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In the Name of God, the Most Merciful, the Most Gracious

Introduction

Saudi Arabia's Vision 2030 was created to express the ambitions and aspirations of the Saudi people within a thriving society supported by a vibrant economy. Vision 2030 outlines the Kingdom's long-term goals and expectations and paves the way for a thriving society and economy with ample investment opportunities and an attractive competitive environment. One of the strategic drivers for achieving these objectives is the development of an active capital market.

Under this far-reaching pioneering Vision, the Saudi capital market has made significant strides over the past several years, positioning the country as a leading market both regionally and internationally. However, today's accomplishments could not have been realised without past efforts.

This book documents the major events that have shaped the Saudi capital market over its 100-year journey, covering three phases of development. The first phase begins in 1926, with the formation of the first Saudi joint-stock companies, which was soon followed by the emergence of stockbroking firms establishing offices for the buying and selling of stocks. The second phase begins in 1983 when the Custodian of the Two Holy Mosques issued a Royal Order to regulate stock trading through local banks, followed by the formation of the Ministerial and Supervisory committees that further developed market legislation and technology. The third phase is marked by the passing of the landmark Capital Market Law in 2003, covering the formation of the Capital Market Authority (CMA) in 2004, and the various subsequent developments that have made the Saudi capital market one of the largest and most robust in the world.

And because a picture is worth a thousand words, and photos are one of the best ways to document historical events, the CMA is pleased to present this volume a photographic chronicle of the Saudi capital market from 1926 to 2020. This overview contains photographs, official documents, and illustrations. For those seeking additional information, a more detailed version of this book can be found on the CMA's website.

This book and the wealth of documentation and photographic material it contains is the result of a collaborative effort by numerous entities and prominent public figures that were part of the major historical developments of the Saudi capital market. To all those who gave so generously of their time and shared their invaluable experiences, the CMA extends its utmost gratitude and appreciation.

Lastly, this book is dedicated to you, our esteemed readers. It is hoped that this book serves as an enlightening resource and reliable reference for academics, professionals, and the general public.

Capital Markets and the Bourse

The Bourse (Stock Exchange)

The Arabic word "bursah," similar to "bourse" in French, is derived from the name of the Belgian Van der Buerse family of the city of Bruges who were known for their banking activities in the 15th century. They operated the Ter Buerse Inn, which was a popular destination for merchants from all over Europe. Eventually, the square where the inn was located became known as "Oude Beursplein" (Old Stock Exchange Square), and the term "bourse" came to refer to any organised securities market where securities were bought and sold by brokers on behalf of investors. The Amsterdam Stock Exchange, established in 1602, is considered the oldest "modern" stock exchange in the world.



*The Original Bourse of at Bruges

The Stock Exchange (Capital Market)

A stock exchange is an organised market for the buying and selling of securities, including stocks, bonds, sukuk, derivatives and more. In this market, stockbrokers and other financial intermediaries perform trades on behalf of buyers and sellers. The stock exchange is overseen by a regulatory body, such as the CMA in Saudi Arabia, that establishes a system to regulate transactions and enforces specific rules and regulations that companies issuing securities must follow before and after their securities are made available to trade on the Stock Exchange.

Capital markets are divided into two categories:

- The Primary Market: where new securities are issued and sold to the public for the first time.
- The Secondary Market: where investors buy and sell previously issued securities.



The Saudi Capital Market Authority

The Saudi Capital Market

Spanning a century, the Saudi capital market evolved in three phases:

- **Phase one (1926-1984):** This period includes the founding of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, followed by the growth of the private sector, the creation of Saudi joint-stock companies, and the rise of unregulated stock trading.
- **Phase two (1984-2003):** This period begins in November 1984 following the issuance of a Royal Order on 24th April 1983, which transferred stock trading services to commercial banks instead of unofficial brokers, as well as the formation of the Ministerial and Supervisory Committees to oversee and regulate stock trading activities.
- **Phase three (2003-2020):** During this phase, a comprehensive ecosystem for the capital market was established and strengthened. This period of development saw the passing of the Capital Market Law and the formation of the CMA Board, which assumed responsibility for overseeing and regulating the Saudi capital market.

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1926-1984

Setting the Scene 1984-2003

Regulating the Market 2003-2020







Phase One

The Beginnings



(1926 - 1984)

The Concept of Shareholding Emerges in Saudi Arabia Thought

Markets have existed and thrived in the Arabian Peninsula since pre-Islamic times, and they have undergone a continuous evolution over the centuries. With the advent of the Saudi era, the Kingdom's regions witnessed unprecedented urban and economic development. Trade activities flourished, leading to a need for more investment capital, which was achieved through merchants coming together to establish companies. This led to the emergence of joint-stock companies, attracting the participation of a large number of merchants in Saudi Arabia.

(1923)

The National Oil Joint-Stock Company

The concept of shareholding was not limited to individuals and merchants only. It was wellconsidered by the late King Abdulaziz even before the Kingdom's unification. After the Eastern and General Syndicate was established by Frank Holmes and other English businessmen in 1920, the founding King began setting the scene for a national joint-stock oil company. On 11th September 1923, King Abdulaziz sent a letter in which he encouraged the people of the Najd region, who resided in Baghdad at the time, to subscribe for the company's shares.

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A letter from King Abdulaziz in which he encourages the people of Najd residing in Baghdad to subscribe for the oil company's shares in 1923*

* King Abdulaziz Foundation for Research and Archives.

Establishing Saudi Joint-Stock Companies

The Saudi state supported the formation of national joint-stock companies before the Kingdom's unification and prior to introducing a legislative framework for companies. At the forefront was transportation companies. Following the establishment of the Kingdom of the Hejaz and Najd and its Dependencies, pilgrim transportation services were one of the main economic activities of the people of the Hejaz region. In 1926, pilgrim vehicle transportation services began to be provided between the cities of Jeddah and Makkah, leading to the formation of several pilgrim transportation companies.



A pilgrim transport vehicle in 1926

(1926)

The National Vehicle Company

In March 1926, the Saudi National Motor Vehicle Joint-Stock Company was established, having received a charter to operate vehicles between leddah and Makkah for 20 years. The company's initial capital was set at 30,000 pound and divided into 6,000 shares at 5 pound each.* Additionally, half of the company's shares were made available for subscription to Saudi citizens, which helped to further promote the concept of share ownership. The charter, even back then, included modern concepts and practices such as disclosure, public announcements, and the invitation to subscribe, as well as the election of board members. The company's articles of association were published in the Um Al-Qura newspaper - the government's official gazette - and the company continued to publicly announce its general assembly sessions, shareholder names, and annual reports in the official gazette.

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> Royal Decree granting the vehicle operation charter.

(1928)

Company Registration Law

In 1928, a Royal Decree was issued to approve the Company Registration Law. Under this Law all commercial companies were required to submit an application to the Public General Prosecutor Public General Prosecutorion to obtain a registration certificate issued by the company registrar and approved by the Public Prosecutor General. The Law defined a company as an "association of two or more individuals who have come together to conduct commercial business activities."



Company Registration Law of 1928*

(1931)

Commercial Law

The Company Registration Law was established to regulate existing commercial companies, but the formation of new companies was based on traditional business practices. However, on June 1st, 1931, the Commercial Law was issued by Royal Decree No. 32, becoming the first law to regulate the formation of companies in the Kingdom. The Law defined a company as an agreement between two or more parties, and it identified three types of companies: mufãwada (partnership by reciprocity), 'inãn (limited liability partnership), and mudãraba (profit sharing partnership). Additionally, Article 14 of the Law specifically mentioned joint-stock companies, classified as 'inãn companies, and defined them as "a company with a fixed capital that is divided into equal value shares, without naming the shareholders, and is managed by appointed and dismissible representatives."** The Commercial Law paved the way for the formation of several Saudi joint-stock companies, particularly those that specialised in the transportation for pilgrims.

**Um Al-Qura newspaper, No.issue 347, Thursday, 6th August 1931.

Articles 13 and 14 of the Commercial Law*

*Um Al-Qura newspaper, No.issue 347, Thursday, 6th August 1931.

(1926–1933)

Merging Vehicle Companies

The use of cars became increasingly popular from 1926 onwards, and as a result of the increasing number of motor vehicle companies dedicated to transporting pilgrims in the Hejaz region, the owners proposed to the government to merge these companies into a single joint-stock company. The government referred the proposal to a specialised committee*, which eventually recommended forming a general automobile syndicate**. In October 1928, a Royal Decree was issued to establish the Automobile Syndicate in Makkah and Jeddah, composed of 14 motor vehicle companies. Sheikh Muhammad Ali Al-Maiman was appointed as a government inspector for the syndicate's operations in Makkah and Sheikh Muhammad Al-Suliman Al-Bassam was appointed as an inspector in Jeddah***. The formation of the General Syndicate was the first step towards merging the car companies.



Pilgrim transportation vehicles in Makkah, 1933 ****

^{*} Um Al-Qura newspaper, No.issue 188, 27th July 1928, p. 2.

^{**} Um Al-Qura newspaper, No.issue 197, 5th October 1928, p. 3.

^{***} Um Al-Qura newspaper, No.issue 205, 30th November 1928, p. 2.

^{****} From Aramco's historical archives.

By 1933, the number of motor vehicle companies had grown to 30, with over 800 cars in use *. On 15th May 1935 a Royal Decree was issued to merge these companies into a single entity called the "Arabian Motor Vehicle Company," with two separate administrative bodies for the management of both government and private activities. Each motor company would transfer their assets, such as cars and equipment, to the new company after valuation, and the value of these assets would constitute the company's capital, which would be divided into shares of 10 pound each. The Decree also dissolved the existing Automobile Syndicate and transferred its management to the new company, which would be overseen by the Ministry of Finance. A second Royal Decree issued on the same day approved the formation of the company's first board of directors and the appointment of general directors for the government and private branches.** The Arab Vehicle Company offered its shares for public subscription with a capital of SAR 12 million and a total of 26,000 shares.



*** A pilgrim transportation vehicle, 1935.

^{*} Sawt al-Hijaz newspaper, No.issue 83, 14th November 1933, p. 2.

^{**} Um Al-Qura newspaper, No.issue 546, 24th May 1935, p. 3.

^{***} King Abdulaziz Foundation for Research and Archives.

Accelerated The Establishment of More Joint-Stock Companies

In addition to car companies many diverse joint-stock companies were established following the implementation of the Commercial Law, marking a new era for major economic projects in the Kingdom. These included the Arab Company for Savings and Economy, the Printing and Publishing Company, and the Artesian Wells Company. The establishment of these and other companies clearly reflected the spirit of economic cooperation and the development of the concept of share ownership. Moreover, as the number of national joint-stock companies increased, citizens began to invest in their shares. As an example, in 1936, the management of the Arab Company for Savings and Economy published its first report, in which it expressed their gratitude for people's interest in the company, as 366 shares -one-fifth of underlying shares- were sold within five months.



