Province's status as a premier global hub for maritime logistics and industrial innovation.

**Project objectives:**

- ❑ Building large-scale vessels and marine equipment to serve the oil, energy, and maritime transport sectors.
- ❑ Repairing and maintaining ships and offshore platforms to meet the needs of local and regional markets.
- ❑ Supporting economic diversification and reducing reliance on imports by establishing an advanced local production base.
- ❑ Creating local job opportunities for thousands of Saudis and developing expertise in this industrial sector.

## Figures About King Salman Global Maritime Industries Complex

**64**  
Billion USD

The complex's expected contribution to the Kingdom's GDP by 2030.

**80**  
Thousand Opportunity

The total number of job opportunities expected to be provided by the complex by 2030.

Source: Aramco Website





## Infrastructure and Development Projects

Infrastructure and development projects form the bedrock of the Eastern Province's urban renaissance, fostering an integrated environment that aligns with the future-ready aspirations of Saudi Vision 2030. By modernizing road, bridge, and tunnel networks alongside advanced water, sewage, and digital infrastructure, these initiatives drive the transition toward smart, sustainable cities. This strategic investment extends beyond physical construction; it is a catalyst for economic growth and investment attractiveness, significantly enhancing road safety and urban efficiency. Ultimately, these high-quality infrastructure projects are solidifying the Eastern Province's position as a global development hub, raising the standard of living to meet the criteria of the world's most elite metropolitan areas. The following section details the primary infrastructure milestones planned for the region:



## Overview

- ▶ In November 2025, the Eastern Province witnessed a major infrastructure milestone with the inauguration of the Safwa-Rahima Road by His Royal Highness Prince Saud bin Nayef bin Abdulaziz. Spanning 15 kilometers, the project's centerpiece is a 3.2-kilometer twin sea bridge—the second-longest of its kind in the Kingdom. This vital corridor creates a direct connection between Safwa and Ras Tanura, drastically shortening travel times and streamlining access to Ras Tanura Port. By relieving pressure on the Dammam-Jubail Highway and the Dhahran-Buqayq-Abu Hadriyah intersections, this link is a catalyst for the region's logistical efficiency and the broader economic objectives of Vision 2030.
- ▶ The Safwa-Rahima road and sea bridge serve as a strategic bypass that significantly strengthens the reliability of supply chains connected to Ras Tanura Port. By providing a high-capacity direct access point, the project integrates seamlessly into the regional network, linking Safwa and Ras Tanura to the Dammam-Jubail Expressway. This corridor is a high-yield investment in logistics, offering a more efficient route for the energy sector while fostering social and developmental synergy between two of the Province's most active industrial and demographic hubs. Ultimately, it elevates the standard of logistics services for the oil industry, ensuring a frictionless flow of goods and services that supports the Kingdom's global economic standing.

## Figures About Safwa & Rahima Road

15

Kilo Meter

Distance of the  
Safawi/Rahima road project

3.2

Kilo Meter

Length of the sea bridge linking  
Safwi and Ras Tanura within the  
Safwi/Rahima road project

Source: General Authority for Roads



## Overview

Al Murjan Island holds the distinction of being the first artificial tourist island ever developed in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia. Located off the coast of Dammam, this landmark destination was inaugurated in 1991 during the reign of King Fahd bin Abdulaziz. Connected to the Dammam Corniche by a scenic bridge, the island serves as a premier recreational hub, featuring its iconic spiral tower, lush green spaces, and dedicated facilities for family leisure and marine activities. As a pioneer of man-made coastal architecture, it remains a central symbol of the Eastern Province's long-term commitment to enhancing the quality of life and tourism.

Characterized by its expansive flat landscapes and lush greenery set against the turquoise waters of the Arabian Gulf, Al Murjan Island is a premier destination for both residents and tourists. The island's unique microclimate and scenic vistas make it an ideal retreat, particularly during periods of moderate weather. Over the decades, it has evolved into a prominent geographical and cultural landmark, serving as a sanctuary for recreation and a testament to the Eastern Province's ability to blend urban development with natural coastal beauty.

### Objectives:

- ❑ Transforming the island into a modern waterfront destination is part of achieving Saudi Vision 2030, focusing on boosting domestic tourism, enhancing quality of life, and fostering partnerships with the private sector.
- ❑ Developing the Dammam Corniche waterfront, including the island, through investment in recreational and tourism facilities to serve visitors and the local community.
- ❑ Adopting a balanced investment model: allocating a small percentage for commercial investment, with the remaining area dedicated to providing free access to visitors or offering open spaces.