** Sawt al-Hijaz newspaper, 12th May 1936.

Interest in forming joint-stock companies continued to grow to address the country's economic needs and further support the government's vision. On 23rd April 1937, the editorial of Um Al-Qura, issue No. 646 featured news about the success of several national companies in this regard.



Editorial of Um Al-Qura, issue No. 646, titled "National Companies: Achieving New Heights" *

Shareholding in the Mining Sector

The state continued to promote the concept of shareholding and to encourage citizens to invest in the shares of companies and government projects, including those in the mining, electricity, cement, gypsum, and commercial banking sectors. In the mining sector, for example, the government signed an agreement with the Saudi Arabian Mining Syndicate and granted it a mining concession to extract minerals. According to the agreement, 10% of the Syndicate's common stock was to be offered to Saudi nationals for subscription within a month of the announcement. The Saudi Arabian Mining Syndicate was founded with a capital of 772,000 pound. Soon after, American mining engineer Karl Twitchell began gold prospecting in the Mahd Al-Dhahab mine in 1935. In May 1939, the Saudi Arabian Mining Syndicate offered 2,187 shares for public subscription at 30 pound per share*.



King Abdul Aziz with Karl Twitchell in 1933**

*Sawt al-Hijaz newspaper, 28 May 1939.

** Al Jazirah newspaper, Friday/Saturday 10 April 2020.

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A share certificate of the Saudi Arabian Mining Syndicate Limited, issued in 1948*

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^{*}The journal of the INTERNATIONAL BOND & SHARES SOCIETY, London, Issue No. 101, July 2016

^{**}Sawt Al-Hijaz newspaper, Issue No. 376, May 28, 1939

Joint-Stock Electricity Companies

The Saudi government encouraged the private sector to form joint-stock electricity companies to further promote share ownership. In 1933, the Power Generation Industry Concession Law was implemented, and local investors responded positively. Two years later, in 1935, the leddah Electricity Joint-Stock Company was established by Muhammad Abdullah Reda and Ibrahim Shaker, with a capital of 15,000 pound divided into 15,000 shares. In 1946, the Taif Electricity Company was founded by Ibrahim Al-Juffali and his brothers, and in 1947 *, the Saudi Electricity Generation Company was established in Madinah by Sheikh Abdul Aziz Al-Khuraiji. In 1946 several Saudi entrepreneurs founded the Saudi National Electricity and Economy Company in Riyadh, with a capital of SAR 5 million and shares were made available for subscription at SAR 100 each. By 1953, subscriptions amounted to SAR 3.5 million, further solidifying the Saudi stock market.

> Announcement of founding the Saudi National Electricity and Economy Company in Riyadh, 1946**

الى سنة ١٣٦٥ – الموفق ٢٩ مارس سنة ١٩٤٦) الشركة الوطنية السعودية للكهرباء والاقتصاد بالرياضه بحمداقة وحسن توفيقه ثم برعاية حكومة حضرة صاحب الجلالة الملك المعظم ومساعداتها القيمة فدعزمنا محول اللهوقو تهعلى تأسيس شركةم ساهمة كبرى نحت عنوان (الشركة الوطنية السمودية للكهر باء بالزياض) وقدصدر الامرالعالىالكريم بالمواققة على ذلك وصار المقد فما بيننا شعن المدرجة اسماؤهمادناه على تأسيس هذهااشركة انشاءاله والغرض منها ان تقوم بالعمل مبدئيا لجلب مكاين للنور والطحن اللازمين للبلاد لحساب كل مشترك وان تقوم عا تتطلبه البلاد من المشاريع الاقتصادية المفيدة للبلاد بعسد الاستئذان من الحمكومة وموافقتها على ذلكوقدراً ينا وضعهذة التعلمات الآنية للتمشي علىها موقتا ريما يوضع للشركة نظامها الخاص ويم عرضه على الحكومة . ١ ــ ادارة الشركة ومركزهاو محلها الرسمي الرياض ومدة هذه الشركه مائة سنا ابتداءمنغرة شهر ربيع الثاني سنةالفوثلاغانةوخمسةوستين مالم يطرأ عليهامايوجب حليا قبل هذا الأجل. ٣ -- حدد قيمة السهم الواحد من اسهم الشركة عائة ريال . ٣ - للمشترك إن يشتري من واحد إلى مائة سهم ولايجوز له مشتري أكثر مز مائة سعم من اسهم الشركة . ١ – يقوم بالوكالة لتلتى رسائل المساهمين سعد بن عبد العزيز بن بحيمان وأعضا. المجلس وهم عبدالله بن عبد العزيز بن حسن، سعد التخيفي ، سليمان بن عبد العزيز ابن مقیرن ، حسن بن محمد بن حسینان ، راشد ابو بیان ، سعد بن محیان ،حسن بن قباء محمد بن عبد الدريز النمر ، صالح بن محيان ، محمد بن عبد القادر نيسا بة عن أخيه صالح محمد بن سيار ، سليان بن غنيم ، ابراهيم الخيال وذلك بينما يصدرالنظام الخاص وبؤسس مجلس اداري وجعية عمومية . ه — نملن ذلك للمعوم وعلى كل من يرغب المساهمـة في هذه الشركة من رعا! الملكة الدربية السعودية فعليه أن يبادر لمراجعة القائم باعمال الشركة أو واحد من الاعضاء أو أمين الصندوق على من عبد الله بن خميس لحجز مقدار الأسهم التب يرغب الاكتتاب بها على أن يكون باب الاكتتاب مفتوحا مالم تنفذ اسهم الشركة . ۲ – يتمهدكل مساع أن يدفع خس قيمة الامهم لصندوق الشركة حالا والباذ

۲ -- يتعهد كل مسام أن يدفع خمس قيمة الاسهم لصندوق الشر له حالا والباؤ يدفعه عند ما تطابه الشركة بدون تأخير وعلى هذا مار الاعلان وبالله التوفيق . رئيس الشركة سعد بن عبد المزيز بن محياً.

^{*} The History of Electricity, King Abdulaziz Foundation for Research and Archives.

^{**} Um Al-Qura newspaper, No. issue 11, Friday, 29th March 1946.

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🗲 جريدة أم القرى في يوم الجمة ٢٥ ذو القدية سنة ١٣٧٤ هـ -- الموافق ١٥ يوليه سنة ١٩٥٥ م ک الشركة السعودية للكهر باء دءوة للاكتتاب في زيادة رأس المال طبقاً لقرارات الجمعية العمومية الغير اعتيادية المنعقدة في تاريخ الج من شهر ذى القعدة سنة ١٣٧٤ م الموافق 11 من شهر يوليو سنة ١٩٥٥ م المنخذة في شأن زيادة رأس مال الشركة الى ٢٠ مليون ريال لمقابلة أعمال النوسة في مشر وعات الشركة بمكة والطائف وضواحبها وذلك باصدار أمهم جديدة مقدارها (٥٠٠٠) خمسة وتسعين ألف مبهم قيمة كل مبهم منها مائة ريال لها وعليها من الحقوق والالتزامات والأرباح والخسائر ما للأسهم السابقة على أن هذه الأمهم الجديدة سواء في ذلك أسهم المؤسسين أو المساهمين لا تدخيل في حساب الأرباح والخسائر الا بعد مضي منتين ماليتين خلاف السنة المالية الحالية حسب الشروط الواردة في قرار الجمعية المعومية الغير اعتيادية وتقبل الشركة الاكتناب على الاساس التالي : ١ -- يحق للمساهمين القدامي أن يكتتبوا فبا يساوى خسين في المائة من عدد الأسيم التي يمتلكونها . ٢ - يقبل الاكتتاب من الجمهور من غير الماهين القدامي في حدود عدد الأسهم الخصصة لم ومقدارها ٢١٢٢٥ سعا . ٣ – الأسهم الجديدة المطروحة للاكتتاب العام المنوه عنها في الفقرة الثانية لا يجوز أن يقتنى منها المساهم الجديد بأكثر من مائة سهم أما بالنسبة للمساهم الحالى اذا كان ما عتلكه من الأسبم أقل من المائة جوزله تكاة أسبمه منها الى مائة سبم . ٤ - مدة الاكتتاب المحددة تبدأ من يوم الخيس ٢٤ من شهر ذي القعدة سنة ١٣٧٤ هـ الموافق ١٤ يوليو سنسة ١٩٥٥ م وتنتهى في يوم ألميس ٢٩ من شهر ذي الحجة ١٣٧٤ هـ الموافق ١٨ أغسطس ١٩٥٥ م . بعد انتهاء المدة المحددة للاكنتاب في النقرة الرابعة يلحق ما يفيض من الأسهم المخصصة للساهمين القدامي الواردة في الفقرة الأولى للاكتتاب العام . م. يدفع المكتتب قيمة أسهمه بالنكابل بمتر الشركة بمـكة ويستلم الايصالات الخاصة بالأسهم المكتتب بها ولا تقبل الطلبات غير المرفقة بالقيمة . بجلس الادارة

Invitation to subscribe to an increase in capital for the Saudi Electricity Company. *

Joint-Stock Cement Companies

With the expansion of building and infrastructure projects in Saudi Arabia in the 1950s, increased demand for building materials, resulted in the establishment of a number of cement companies. Saudi Arabia also experienced growth due large-scale urbanisation and government development projects. In 1956, the Saudi Cement Company, later known as the Arabian Cement Company, was founded with a capital of SAR 20 million, divided into 200 thousand shares. Of these shares, 98 thousand were made available for public subscription at SAR 100 per share. The Arabian Cement Company is one of the oldest joint-stock companies in Saudi Arabia and its shares are still traded on the Saudi Stock Exchange.

> An invitation to subscribe for the shares of the Arabian Cement Company (formerly known as Saudi Cement Company) in 1956.

دعوة للاكتتاب فى شركة الاسبنت السعودية المحدودة بقضابةتمالى تالغت شركة محدودة برئاسة معالى الشيخ هبداقه السليان الضمان لانشاء مصنع للاسمنت والجير المدة خس منوات من ضبعها مدة الناسيس ومقدارها منتان ويثولى بعد ذاك بحلس ف المنطقة النربية من الملكة العربية أدارة تنتخبه الجمية العامة قشركة مدنه السمودية مقرها جدة ، وذلك بناء على ثلاثسنوات يموجب نظام الشركة الداخلي الامتياز الممنوح لمعالى الشيخ عبدالله وايما - مدة الشركة خسة وعشرون السلمان يموجب للرسوم الملكي الكريم سنة تتجدد من تلقاء نفسها مدة خسة رقم ١٣٧ و قار ي ١٢ /٥ / ١٣٧٤٠ وعشرين سنة اخرى وان من دواعي سرورالمؤسسين لهذه وبرجو الؤسسون ان يبادر المواطنون الشركة ۽ وقد غطوا ٥١ ٪ من رأس السموديون الكرام بالاكتتاب وتقديم الماليالمكتتب يه يموجب ماخولهم المرسوم الطلبات الى شركة الامحنت السودية الملكى الكريم المشار اليه آنفا –ان الحدودة جدةوان يدفعواالى البنك الاهل يوجهوا الدهوة الىالمواطنين السعوديين المكرام للاكتتاب في الاسهم الباقية من التجاري بجدة او الى فروهه في للملكة الدربية المعودية نصف قيمة الأسهمالق وأس المال ومقدارها ١٨ الف منهم. يقدمون طلب الاكتتاب قيها وذلك ا وفيا يلي بعض المعارمات التي تهم فى خلال مدة تنتجى عندظير يوم الاربعاء ألسام المعودي الكريم . الموافق ١٠ شعبان ١٣٧٥ . اولا-، أس المال المطروح للاكتتاب وللوسين الحق في انقاص أمهم هو عشرون مليون ريال عربي سعودي المكتتبين على التساوي الى ألدى الذي متسبة إلى مائتي الف منهم . يفطى الامهم المطاوية وستصدر الشركة كانيا - قيمة السهم الواحد مائة ريال شهادات بامهم الساهمين عند دقع كامل هر بي ن.ودي . والجد الاعلى للاكتتاب قينة الأسهم في الوقت الذي يعين فيما مالة سهم فلط 1-1 بند . وباله النوقيق . كالتا - يتولى ادارة الشركة المون

* Um Al-Qura newspaper, No. issue 1602, 3rd February 1956.

المالحاق المعادية شكر الانه The Arabian Cement Co. Ltd. 11461 Jeddah Saudi Arabia Glad יישליצו באוצי זו אופולעבל שיאוג منح (مت ازمال في حد ال وصدر بتانيسها للأمرال ما الله من الك الح الله 12)15 MYY وىمتم الى ١,٥٠٠ مايون 10 (5 10) AUSa لفي الم قيمة كل سام ... وغمهانة للف مم مرفوع منه 0. Eggu Goge d or allair as つうだうたっこうろ 297AVE 1111 ارى في الماكة العربة السعودية الشهادة لأحكام نظام الشركة الأساسي ولأحكام نظلع -13 17 مة يوم الاشين ٦ 0 مضومجلسوا لال 1 744593 まっろう JL

A share certificate from the Arabian Cement Company (formerly known as the Saudi Cement Company) in 1971.



A dividend coupon.

*Um Al-Qura newspaper, Issue 1602, February 3, 1996

(1957)

Riyad Bank's IPO

The banking industry also played a significant role in the growth of local joint-stock companies. In 1957, a group of Saudi entrepreneurs established the Riyad Bank as a joint-stock company with an authorised capital of 50,000 shares at SAR 1,000 per share. The founders subscribed for 34,000 shares (SAR 34 million), while the remaining 16,000 shares (SAR 16 million) were made available for public subscription. Riyad Bank was the first national bank in the Kingdom to offer its shares for subscription. The offering was successful in sparking interest in the primary stock market and fostering a culture of subscriptions and promoting the concept of share ownership.



*Riyad Bank



Invitation to subscribe for Riyad Bank's shares in 1957.

(1959)

National Gypsum Company

The gypsum industry in Saudi Arabia began in 1956 with the establishment of the Al-Nasr Gypsum Industries Company, which was granted a 50-year concession to mine gypsum in the Najd region *. However, the concession was later transferred to the National Gypsum Company, which was founded on 30th April 1959 as a joint-stock company by virtue of a Royal Decree. The company had a capital of SAR 12 million, divided into 300 thousand shares at SAR 40 per share, with half of the shares offered for public subscription **.



King Salman Bin Abdulaziz during a visit to the National Gypsum Company in 1973***

^{*} Um Al-Qura newspaper, No. issue 1637, 19th October 1956.

^{**} Um Al-Qura newspaper, No. issue 1764, 17th April 1959.

^{***} From the archives of the National Gypsum Company.

(جريدة أم القرى فى يوم الجمعه ٨ شوال سنة ١٣٧٨ – الوافق ١٧ ابريل سنة ١٩٥٩). مَرْسُوم مَلَجَحَى كَرَبْعُو سيس شركة مساهمة عربية سعودية تسبي (شركة الجبس الاهلية) اذاعت المدَّر بة العامة للاذاعة والصحافه والنشر المرسوم الملكي الآبي : من سعود بن عبدالعزيز الى حضرة الاخ المكرم فيصل مله الله االسلام عليكم ورحمة الله وبركاته لقد أطلعنا على مذكرتكم رقم ١٥٨٣٨ في ١٢/٩/١٣٧ كما اطلعنا على العقد التأسيسي لشركة الجبس الأهلية والنظام الأساسي لها ولقد وافقنا علىقرار مجلس الوزراء رقم ١١١ في ٢/٢ /١٣٧٨ المتخذ بشأنها فينبغي ابلاغ الجهات ذات الملاقة للعمل بعاهذا مازم بيانه والسلام . التوقيع الملكى الكربع 2.2 قرار رقم ۱۱۱ وتاريخ ۱۳۷۸/۹/۹ أطلم مجلس الوزراء على النظام الأساسي لشركة الجبس الاهلية وعلى المقد التأسيسي لهذه الشركة ودرس لللاحظات التي ادلت بها اللجنة المشتركة بمجلس الوزراء في قرارها رقم ٢٤ في ٢ /٧ /٧ م بشأن النظام والمقيد المذكورين أعلاه وقرر للوافقة عليهما بالصفة الموضحة في الاوراق للرافقه لهذا ولماذ کر حرر . فسطا رئيس مجلس الوزراء

Royal Decree on founding the National Gypsum Company *

(1965)

Companies Law

The introduction of the Commercial Law in 1931 marked a significant change in the history of the Saudi capital market and the formation of national joint-stock companies. These companies were present in various industries playing an important role in diversifying economic activities, developing the country's infrastructure, and promoting the idea of share ownership among citizens. However, the concept of share ownership was still limited to the passive investment strategy of 'buy and hold'. Shareholders viewed themselves as business partners and were not inclined to sell their shares, particularly since the ownership of shares in large joint-stock companies such as electricity, cement, and gypsum companies was concentrated among a small number of businesspeople. Despite the early emergence of the concept of share ownership, it was not fully developed until the passing of the Companies Law by Royal Decree M/6 on 21st July 1965.



Royal Decree M/6 approving the Companies Law of 1965.

^{*} National Centre for Archives & Records

A detailed subscription announcement

following the

Law.

implementation

of the Companies

The Companies Law of 1965 played a crucial role in shaping the development of the Saudi stock market by establishing a modern and transparent system. This Law provided specific guidelines for public subscription, including conditions and timing, and outlined how to invite the public to subscribe through banks. Additionally, it mandated that joint-stock companies provide detailed information in their prospectuses and adhere to disclosure requirements. As a result of this law, the number of joint-stock companies that offered their shares to the public increased, particularly with the merger of electricity companies and the Saudisation of branches of foreign banks.

الدائرة الشكرة دعوة جهلور المواطنين مسعودي المنسبة فتعد الى الأكتاب في الأسهر المنبعة. أربعة ملاينيت سلم قيمة السهم الواحد مدا (ماتة ديل) ففاذا لعكم المادة رقم ٧ حكومة صاحب الجلالة من تشجع لهم وعددهما أر عومية إن ريجلس إدارة الشركة السعودية النعتس الجامى روت ۱ ۲۰۱۱ بتاریخ ۲۰۲۲/۱۳۹۹ a الترخيص ب Di cand ية للتَّصَل الْجَامِي - متَرَكمَة معودية، وإن مال قدرة ------ (ميال الف طيرة). حودي اعتسم الل ----- (ما معام (عشرة طيويت سهم) في تدامسهم الواحد-- (ولا اللاتون). ، وخسماتة الف سهم) لعبندوق الاستقارات المت امة. معا (الاشة ماديس المكراريسي، الرتباس - المذكر بات الف سهم) لفوسسون - سعودي الجنس ٥١٦ سهما (مليونان بعر: عادية - نقدب م)الذكاب لمساهين معوديا اجنية بلايع. سيسنا (أدبع كالكا: تتكما من العالية لأهد مدّ هذا الشروع ودغبته منها في منادسة الخدمات الرجوة مند على أخذ وجهد فانها وأغراض الشركة السعودية للنقل الجماعي وحي : -تقبت فرار مجلس الوزراء رق ۲۷۸ وتابيخ ۲۸ ۲۸ / ۲۹۸۶ وينه سنوية بعيث تفين للشركة تحقق رب قدره ۱۵ بز القدم الدولية لل ن رسع قدد و 11 × فترالحاب بالعافلات على مشكمة الطرات العامة بالملحة داخد للدن وفيا بيتها ولنشركة فخي لتة ... ومن ذلك يتضع أن الشركة إبعا: تاريخ ب بلاقف مايل، مكان الإكلاب : البالك الاعني التجاري وفروع... بال الريب من وفروع..... · . شراء واستنجار الأداضع والمباو الازمة لنشاط الشركة . بداقامة المستودعات والورش والمغازن ومؤكز العيانة والحطات والرأقف والاستراحات على الطرق الرشيسية بين الملات وكافة الباني الأنزمة لاعالها وإدارتها. إيداعها في بَنْ الربياس أوالبنك الأصلي أوأحد فروتهما لحسّساب ج. تَمَلَك وشراء الما فلات والعدات والآلات وكافئة المجهيزات التي يحاجها المرفق. · والطريقة الترجددها بحس الشركة بتزارات يعدرها في حيث . د - للشركة العق في امالاك كاماتوا ولارام من الأموال التقولة وغير المتقولة السفية أغامها. ه التيام بكافة الأخراض اللازمة أوالكماة الأغار التابقه. 1118-ودلك من النوك الذكورة يل داخد و. الاستعادة بالخبات الضرودية الوطنية والأجنبية بارسة أعالها. ALL , MAS, ز. يجوزند ركة أن يكون لها مصلحة أوتشترك بألي وجد من الوجوه في مؤسسسات، أو شركات أو هيسات تتراول أعالا سيبهة بأعالها أوتعاونها في تعتيق غراضها أوتكون مكله المسجد الارة ، الأسرخارين عوجش الملالقليه مالج عيداحكا لها وأن تدميع فيها أوتشترتها أو تلعقها بها. أحضبه الكتورمته والتكه - بومق لجران . وكثر متى عوالته رعلاتي وعلصالعراه وع

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(1976 – 1981)

Merging Electricity Companies

The merger of the provincial electricity companies played a significant role in the growth of the Saudi stock market and encouraged citizens to participate in public offerings. The General Electricity Corporation was established in 1976 to execute electrical projects that aligned with the national development plan and to expand access to electricity throughout the Kingdom. The consolidation process began by merging 95 smaller companies across the country, resulting in the formation of the Consolidated Saudi Electricity companies of the Eastern, Central, Southern, and Western provinces in the years 1976, 1979, and 1981 respectively. The shares of these newly formed companies were then offered to the public, which had a positive impact on stock market activity and increased interest among citizens.