## Figures About Al Murjan Island

53

1,000 m<sup>2</sup>

Total area of Island

65

Chalet

Total number of semi-floating chalets targeted for construction as part of the island's development works.

Source: The Eastern Province Municipality





## Dareen and Tarot Island



The islands of Darin and Tarot, situated along the Arabian Gulf within the Qatif Governorate, represent one of the most significant historical and cultural corridors in the Middle East. With a history spanning over 5,000 years, these islands have served as a vital maritime crossroads and a flourishing center for global trade. Spanning 32 square kilometers and home to a vibrant community of 120,000 residents, the area is a living museum, hosting 11 major heritage sites including the iconic Tarot Castle, Darin Palace, and the site of Darin Airport—the first aviation facility in the Kingdom. Beyond their archaeological wealth, the islands are defined by a unique ecological heritage, where their pristine shores provide a rare and protected natural habitat for extensive mangrove forests.



The integrated development strategy for Darin and Tarot Island is designed to enhance its global competitiveness while significantly elevating the quality of life for its residents. By leveraging the islands' unique historical and environmental assets, the plan focuses on preserving cultural heritage and vital ecosystems while simultaneously driving economic growth. This approach supports the local economy through the creation of specialized job opportunities and the promotion of local products, aligning perfectly with Vision 2030. By harmonizing sustainable urban development with the preservation of its 5,000-year legacy, the project ensures the islands remain a prosperous and enduring pillar of the Eastern Province's identity.



To ensure the successful execution of this vision, the Eastern Region Development Authority formulated a comprehensive master plan, subsequently ratified by a Cabinet decision. This led to the establishment of the Darin and Tarot Island Development Corporation, a dedicated entity tasked with enhancing the quality of life and bolstering the local economy. By strategically capitalizing on the islands' unique comparative advantages—spanning heritage, ecology, and tourism—the Corporation is a vital engine for economic diversification, ensuring that the development remains sustainable and aligned with the overarching goals of Saudi Vision 2030.



The development approach adopted is based on three main pillars for shaping the future of Darin and Tarot Islands:

- ❑ Preserving the island's cultural and historical heritage.
- ❑ Revitalizing natural and environmental sites and enhancing the quality of life.
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## Dammam Creek Development

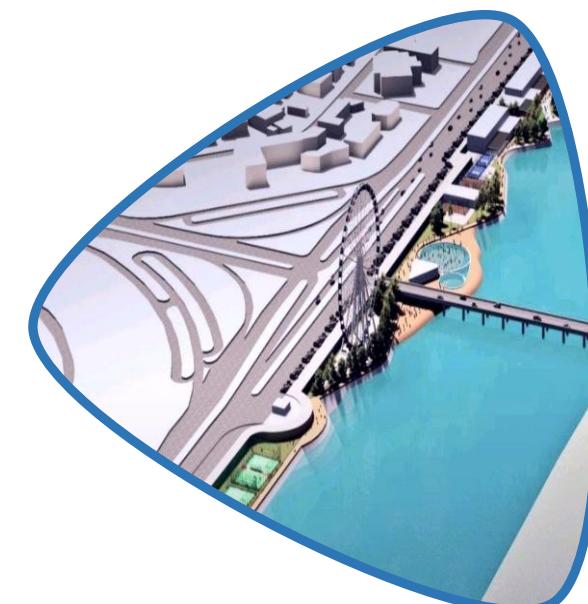


The Dammam Creek Development Project stands as a landmark investment initiative launched by the Eastern Province Municipality to revitalize the Dammam Corniche. Designed to be a premier urban waterfront destination, the project significantly enhances the region's tourism appeal and the quality of life for its community. Executed through a strategic collaboration between the Municipality and the private sector, this initiative aligns with Saudi Vision 2030 to stimulate the local economy and create sustainable recreational spaces. Under the directives of HRH Prince Saud bin Nayef, Governor of the Eastern Province, and his Deputy, HRH Prince Saud bin Bandar bin Abdulaziz, and with the direct oversight of HE the Minister of Municipalities and Housing, the Dammam Creek project is a pivotal step in the Province's ongoing urban renaissance.