The first power generation facility in Al-Khobar (built in the 1950s).

* From the archives of the Saudi Electricity Company.

Mergers of Provincial Electricity Companies of Various Provinces



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(1975 – 1983)

Saudisation of Foreign Bank Branches

A major development in the Saudi capital market was the government's move to allow foreign banks to open branches in the Kingdom. This began in 1926 with the establishment of a branch in Jeddah owned by the Netherlands Trading Society, which later became the Algemene Bank Nederland. Further foreign bank branches were established, bringing their total number to ten, compared to only two national banks *. In 1975, the government led an initiative to Saudise foreign bank branches, whereby at least 60% of the capital must be held by Saudi nationals and a cap of not more than 40% on foreign ownership. By 1983, the number of commercial banks in the Kingdom had reached ten, and their shares were made available for public subscription, which helped increase the number of publicly traded companies in the market.



The Netherlands Trading Society's branch in Jeddah in 1959 **.



The late King Faisal Bin Abdulaziz during a visit to the Netherlands Trading Society in 1926 to sign an agreement on the opening of a branch in Jeddah city. ***

^{*} SAMA, Annual Report, 1976.

^{**} Muhmmad Saeed AI-Hajj Ali, the Saudi Arabian Monetary Agency: Establishment, Journey, and Achievements (1952-2001), 2nd edition, 2001.

^{***} Teunis deGraaf (2012). For Trade and Society History of the Netherlands Trading Society, 1824-1964, Utrecht University, Netherlands

Saudisation of Foreign Bank Branches



Phase I ——

(1984)

SABIC's IPO

Prior to 1983, the stock market was limited to private national companies whose owners made some of their shares available for public subscription. Additionally, foreign banks that had a presence in the country and foreign companies that were granted mining concessions also had made share offerings. State-owned companies were not a part of this market until the government made a significant privatisation move by making some of its projects and affiliated companies available for public subscription. The Saudi Basic Industries Corporation (SABIC) was the first and most notable government company to do so. SABIC was established by a Royal Decree on 6th September 1976. A few days later, on 12th September 1983, the Council of Ministers issued Resolution No. 298 approving the public offer of 20% (2 million shares) of the company's shares. 1.8 million shares were allocated for Saudi citizens and 200 thousand were allocated for GCC citizens.



Um Al-Oura newspaper, No. issue 2644, Fridav, 29th October 1976.



* National Centre for Archives & Records



The public offering of SABIC shares began in January 1984, reaching a total of 373,303 subscribers, who paid over SAR 3.7 billion, resulting in an oversubscription of 2.5 times. Soon after, the company's board of directors decided to increase the percentage of offered shares to 3 million, representing 30% of the company's shares instead of 20%. The SABIC share offering was a significant event in the history of the Saudi stock market, as it marked an increase in the number of subscribers and offered shares. and it also marked the first time that small shareholders entered the market in large numbers to participate in public offerings for investment purposes. As a result, stock trading operations increased.

Sample share certificate from SABIC *



Announcement of SABIC's share allocation result*.

Kuwait's Souk Al-Manakh Stock Market Crisis

Capital markets are often influenced by events in other markets, both regional and global, particularly when it comes to the direct or indirect effects of crises. In 1982, a market crisis occurred in Kuwait, which had an unofficial market called Souk Al-Manakh for trading shares of unlisted companies. Although the Saudi market was not directly affected by this crisis, it did contribute to a desire for better regulation to prevent similar crises from occurring in Saudi Arabia.

The Kuwaiti stock market was highly active between 1979 and 1982, with a focus on trading shares of closed Kuwaiti companies, GCC companies, and phantom companies (which did not really exist). The market attracted traders from the Kuwaiti and GCC communities, leading to speculation and causing a significant increase in share prices and trading volume. In 1982, the number of traded shares reached 3.5 billion compared to only 837 million in the official market. Many speculators sought to buy shares at inflated prices. In doing so, they resorted to forward sales, borrowing from banks, and even selling land and properties. The market value of shares in the Kuwaiti market rose from \$5 billion to \$100 billion within several months, as share prices increased between 20 and 50% monthly on average, and sometimes reached 100% growth in a day. As a result, traders and market speculators of Souk Al-Manakh market, which numbered around 100,000 individuals, accumulated massive wealth.





* Al-Jarida newspaper, issue 3rd February 2013.

In August 1982, the Souk Al-Manakh market bubble burst when a leading speculator failed to pay off a large debt after presenting a post-dated cheque that was not backed by funds. This news rapidly spread among traders, many of whom were forced to sell their shares at a loss to settle their post-dated cheque debts. This led to a collapse in prices, causing the bankruptcy of many market participants. Eventually, the Kuwaiti government stepped in to restructure the stock market. The crisis highlighted the need for Saudi Arabia and other neighbouring countries to establish a legal framework for regulating stock trading.



Souk Al-Manakh Crash Chronological Table

Stock Brokerage Firms

Prior to 1983, stock trading in Saudi Arabia occurred via an unregulated market made up of around 32 stock brokerage firms located in the major cities. Stock trading became a popular profession among many people in the late seventies and early eighties. The catchphrase "we buy and sell shares" became commonplace in both newspapers and hanging over doorways of businesses. The catchphrase was a common and natural part of everyday language. Prices for shares varied between brokerage firms and were based on personal relationships and access to information. The market was characterised by slow updates and low activity, and access to information was not easy for traders. Stock trading was difficult and time-consuming, which prompted the need to regulate the stock market to allow the Saudi capital market to progress to the next phase in its history, especially after the collapse of the Souk Al-Manakh market in Kuwait.



A stock brokerage firm in the early 1980s.



Stock brokerage advertisements in local newspapers, 1981.

Outcomes of Phase One

Subsequent to the offering of Arabian Cement Company's shares in 1956, the number of Saudi joint-stock companies increased, particularly in the cement production and electricity sectors, reflecting the development of the Kingdom's infrastructure and industrial growth. The number of joint-stock companies reached 14 by 1975. The period from 1976 to 1983 saw an increase in the number of companies being offered for public subscription, particularly after the state's initiative to Saudise foreign bank branches and merge electricity companies. Moreover, this period witnessed growing interest among a growing number of citizens in the stock market, especially following the government's move to offer shares at nominal prices significantly lower than their actual value. The 1984 public offering of SABIC, a government-owned company, was the largest regional offering at the time, providing a strong boost to the market. Consequently, the number of publicly traded joint-stock companies rose to about fifty, and interest in stock trading further increased. In the same year, a total of 4 million shares were traded, valued at SAR 760 million, with a market value of SAR 67 billion, and 7.8 thousand transactions were completed.

Electricity Petrochemicals Cement and gypsum Transport Financial Food Services

Joint Stock Companies' Market Shares by Sector in 1984



Joint-Stock Companies' Market Share According to Sectors in 1984



Key Developments in the Saudi Stock Market (1923-1984)





Phase Two

Setting the Scene



(1984 - 2003)

Phase II -

Regulating the Saudi Stock Market

Roval Decree No. 8/1230, issued on 24th April 1983, regulated the buying and selling of shares through local banks as of 23rd November 1984, marking the start of a new phase aimed at establishing a regulatory framework for stock trading. The Royal Decree restricted trading activities to commercial banks, which were mandated to open centralised trading units at their headquarters and secondary trading units at their branches across the Kingdom. Moreover, the Royal Decree stipulated the formation of a ministerial committee to oversee the new regulations. As a result, a new regulatory framework for stock trading between 1984 and 2003 was created, with the Saudi Arabian Monetary Authority (SAMA) issuing implementing rules for regulating the trading of company shares through commercial banks.



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Implementing Rules for Regulating the Trading of Company Shares through Commercial Banks

The Ministerial Committee

In 1984, the Ministerial Committee was formed pursuant to Royal Order No. (8/1230). The Committee members were Mr.Mohammed Ali abalkhail, Minister of Finance and National Economy; Dr. Suleiman Abdel-Aziz alsleim, Minister of Commerce; and Mr. Hamad Saud Al-Sayyari, Governor of SAMA. For the next 20 years, the Ministerial Committee assumed the role of stock market supervision.



The Standing Supervisory Committee (SSC)

The SSC was formed under the Ministerial Committee and was comprised of experts from three government entities: the Ministry of Finance, the Ministry of Commerce, and SAMA. The SSC worked in tandem with the Ministerial Committee to supervise stock market activities. Meetings of the SSC took place at the headquarters of SAMA and its decisions were passed by a two-thirds majority vote. Additionally, the SSC was obliged to submit quarterly reports to the Ministerial Committee.



Stock Control Department

In the early stages of market development, legislation and regulations related to the stock market were starting to be implemented, however, oversight and control did not meet the desired standards, especially as private brokerage firms remained in operation. As a result, investors struggled to access market information concerning supply and demand and daily buying and selling prices. Recognising the importance of having a specialised and independent entity for trading affairs, SAMA established the Stock Control Department in 1985. For 20 years, the Department supervised the market by enforcing regulations and directly overseeing market operations. The Department also had a limited role in proposing regulations and guidelines to govern daily market activity.



SAMA established the Stock Control Department in 1985.

Stock Control Department



Trading through Banks

Subsequent to the restriction of buying and selling of shares through commercial banks, bank branches became responsible for handling trading services. They processed market orders and financial transactions. Funds were transferred to sellers within two days of completing a sale and share certificates issued within one week of the purchase. Moreover, the banks set up centralised trading units that received orders from branches and conducted interbank trading operations. There were 12 central trading units at the time.



A trading hall in a local bank*

^{*} Tadawul Magazine, issue 34, August 2009.

The Saudi Shares Registration Company (SSRC)

Companies and investors faced ongoing struggles in relation to distributing and receiving dividends, chief among them being the procedures for the registration of ownership. These difficulties included issues related to the certificates issued to shareholders and problems in communicating with investors due to a lack of access to their information and missing mailing addresses. Additionally, there were delays in transferring and registering new shares as well as updating company records. These issues resulted in investors having to wait for over 15 days to complete procedures. In response to these challenges, the Saudi Shares Registration Company (SSRC) was established in 1984 with the participation of all Saudi banks, with the exception of Alrajhi bank. Each bank contributed SAR 1 million to the SSRC's capital, totalling SAR 11 million. The SSRC's board of directors included a representative from each participating bank.

Saudi Shares Registration Company



Local Stock Index

On 28th February 1985, the National Centre for Finance and Economic Information (NCFEI), an entity affiliated with the Ministry of Finance and National Economy, issued its first weekly general stock index, the NCFEI Index, which was a capitalisation-weighted stock market index calculated using the following formula:

NCFEI = (today's market value of total shares outstanding ÷ yesterday's market value of total shares outstanding) x index value of the previous day.



The Ministry of Finance building which housed the NCFEI in the 1980s.

Stock Trading Activity

Following the launch of the general stock price index, local newspapers started publishing daily reports on stock trading activity. These reports included information on market sectors and the companies whose shares were traded in each sector, along with the total number and value of shares traded and the total number of transactions. This allowed investors to keep a daily watch on share prices, a more standardised approach from the previous phase were prices varied among different stock brokerage firms.



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A stock trading report published in Al Riyadh newspaper, 1989.

A stock price bulletin published in Al Jazirah newspaper, 1988.

Central Trading Hall (CTH)

To make the registration and trading of shares easier, the Standing Supervisory Committee (SSC) proposed to the Ministerial Committee a plan for regulating stock trading through a central trading hall. As a result, the Ministerial Committee agreed to have bank representatives convene at designated times in the newly created Central Trading Hall (CTH) to match and execute buy and sell orders.



The Industrial Development Fund building, located on the old airport road (now known as King Abdulaziz Airport Road), which housed the CTH in 1987. The CTH started its operations on 11th May 1987 on the ground floor of the Saudi Industrial Development Fund building in Riyadh. A separate office was also allocated for the Saudi Shares Registration Company (SSRC), which was located next to the CTH. However, the CTH only lasted for a week and the trading returned to the previous system of central units. The reasons for the discontinuation of the CTH were the inefficiency and high cost of trading; the global trend towards automated trading systems; reconciliation of banking payments, and trading technologies; and ambiguity surrounding the compliance of some financial transactions with Islam.



Trading at the Central Trading Hall

Share Ownership Notices

Joint-stock companies continued to issue share certificates to their shareholders. However, in 1987, following the brief operation of the CTH, share ownership notices were introduced as an alternative to certificates. While the issuance of certificates continued, SAMA gave notices a faster settlement feature, allowing them to be settled the next day (T+1) compared to two working days (T+2) for certificates. As an automated trading system was being implemented, share ownership notices gradually replaced certificates. The system of trading, clearing and settlement continued to accept both certificates and notices until 1996, when SAMA brought trading in certificates to an end and required their holders to convert them to notices before being able to trade them.



An ownership notice issued in 1991.

1 15 1 11 1 قمالشمادة 57 شركة مساهمة سعودية . المركز الرئيسي: الرياض سجــل تجــاري : ١٠١٠٠٠١٠٥٤ مرخص بها بمقتضى الأمر الملكي الكريم بموجب كتاب معالى وزير المالية والإقتصاد الوطني رقم ٢/١٢٦٩ بتاريخ ١٣٧٦/٦/١٥هـ. رأس المال المشفوع ٠٠٠, ٠٠٠, ٤, ديال سعودي (أربعة آلاف مليون ريال) مقسماً إلى بر ٨٠ سهم (ثمانين مليون سهم) عادي ونقدي. قيمة السهم الإسمية ٥٠ ريالا سعودياً (خمسون ريالا سعودياً). مددة الشركة: تسعة وتسعون عاماً من تاريخ تسجيل الشركة تسجيلاً نظامياً. أغراض الشركة: مزاولة جميع الأعمال المصرفية والإستثمارية داخل الملكة وخارجها. نشـهـد بأن رقم الهـوية سجل تجاري صدرها تاري وانــه 1.00 **اشنان وشللتو a 1 b صدرت بمدينة الرياض بتاريخ ١٢ ١٧ ١٤١٨ الموافق ٢٤ ٢، ١٩٩٨ رئيس مجلس الإدارة الختم نائب رئيس مجلس الإدارة SPHERE P

A share certificate of a joint-stock company (1998).

The Electronic Securities Information System (ESIS)

The Saudi stock market implemented the Electronic Securities Information System (ESIS) on 31st July 1990, making it the first electronic stock market in the region and among emerging markets. The system provided information on market orders, trading prices as well as data on joint-stock companies, their financial statements, and announcements. Initially, the system operated a single evening session, but in October 1992, a second trading session was added. Consequently, the system operated from Saturday to Wednesday for four hours per day, divided into two sessions, morning and evening. In 1994, a Thursday morning session was added. Moreover, ESIS linked the trading screens of banks' central trading units to SAMA's consolidated information screen. As technology advanced and the automation became faster, traders began to prefer trading using the system through banks instead of the firms that previously dominated trading before 1990. Gradually, the brokerage firms went out of business with only a few remaining. Furthermore, the Saudi Shares Registration Company (SSRC) issued annually its Saudi Joint-Stock Companies publication, which contained trading and company information for the previous four years, enabling investors to track companies' performance and make informed investment decisions.



Cover of the Saudi Joint-Stock Companies publication (1992). لشرة أسمار الاسهم المتناولة ليوم الاربعاء ٢٢/١/٢٢ هـ (٢٢/ ٧/ ١٩٩٢)

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Stock Price Bulletins

Following the implementation of the Electronic Securities Information System (ESIS) for the Saudi stock market in 1990, traders were able to access real-time stock prices during market hours and no longer needed to rely on daily stock price bulletins issued by banks. These bulletins used to include the names of listed companies, the number of transactions completed, the number of shares traded, the high, low, and average prices, book values, and annual earnings per share as well as dividends paid per share.

A stock price bulletin issued by Bank AlJazira (1992).

Local Stock Investment Funds

The Saudi stock market until 1992 was primarily dominated by individual investors. Markets dominated by individual investors tend to be highly volatile reacting quickly to political and economic events. This is one of the reasons why capital markets have historically shifted towards promoting institutional investment and encouraging individuals to invest through institutional channels, such as investment funds. In Saudi Arabia, local banks were granted permission to establish stock investment funds pursuant to Resolution No. 2052 by the Minister of Finance and National Economy on 17th January 1993. This decision approved regulations for investment funds managed by local banks, and the banks subsequently began creating funds for local stocks. This was an important step in attracting the savings of individuals who were hesitant to participate in the stock market due to a lack of financial knowledge.

The regulations permitted investment funds to own shares of publicly traded companies. The following document is an ownership notice of an investment fund owning shares in the Tabuk Agricultural Development Company, issued by the SSRC in 1992.





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Development of Investment Funds

Investment funds have experienced significant growth with the number of active funds growing from 52 in 1992 to 170 by the end of 2003. Additionally, the number of subscribers increased during this time, from 33,162 to 172,197. The total assets of these funds increased from SAR 12.4 billion in 1992 to SAR 53.87 billion in 2003.



Investment Fund Assets (SAR billion) (1992-2003)



Number of subscribers in investment funds (1992-2003)

Number of active funds (1992-2003)



First Steps Towards Foreign Investment

Prior to 1997, trading in the Saudi Arabia stock market was only available to citizens. However, as the country began to open up to the global market and having commenced negotiations to join the World Trade Organization, the government took gradual steps to open the stock market to foreign investors. The first of these steps was creating and listing the first local stock fund on the London Stock Exchange by the Saudi American Bank (SAMBA) in August 1997, known as the Saudi Investment Fund (SIF). This allowed non-Saudis to invest indirectly in the Saudi stock market; the fund raised USD 250 million from non-Saudi investors.

The next step was to allow GCC nationals to own shares of Saudi companies. In May 1997, the Council of Ministers approved the implementation of a resolution by the Supreme Council of the Gulf Cooperation Council allowing GCC citizens to own shares of companies in member countries. This decision came into effect in Saudi Arabia in January 1998. Lastly, the third step was in 1999, when for the first time, non-resident and resident non-Saudis were permitted to invest in local stock investment funds through Qualified Foreign Investor (QFI) licenses.

Approval of the resolution of the Supreme Council of the Gulf Cooperation Council on allowing GCC citizens to own shares of listed companies in member states*

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^{*} Um Al-Qura newspaper, No. issue 3650, 30th May 1997.



The Supreme Council of the Gulf Cooperation Council during its 9th session in Manamah, Bahrain (1988). *

A New Trading System

The Electronic Securities Information System (ESIS) operated from 1991 and underwent many improvements. As technology advanced and trading volumes increased, SAMA began working on a new more advanced market system. The Tadawul Electronic System (TES) was launched on 6th October 2001, and the operations of the SSRC were integrated into this new system. This was achieved by adopting and implementing electronic investment accounts as well as ceasing to deal with physical ownership documents. Consequently, ownership was maintained in a central securities depository. Accounts registered in the name of investors were available in one or several investment portfolios that facilitated multiple operations, such as buying, selling, mortgaging, and releasing collateral. In 2002, the Tadawul website was launched and the name "Tadawul" was registered as a trademark of the Saudi Stock Exchange. Additionally, the calculation of the general stock market index was transferred from the National Centre for Finance and Economic Information (NCFEI) to Tadawul and was named Tadawul All Share Index (TASI).



Cover page of a report on local stock trading activity (2001)*

* Archives of the Saudi Stock Exchange (Tadawul)

** Tadawul Magazine, 1st issue, 2002.

Banks' Electronic Trading Services

Historically, investors had the inconvenience of dealing with brokerage firms and then banks' trading halls in person. However, in March 2002, the Saudi American Bank introduced a service that allowed investors to trade stocks from the comfort of their own homes via the internet. The service was well received by citizens and prompted other local banks to quickly offer similar electronic trading services. This led to an increase in the volume of local stock trading and the number of shareholders of listed companies. The accounts of individual investors in banks were linked to their accounts in the TES system, enabling them to easily buy and sell shares, view their investment portfolio, monitor orders, and access market information, including prices, trading volume, transactions, and market index performance.



Beginning of online trading in 2002*

STC IPO

If the public offering of SABIC was a defining moment in the history of the Saudi capital market, then the public offering of the Saudi Telecom Company (STC) was a major milestone in the market's second phase. On 9th September 2002, the Council of Ministers approved offering 30% of STC's shares, which was a government-owned joint-stock company established on 20th April 1998. The Council of Ministers also decided to increase the company's capital from SAR 12 billion to SAR 15 billion, and the number of shares to 300 million, by issuing 90 million shares for public subscription at a price of SAR 170 per share. Of these shares, 60 million were allocated for Saudi citizens, and 30 million were distributed among the Public Pension Agency and the General Organization for Social Insurance.