Spanning an expansive 200,000 square meters, the Dammam Creek project features a strategic 5% building ratio, ensuring 95% of the site remains dedicated to open public spaces and natural landscapes. This design philosophy creates a high-quality environment for recreational, tourist, and sports activities, alongside premium dining and pedestrian corridors. Notably, the project is committed to preserving the local mangrove ecosystem, integrating nature into the urban experience. To foster long-term investment stability, the project offers 25-year naming and sponsorship rights, providing a unique incentive for private sector partners to contribute to Dammam's sustainable growth.

**Source:** The Eastern Province Municipality



## Overview

Launched in July 2025, the North Khobar Development Project is a strategic initiative designed to revitalize one of the region's most significant commercial and historical districts. The project aims to harmonize Khobar's rich heritage with its modern economic status by upgrading critical infrastructure and enhancing municipal services. By introducing vibrant public squares, extensive greenery, and pedestrian-friendly zones, the initiative seeks to transform the neighborhood into a healthy, high-energy urban center. This revitalization is a key component in creating a sustainable, vibrant community that honors its past while embracing the world-class development standards of the Eastern Province.



The North Khobar Development Project is set to amplify the competitive edge of the district as the 'beating heart' of the city. By strengthening its status as a premier commercial and tourism hub—home to a high density of international brands, artisanal cafes, and world-class restaurants—the initiative focuses on incentivizing local businesses while introducing new elements of attraction. The plan aims to significantly increase footfall from both regional and international visitors, ensuring North Khobar remains a vibrant, high-traffic destination. By preserving its unique character while modernizing its appeal, the project secures the district's role as a primary engine of economic activity and social life in the Eastern Province.



## Figures About North Al-Khobar

**300**  
1,000 m<sup>2</sup>

The total area to be developed in Al Khobar North as part of the project works

**40**  
1,000 m<sup>2</sup>

Total area of sidewalks that will be rehabilitated and created within the framework of the project

**Source:** The Eastern Province Municipality



## Development of Al Hamra Corniche in Dammam

### Overview



### Figures About Al Hamra Corniche in Dammam

In November 2024, the Eastern Province Municipality inaugurated the Al-Hamra Corniche Development Project (the Western Beach) in Dammam, a strategic initiative designed to catalyze economic activity and accelerate urban expansion. By leveraging a robust partnership with the private sector, the project strengthens the Municipality's mission to modernize the city's waterfronts and enhance the overall urban landscape. This development transforms the western shoreline into a vibrant destination, integrating sustainable infrastructure with recreational appeal to support the Kingdom's broader goals of economic diversification and improved quality of life.

The Al-Hamra Corniche development offers a wealth of high-value investment opportunities, ranging from specialized sports and recreational facilities to premium dining and tourism attractions. Integrated with expansive open squares and a modern pedestrian track, the project is designed to maximize public engagement while ensuring the absolute preservation of the coastal environment. To provide long-term security and an attractive return on investment, the project features 25-year naming and sponsorship rights. This strategic incentive is a key component of the Municipality's commitment to empowering the private sector and fostering a sustainable, world-class waterfront in Dammam.

**125**  
1,000 m<sup>2</sup>

Total area of the Al-Hamra Corniche development project in Dammam.

**%5**

Construction rate in the Al-Hamra Corniche development project in Dammam

**Source:** The Eastern Province Municipality





## Overview



This ambitious high-speed rail initiative is set to redefine regional connectivity, linking Riyadh and Doha via the Eastern Province's primary hubs of Hofuf and Dammam. By significantly reducing travel times and streamlining the movement of people and goods, the project serves as a powerful catalyst for strengthening economic ties between Saudi Arabia and Qatar. Slated for operation within the next six years, this modern transportation solution aligns with Vision 2030's logistics objectives, reinforcing the Eastern Province's role as a vital intersection for GCC trade and infrastructure. This rail link is not just a transit project; it is a strategic investment in regional unity and economic synergy.



The Riyadh–Doha High-Speed Railway represents a transformative step in fostering economic cooperation and seamless trade between the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia and the State of Qatar. Utilizing advanced electric train technology, the project is engineered for maximum efficiency and sustainability, drastically reducing the carbon footprint of regional travel while slashing transit times. As a cornerstone of a broader initiative to unify transport links across the Arabian Gulf, this rail link exemplifies the next generation of infrastructure. It not only facilitates the movement of human capital and goods but also serves as a model for modern, eco-friendly connectivity that supports the long-term prosperity of the entire Gulf region.