During STC's public offering

* CNN archives, 1st January 2003.

To achieve higher levels of transparency in the offering process, a detailed prospectus was prepared for the first time in the history of the Saudi capital market based on internationally recognised standards. It was distributed to all local banks and published on STC's website to ensure accessibility to all interested parties. The prospectus was clear and transparent, providing interested parties with a comprehensive understanding of all the necessary information. The subscription process ended on 6th January 2003 with a total volume of over SAR 36 billion (USD 9.6 billion) and an oversubscription of more than three times. At the time this was the largest public offering in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia in the past 20 years and the company became the second largest listed company in the capital market after Saudi Basic Industries Corporation (SABIC), which was offered for public subscription in 1984. Trading of STC shares began on 25th January 2003.



Outcomes of Phase Two



April 1998

Number of Joint Stock Companies



Stock Index Growth

Following the issuance of the Royal Order in 1983 to regulate the capital market, the general stock price index has risen from 690 points in 1985 to 4,438 points in 2003.

Joint-Stock Companies' Growth

As of the end of 2003, the number of publicly traded companies in the Saudi stock market also increased from 44 in 1985 to 70 in 2003, with an average market capitalization per company of USD 2.2 billion.



Capital Market Developments

From 1985 to 2003



The value of traded shares rose from SAR 760 million in 1985 to SAR 596.5 billion in 2003.



The number of traded shares increased from 4 million in 1985 to 5.5 billion at the end of 2003.



The number of executed transactions rose from 7,842 in 1985 to 3.8 million in 2003.

million



The market value of shares increased from SAR 67 billion in 1985 to SAR 590 billion in 2003.

Market Developments

From 1985 to 2003



The World Bank Report

Subsequent to the Royal Decree of 1983 restricting stock trading to commercial banks operating in the Kingdom and the formation of the Ministerial and Standing Supervisory Committees, efforts were made to create a more organised capital market. In September 1995 a comprehensive study was conducted to establish a modern and organised capital market based on international standards. In response to Royal directives, the Ministry of Finance and National Economy requested the World Bank to study the Saudi capital market and its potential for development to support the national economy.

The World Bank presented its report to the Saudi government in November 1996, praising the steps taken by the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia in developing its capital market, but noting that these steps did not contribute effectively to achieving two goals of the country's Sixth Development Plan, which aimed to: provide more long-term investments to finance the needs of the private sector, and increase the participation of Saudi citizens in economic growth. The report also recommended some corrective measures as well as introducing a comprehensive legislative and regulatory framework for the capital market. The recommendations were as follows:



Forming a Task Group to Prepare the Draft Capital Market Law

In response to the World Bank's recommendations, supervisory authorities began preparing the necessary studies to implement them. In 1998 SAMA's Stock Control Department conducted a preliminary study that included proposals and recommendations for implementing a Saudi capital market development programme. In 1999, SAMA and the Ministry of Finance formed a task group to implement the World Bank recommendations, including the preparation of a draft of the Capital Market Law, and undertaking studies to establish an independent capital market authority.



A letter from the Stock Control Department about the Saudi stock market development program.

Key Saudi Stock Market Developments (1983-2002)





Phase Three

Regulating the Market



- Regulatory Framework of the Capital Market
- Stock Market Bubble of 2006
- Securities Business
- Investment Companies and Products
- Disclosure and Governance in the Capital Market
- Technological Development in the Capital Market
- Opening the Market for Foreign Investment
- Investor Protection
- Capacity-Building in the Capital Market
- Financial Leadership according to Saudi Vision 2030
- Ascension to emerging market indices
- Aramco's IPO and Listing
- Outcomes of Phase Three

(1) Regulatory Framework of the Capital Market

Capital Market Law

After the World Bank's recommendations were issued, regulatory authorities began preparing the necessary studies to implement them. A legal group of experts from SAMA, the Ministry of Finance and National Economy, and other capital market entities was formed to draft a bill for the Capital Market. On 29th December 2002, the Shura Council approved the draft bill, which was then approved by the Council of Ministers on 16th June 2003. Finally, on 31st July 2003, Royal Decree No. (M/30) approved issuing the Capital Market Law and establishing the Capital Market Authority (CMA).



Royal Decree approving the Capital Market Law

The Transition

The Council of Ministers' Resolution No. 91, which approved the Capital Market Law, included provisions on managing the transitional period to ensure market stability. Therefore, all directives, rules, and regulations of the Ministerial and the Standing Supervisory Committees were to remain in effect until they were cancelled, amended, or replaced by the CMA's Board after its formation. Furthermore, stock listing and trading practices were to remain the same until they became subject to the Capital Market Law upon its promulgation. Additionally, employees of SAMA's Stock Control Department would transfer to the Capital Market Authority.



First headquarters of the Capital Market Authority, Tawuniya tower, Riyadh (2003).

The First Capital Market Authority Board

The transitional period came to an end with the issuance of Royal Order No. A/114 on 2nd July 2004, which established the first Board of the Capital Market Authority. The Board consisted of Mr. Jammaz Abdullah Al-Suhaimi as Chairman, Mr. Ibrahim Mohammed Al-Romaih as Vice Chairman, and Mr. Mohammed Maghnam Al-Shamrani, Dr. Abdul Rahman Abdul Mohsen Al-Khalaf, and Dr. Abdullah Hasan Al-Abdulgader as members.



(May Allah have mercy upon him) Chairman



Mr. Mohammed Maghnam Al-Shamrani

Member



Dr. Abdullah Hasan Al-Abdulgader

Member



Mr.Ibrahim Mohammed Al-Romaih Vice Chairman

Dr. Abdul Rahman Abdul Mohsen Al-Khalaf

Member



Establishment of the Saudi Stock Exchange (Tadawul)

The Capital Market Law stipulated the creation of the Saudi Stock Exchange as a joint-stock company. Following the formation of the CMA's Board, CMA and SAMA collaborated to establish the company. On 19th March 2007, the Council of Ministers issued Resolution No. 71 approving the establishment of the Saudi Stock Exchange (Tadawul) as a joint-stock company with independent legal and financial liability and the sole entity authorised to act as the Securities Exchange. On 19th November 2007, the first board of directors, consisting of nine members (three from government agencies, two from listed companies, and four from authorised brokerage companies) was approved to serve a three-year term.



approval of the establishment of the Saudi Stock Exchange (Tadawul)*

*Um Al-Qura, No.Issue 4144, 13th April 200

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Listed Joint Stock Companies



Dr. Fahad Abdullah Al-Mubarak

Authorised brokerage companies



Ahmed Farid Al-Aulagi

Authorised brokerage companies



Abdulrahman Yahya Al-Yahya

Authorised brokerage companies



Mansour Saleh Al-Maiman

Ministry of Finance

Dr. Abdurrahman Abdullah Al-Hamidy

SAMA



Taha Abdullah alkuwaiz

Listed Joint Stock Companies



Ahmed Aqil Al-Khateeb

Authorised brokerage companies

Tadawul's first board of directors

(2) Stock Market Bubble of 2006

The Saudi stock market experienced a bubble in 2006, following the issuance of the Capital Market Law and the establishment of the CMA, and prior to the establishment of Tadawul. The NCFEI's base value, which was calculated as of 1985 at 1,000 points. In 1999, continued to steadily increase and reached 4,400 points in 2003, 8,000 points in 2004, and 16,600 points in 2005, resulting in a four-fold increase in just four years. Additionally, the market value of companies rose from SAR 255 billion in 2000 to SAR 2.42 trillion by the end of 2005, a tenfold increase. In 2006, the index reached 18,820 points by the end of January. From the start of February, the index continued to rise until it peaked on February 25th at 20,634 points, the highest closing point in its history. However, on the following day, February 26th, the market experienced a sudden crash as the index dropped to 19,654 points, with all companies closing at sharp decreases.



Stock Index, 18-27 February 2006

Key factors that contributed to the stock market bubble of 2006





Saudi stock market crash on 26 February 2006 *

Key procedures implemented by CMA

during the stock market crisis of 2006





(3) Securities Business

Following the issuance of Royal Decree No. 1230/8 on 24th April 1983 stock trading was restricted to Saudi banks giving them a monopoly over brokerage activities until after the establishment of the CMA. The issuance of shares by companies resulted in an unprecedented demand by subscribers. To accommodate this demand and in order to expand services, brokerage companies were licensed by the CMA.



Banks witnessed a surge in subscription requests*

* Al Riyadh, 1st April 2012, Issue 15987

The CMA approved the Authorised Persons Regulations and Securities Business Regulations on 28th June 2005 to limit brokerage activities to persons authorised by the CMA, as per the Capital Market Law. This allowed local banks to continue conducting securities business for a maximum of two years, during which time they were required to establish a subsidiary and separate it from their commercial banking operations. The first authorisation was issued in October 2005, and 106 authorisations were granted by 2020.



Evolution of the number of authorised persons (2005-2020)

Deposit, Settlement, and Clearance

The deposit, settlement, and clearance operations evolved from the beginning of the second phase of the capital market history. The Saudi Shares Registration Company was founded in 1984 to handle share ownership transfers, registrations, settlements, and clearances. Subsequent to launch of the Tadawul Electronic System in 2001, the Depository Centre settled banks' TES transactions and performed daily interbank clearing. These tasks were later transferred to the Securities Depository Centre supervised by the CMA, as per the Capital Market Law. After the formation of Tadawul's Board in 2007, the management of the Depositary Centre was transferred to Tadawul. The Securities Depository Centre was converted into a joint-stock company on 10th October 2015. On 2nd May 2018, Tadawul announced the establishment of the Securities Clearing Centre Company "Muqassa" as a joint-stock company which began operations on 30th August 2020.

Deposit and clearance progress

1984 Establishment of the Saudi Shares Registration Company (SSRC) responsible for settlement, clearance, and trading

(TES)

of the Tadawul Electronic System

Securities Settlement

Prior to the establishment of the CMA, the settlement period for securities transactions was changed from three business days (T+3) to one business day (T+1) in January 1992. On 20th March 1994, the settlement period of ownership notices became T+0. On 23rd April 2017, the settlement period was once again changed to two business days (T+2) to meet the requirements for joining global market indices.



(4) Companies and Investment Products

Offering and Listing of Companies on the Main Market

The Capital Market Law gave the CMA the power and responsibility to approve and regulate the offering and listing of securities including stocks. Joint-stock companies began to be offered and listed on the capital market according to the Rules on the Offer of Securities and Listing Rules issued on 4th October 2004. These regulations and rules were amended multiple times until the Rules for Offering Securities and Continuing Obligations and the Listing Rules were issued on 27th December 2017. The book-building method was first used in 2005 and the underwriting process in 2006. The instructions for book-building and allocation method were issued in August 2016 and updated in January 2018, and the instructions on the price stabilisation mechanism for IPOs were issued in August 2018. The capital market saw a significant increase in subscriptions and number of subscribers, leading to growth in the number of listed joint-stock companies from 73 in mid-2004 to 203 by the end of 2020 in 21 sectors on the main market.



Listing Rules progression

Key IPOs in the Saudi market (2006-2020)

Regarding subscriptions surpassing SAR 2.5 billion



Key IPOs in the Saudi market

In terms of number of subscribers (in millions)





Offering and Listing of Companies on the Parallel Market

One of the objectives of Vision 2030 is to support entrepreneurship in Saudi Arabia and increase SME contribution to GDP from 20% to 35% and non-oil GDP from 33% to 35%. The Financial Leadership Programme adopted the creation of a parallel market to provide financing for SMEs and motivate them to improve governance and disclosure, which would increase opportunities for business growth and development. On 21st December 2016, parallel market listing rules were adopted and the Offer of Securities Regulations were amended to include provisions for share offerings on the parallel market. Trading of shares on NOMU, which was launched by Tadawul on 26th February 2017, is limited to qualified investors.



Launching the parallel market (NOMU)*

* Tadawul website
The number of companies listed on NOMU (2017-2020)



Regulating Joint-Stock Companies

The Companies Law remained in effect from its issuance in 1965. With the establishment of the CMA, tasks related to joint-stock companies listed on the capital market were transferred to the authority. Fifty years later, the Companies Law of 2015 was issued by Royal Decree No. (M/3) on 10th November 2015. The new Companies Law assigned regulatory, supervisory, and oversight responsibilities for companies listed on the Saudi Stock Exchange to the CMA, including regulating mergers if one of the parties is a listed company on the Saudi Stock Exchange



Council of Ministers' approval of the Companies Law in 2015*

Regulating Mergers and Acquisitions

Chapter 9 of the Capital Market Law requires the approval of the CMA's Board for merger and acquisition transactions related to listed companies. On 3rd October 2007, the CMA's Board adopted the Merger and Acquisition Regulations, which outlined the rules and procedures related to acquisition offers and announcements, including restrictions on dealings and disclosure requirements, the rules for mandatory and optional offers, the method of payment, compliance with Competition Law, the contents and requirements of the offer document and the acquisition of related parties. CMA's Board updated the Merger and Acquisition Regulations on 15th October 2017, and certain provisions were modified on 23rd April 2018.



The number of merger and acquisition requests between 2006 and 2020

Diversified Investment Products

In the first phase of its history, stocks were the sole investment option in the Saudi capital market. In the second phase, investment funds were introduced alongside stocks. The Capital Market Law gave the CMA the authority to approve other market securities, such as debt instruments and investment units issued by investment funds. The third phase focused on expanding investment options and providing new financing channels through the diversification of financial products.

Stocks

Starting in the early 2000s, an increasing number of citizens became interested in the stock market, with the offering of the Saudi Telecom Company (STC) shares in 2003 being a major factor. Electronic trading also contributed to the increase in traders. Following the establishment of the CMA, shares of large companies were offered such as Etihad Etisalat (Mobily) in 2004 and Bank Albilad in 2005, attracting more investors to subscribe for, and trade shares. On 10th December 2007, the CMA's Board approved a new market sector classification and index calculation methodology, which came into effect on 5th April 2008, resulting in an increase in the number of sectors from 8 to 15.



TASI

The TASI calculation used outstanding shares until 5th April 2008 when a new methodology was applied based on free-float shares. The free-float index calculation methodology includes securities available for trading on Tadawul and excludes non-free float shares from all of Tadawul's indices calculations¹.

Index = (Today's total free-float market capitalisation / previous day total free-float market capitalisation) x index value of the previous day.



The TASI calculation methodology underwent a significant change on 5th October 2008, shifting from a daily total market value basis to one based on free-float shares. This transition occurred after a period of 14 years, commencing from 26th January 1994².

¹ The non-free-float includes shares of a listed company in which a government entity has a 5% ownership, restricted shares (shares that are not allowed to be traded during a period), shares acquired through buy-back by a listed company, shares owned by members of the Board of Directors, and shares representing controlling ownership (30% or more).

² Free-float shares are shares available for trading.



Daily evolution of Tadawul index for all issued shares based on the total market value from 1st January 2003 to 2nd April 2008

Daily evolution of Tadawul index for all issued shares based on the total market value

from 5th April 2008 to 5th April 2020



General Stock Price Index (2003-2020)



2003

2020

Sukuk and Bonds

The issuance of sukuk and bonds in the Saudi stock market started in 2006, when Saudi Basic Industries Sukuk and bonds were introduced to the capital market in 2006. In the same year, SABIC issued and offered sukuk with a value of SAR 3 billion, following the CMA's approval of the offering on 3rd July 2006. Sukuk were in registered form in denominations of SAR 50,000 at a rate of 10 sukuk per subscriber and could be held in holdings of at least SAR 500,000. The offering was limited to Saudi institutional investors and proved to be very popular. The final allocation was 49% to investment funds and pension funds, 36% to Saudi banks, and 15% to investment companies and authorities. A total of 13 issuances of sukuk and bonds were offered by the end of 2015, with a value of SAR 57.34 billion.

Sukuk and Bonds Market

On 6 June 2009, the CMA's Board approved establishing the new sukuk and bonds market, which featured various automated services, including listing sukuk and bonds, sending orders, executing transactions, settlement, publishing price data, and custody and registration. The market officially began on 13th June 2009. In June 2011, Tadawul launched the Sukuk/Bonds Market Index, which included all listed sukuk and bonds in the market and was published on the Tadawul website. This price index did not include returns. Moreover, it had a base date of 11th June 2011, and a base value of 1,000 points. Since the market's inception, private placement of sukuk and bonds has been issued alongside public offerings.



Evolution of the Sukuk and Bonds Market (2015-2020)

Sukuk and Bonds

The CMA approved the listing and trading of government debt instruments on Tadawul in April 2018 to increase liquidity in the secondary market. The reliability trustworthiness, security, and steady returns of these government debt instruments make them an attractive choice for investors. All investors can trade in government debt instruments issued by the Kingdom during their trading window.



Government instruments listing on the Saudi capital market in

Investment Funds

The local stock investment funds date back to 1992 when the Minister of Finance and National Economy approved their creation through commercial banks under SAMA's supervision. Chapter 6 of the Capital Market Law provides for the regulation and supervision of investment funds and collective investment schemes. The CMA introduced the Investment Funds Regulations on 24th December 2006, which outlined all provisions related to authorising the establishment and offering of investment funds. On 23rd May 2016, ten years after initial issuance, the regulations were amended. The most recent amendment occurred on 24th February 2021.





Number of public investment funds from 1992-2020

Total number of participants in public investment funds in thousands from 1992-2020



Total assets in public investment Date funds in SAR billion from 1992-2020 SAR bln

Real Estate Investment Funds

The proliferation of real estate contributions in Saudi Arabia led the Ministry of Commerce and Industry to issue a decision on 24th January 2004 that set controls for real estate contributions. This decision defined the mechanism for real estate contributions and the conditions that must be met before a licence is granted to establish new real estate contributions. On 15th July 2006, during the third phase of the capital market's history, the CMA adopted the Real Estate Investment Funds Regulations that replaced the previous regulations and effectively ended the practice of real estate contributions, allowing them to only be made through investment funds. Real estate funds in the Saudi capital market are divided into public and private funds. The Real Estate Investment Funds Regulations were amended on 24th February 2021.



Real estate investment funds (2013-2020)

Real Estate Investment Traded Funds (REITs)

REITs, or Real Estate Investment Trusts, are funds that specialise in investing in income-generating developed real estate developments. The CMA's Board adopted the Real Estate Investment Traded Funds instructions on 24th October 2016 and amended them on 22nd October 2018. The first REIT was launched on 8th November 2016.



First REIT listing ceremony*

*Tadawul website





Exchange Traded Funds (ETFs)

ETFs, or Exchange Traded Funds, are baskets of securities that track an underlying index and can be traded at any time during trading sessions. ETFs were regulated under the Investment Funds Regulations issued in 2006, with amendments in 2016 and 2021. They are open to all types of investors in the Saudi capital market, regardless of category, segment, or nationality. The first ETF was launched in March 2010.



FinTech Lab

FinTech refers to modern technology used to improve financial products and services. The CMA approved the Financial Technology Experimental Permit Instructions on 10th January 2018 to regulate the provision of FinTech products and services in the capital market and support FinTech projects. In February 2018, the CMA began accepting applications for the first batch of permits to experiment with FinTech. By the end of 2020, 15 companies had received permission to experiment with FinTech in securities business, offering a variety of services such as collective ownership financing, automated advisor services, and the use of distributed ledger technology (DLT) for securities issuance and preservation, as well as offering and investing in debt instruments, and collective trading.



Derivatives Market

The MSCI Tadawul 30 (MT30) Index is a collaboration between Tadawul and MSCI, a global provider of index services. It was created to serve as the basis for financial products such as derivatives. The MT30 Index targets the top 30 securities of the MSCI Saudi Arabia IMI Index based on free-float market capitalisation. The maximum security weight is capped at 15%. Tadawul introduced the Saudi Futures 30 (SF30) Index Futures Contract based on the MT30 on 30th August 2020, marking the launch of the Kingdom's first exchange-traded derivatives market.

(5) Disclosure and Governance in the Capital Market

On November 12, 2006, the CMA's Board issued Corporate Governance Regulations to protect shareholders and stakeholders' rights and promote fairness, competitiveness, and transparency in the market and business environment. These regulations were subsequently amended and on 13th February 2017. Further amendments were made in April 2018 and May 2019.

In an effort to further enhance transparency and disclosure, the Capital Market Law granted the CMA powers to regulate and monitor the full disclosure of issuer securities related information and authority to identify the type of information to be disclosed to the public by market participants. The CMA was also given the right to establish standards and conditions required by the auditors who audit the books and records of Exchange, brokerage companies, investment funds, and joint stock companies listed on the Exchange. The CMA issued Listing Rules in 2004 and obliged listed companies to prepare their financial statements and have them audited by independent chartered accountants certified by the Saudi Organisation for Certified Public Accountants. The implementation of International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS) was to be reflected in the financial statements of listed companies starting 1st January 2017. On 20th December 2018, the CMA's Board adopted the Rules for Registering Auditors of Entities Subject to the Authority's Supervision.



Key efforts to improve governance in the Saudi capital market

Electronic Disclosure System (Ifsah)

In 2013, Tadawul launched Ifsah, the pilot version of its disclosure system that enabled listed companies to prepare, present, and display announcements and financial statements in an interactive manner on Tadawul's website. Ifsah was officially launched on 8th June 2013. Tadawul further improved the system in 2016.