## Figures About Riyadh-Doha Electric Railway



Total length of the Railway  
for the train project between  
Riyadh and Doha.



Speed of Riyadh-Doha Railway

**Source:** Ministry of Transport of Qatar





## Overview



The GCC Railway Project is a landmark regional initiative designed to seamlessly integrate the transportation infrastructure of the Gulf Cooperation Council member states. By establishing a high-capacity rail network that connects all six GCC nations, the project introduces a vital third pillar of transit alongside air and sea travel for both passengers and freight. This integrated network is poised to be a massive engine for economic diversification and regional growth, significantly lowering logistics costs and enhancing the efficiency of cross-border trade. As the Eastern Province serves as the geographic gateway to the Gulf, this project solidifies its position as the strategic heart of a modern, interconnected, and economically resilient Arabian Peninsula.



The GCC Railway is more than a transit network; it is a catalyst for regional economic integration, designed to facilitate cross-border trade and propel the national industries of the Gulf states into new markets. By creating a sustainable rail ecosystem, the project will generate high-skilled job opportunities for GCC citizens and build the institutional expertise necessary for a future-proof transport sector. Crucially, the city of Dammam is designated as the primary central hub, serving as the vital nexus that links international Gulf lines with the Kingdom's extensive internal rail network. This central role solidifies Dammam's status as the logistical heartbeat of the region, ensuring the Eastern Province remains at the forefront of the Kingdom's industrial and commercial future.

## Figures About Gulf Railway

200

Km / Hour

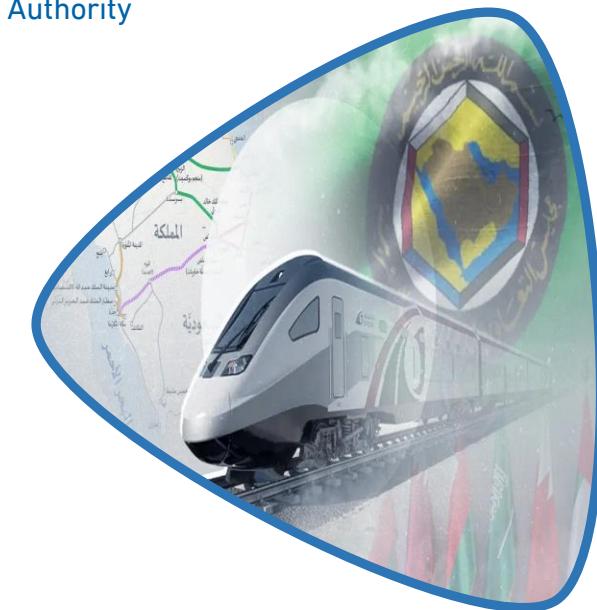
Speed of GCC Railways

2117

Thousand km<sup>2</sup>

Total lengths of railway lines for the GCC railway project

Source: GCC Railways Authority



## Al-Khafji Commercial Port

- As a primary gateway for the Kingdom's petroleum exports, Al-Khafji Port stands as one of the most critical maritime assets in the Eastern Province. The port is distinguished by its sophisticated operational capacity, engineered to handle multiple high-tonnage vessels simultaneously. Its infrastructure allows for the concurrent management of three tankers—two for loading and one for unloading—supported by a dedicated offshore anchorage that can accommodate six tankers in waiting. Furthermore, its versatile berths are equipped to handle 30 smaller maritime units, ensuring seamless logistics for the energy sector. This robust capacity reinforces Al-Khafji's status as a high-efficiency hub that safeguards the continuous and reliable flow of energy to global markets.
- Building upon its legacy as an energy gateway, there are currently intensive, high-level efforts to transform Al-Khafji Port into a premier commercial maritime hub. This strategic evolution involves significantly increasing the number of active berths and implementing comprehensive infrastructure upgrades to accommodate diverse cargo and trade flows. By transitioning into a multi-purpose commercial port, Al-Khafji is set to become a primary driver of economic value for the governorate, stimulating local business growth and enhancing the Kingdom's regional logistics competitiveness. This transformation is a direct manifestation of Vision 2030's goal to maximize the utility of existing assets and foster sustainable economic diversification.



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