Proxy Voting

To further enhance governance and transparency, the Saudi Stock Exchange allowed proxy voting in general assemblies. This allows shareholders to express their views on the performance of companies in which they hold shares and future decisions without being physically present. The service is available at no cost for listed companies, REITs, and closed-ended investment traded funds. Proxy voting has been in place for general assembly meetings of listed companies since 2010.



Starting the implementation of proxy voting in general assembly meetings for listed companies*

*Asharq Al-Awsat, 16th September 2009, Issue 11250

(6) Technological Advancement in the Capital Market

The Electronic Securities Information System (ESIS) was first implemented in 1990, the first generation of automated market systems. The second generation the Tadawul Electronic System (TES) was launched in 2001. Following the establishment of the CMA, interest in the stock market grew, leading to the expansion and diversification of financial products, the capital market progressed to the third and fourth generations of technical developments, namely the SAXESS and X-STREAM INET systems.

SAXESS

Tadawul, in partnership with the Swedish company OMX, successfully launched SAXESS on 20th October 2007. This new system expanded market services, processed increased volumes, the listing of new products, and connectivity with other markets. It also allowed for the simultaneous operation of multiple markets and the addition of new market indices.



X-STREAM INET

Tadawul partnered with NASDAQ OMX in 2013 to upgrade its trading systems. The new system, called X-Stream INET, replaced SAXESS and was launched on 13th September 2015 to accommodate the growing number of investors and expand the services offered by Tadawul.

*Tadawul magazine, Q3 2007, Issue 22

Development of Clearance and Settlement Systems

In February 2018, Tadawul and Nasdaq entered into an agreement to build the technological infrastructure for clearance and settlement systems. The project was divided into Phase 1, were infrastructure for clearance and settlement systems for the money market was developed by H2 2019, and Phase 2, were infrastructure for clearance and settlement systems for the derivatives market was completed by H2 2020.

Electronic Trading

Online trading began in 2002 with a few banks offering electronic trading services. After the establishment of the CMA, more banks began providing these services through their websites and mobile apps. Additionally, brokerage firms began offering these services.



Trading hall in a bank offering electronic trading services in 2006*

* Tadawul magazine, Q1 2006, Issue 16

(7) Opening the Market to Foreign Investment

Foreign Residents

The Saudi capital market saw continued growth in foreign investment. After the sharp decline in the stock market in February 2006, the Supreme Economic Council convened in March 2006 under the chairmanship of the late King Abdullah Bin Abdulaziz Al-Saud to discuss the sharp drop in the stock market. The Council issued a statement directing financial authorities to allow non-Saudi residents to invest directly in the stock market, rather than just through investment funds. In accordance with this directive, the CMA's Board issued a statement on 20th March allowing residents to directly invest in Saudi stocks.

> Supreme Economic Council statement allowing non-Saudi residents to invest directly in the stock market

الجريدة الرسمية للمملكة العرية السعودية بة إسبوعية تعدر بمكة المكرمة من .ب (١٦٢٦) له العدد ، المراجع الصفحة الخضرة ۱Ē حادم الحرمين الشريفين يرأ حاسا التي تم تخصيصها لمناقشة ماتعرضت له سوق الأسهم رأس خادم الحرمين الشريفين الملك عبدالله في مستقبل الوطن ومستقبل أبنائه. بن عبدالعزيز آل سعود - حفظه الله -وعبير المجلس عن ثقمته بأن المواطنين الجلسة التي عقدها يوم الفلاتاء ٢ / ٢ لن ينسباقهوا وراء الشبائعسات الجلس الاقتصادي الأعلى بمقر الأمانة والمعلومات المضللة بل سيتخذون العامة للمجلس وخصصت لناقشة ما قراراتهم الاستشمارية على أسس سليمية تعكس ثقبتمهم في الله تعرضت له سوق الأسبهم مؤخراً من هبوط حاد بعد الصعود الحاد الذي شهدته والمستقبل الاقتصادي لهذا الوطن. السوق خلال الفترة الماضية . ويعسرب المجلس في هذا المسيساق عن وقد صدر عن الجلس إثر جلسته دعمه الكامل للإجراءات التي قامت وتقسوم بهما هيشية سبوق المال لتنظيم البيان التالي . . السوق وحمماية المستشمرين فيمه نشيبجة لخرص الدولة على منصبالح وبخاصة صغار المستثمرين. المواطنين فقد خصص المجلس الاقتصادي وسوف يتابع انجلس الاقتصادي الأعلى بصفة الأعلى جلسته التي عقدت اليوم بمقر دائمة التطورات المستقبلية للسوق . الأمانة العامة للمنجلس برتاسة خادم هن ناهية ثانية وجه خادم الحرمين الحسرمين الشسريفين الملك عسبدائله بن الشريفين الملك عبدالله بن عبدالعزيز عبدالعزيز - حفظه الله - لماقشة ما آل سعود حفظه الله الجهات المالية تعرضت له سوق الأسهم مؤخراً من القائمة على سوق الأسهم بالسماح هبوط حاد بعد الصعود الحاد الذي للمقيمين من غير السعوديين للاستثمار شهدته السوق خلال الفترة الماضية. بشكل مباشر في سوق الأسهم وعدم وأعرب الجلس عن ثقت في متانة قمصره على صناديق الاستشمار، الاقتصاد السعودي وقدرته على الدمو وتخفيض القيمة الاسمية للسهم ما والازدهار الذي سينعكس على مختلف يسمح بتجزئة الأسهم. أنواع النشاط الاقسصبادي ويستسر بمستقبل جيد للاستثمار فيه. كما أعرب المجلس عن ثقته في الشوكات الوطنية حيث أن الاستثمار فيها استثمار

Equal Opportunities for GCC Citizens

The CMA's Board announced on 24th September 2007 that GCC citizens would have the same rights and responsibilities as Saudi citizens in terms of owning and trading shares listed on the Saudi Stock Exchange. This decision was made ten years after GCC citizens were first allowed to own stocks in Saudi companies. The change was made possible by a Council of Ministers Resolution No. 267 passed on 27th August 2007, which granted CMA the authority to implement the resolution made by the Supreme Council of the GCC in 2002 to provide equal economic opportunities for all GCC citizens. The deadline for implementation was set for 2007.



Council of Ministers Resolution granted the CMA the authority to provide equal economic opportunities for all GCC citizens

Foreign Non-Residents

On 18th August 2008, the CMA allowed authorised persons to enter into share swap agreements with foreign non-resident individuals or financial institutions. This allowed for the transfer of economic benefits of Saudi shares to non-Saudi and non-resident investors, while the authorised persons retained legal ownership of the shares. Foreign investment in the capital market was limited to share swap agreements until 21st July 2014, when the CMA was authorised to allow foreign financial institutions to buy and sell shares on the Saudi Stock Exchange. On 4th May 2015, Rules for Qualified Foreign Financial Institutions Investment in Listed Securities were issued, allowing eligible foreign institutions to directly purchase listed shares starting in mid-June. On 26th June 2019, non-resident foreign investors were allowed to own strategic stakes of 10% or more in companies listed on the Saudi Stock Exchange.



The value of swap agreements traded (in SAR billion)

Evolution of the value of ownership in the main market per investor type in SAR million





Foreign Investment Journey in the Saudi Capital Market

Foreign investment journey in the Saudi capital market

(8) Investor Protection

Litigation of Securities Disputes

As per the Capital Market Law, the Committee for the Resolution of Securities Disputes (CRSD) and the Appeal Committee for Resolution of Securities Disputes (ACRSD) became the judicial bodies concerned with settling securities disputes related to investors, brokerage firms, and market regulatory and executive entities. The Capital Market Law provides for the independence of both committees.

CRSD

The Capital Market Law stipulated the establishment of the CRSD as the first step in the dispute resolution process. On 27th February 2005, the CMA's Board issued a resolution to form the first CRSD committee with Dr. Mohammed Abdullah Al-Marzouki as chairman and Dr. Khaled Hassan Ba-Naser and Mr. Saud Abdulrahman Al-Shammari as members. The CRSD had a three-year term. The CRSD handles grievances arising from decisions and actions taken by the CMA or Tadawul, disputes between investors, and lawsuits filed by the CMA- as a public prosecutor- against violators of the provisions of the Capital Market Law and its implementing regulations.



لجنة الفصل في منازعات الأوراق المالية

Committee for Resolution of Securities Disputes

ACRSD

The Capital Market Law stipulated the establishment of the ACRSD as the next step in the dispute resolution process. On 26th September 2005, the Council of Ministers issued a resolution to form the first ACRSD with Mr. Ahmed Mohammed Al-Khowaiter as chairman and representative of the Ministry of Finance, Prince Abdulrahman Bin Mohammed Bin Ayaf Al-Miqren as member and representative of the Bureau of Experts, and Mr. Falag Ali Al-Mansour as member and representative of Commerce and Industry. The ACRSD handles appeals of CRSD decisions within 30 days of being notified.

خادم الحسرمين الشريفين يرأس حلســـة محلس المزراء . يق

alaal . . بعد الاطلاع على مارفعه معالى رئيس هيئة المسوق المالية بشأن تشكيل لجنة استئناف تنظر في منازعيات الأوراق الماليسة التي نصت عليهما الفقرة / ز / من المادة الخدمسة والعستسرين من نظام المسوق المالية الصادر بالمرسوم الملكى رقم م / ٣٠ وتاريخ ٢ / ٢ / £25 ه. قسور متجلس الوزراء الموافيقية على تشكيل اللجنة المشار إليها لدة ثلاث منوات اعشيارا من نغاذ هذا القرار وذلك على التحو التالى . . ۱ / الأستاذ أحمد بن محمد الخويطر من وزارة المالية رئيسا * / الأمير عبدالرحمن بن محمد بن عياف آل مقرن من هيئة الخبراء بمجلس الوزراء عضوا ٣ / الأسساذ فلاج بن على المنصور من وزارة · النجارة والصناعة عضوا



لجنة الاستئناف في منازعات الأوراق المالية

Appeal Committee for Resolution of Securities Disputes

Council of Ministers resolution on the formation of the ACRSD

General Secretariat of Committees for Resolution of Securities Disputes

The General Secretariat of Committees for Resolution of Securities Disputes was established on 12th May 2008 to ensure fairness and prompt decision-making by the CRSD and ACRSD. It is headquartered in the King Abdulaziz Centre for National Dialogue in Riyadh. The General Secretariat sought to improve communication with litigants. In mid-June 2010, it released an SMS service and in December of the same year it launched a website for educating stock market participants about their rights. In October 2018, the General Secretariat of Committees for Resolution of Securities Disputes introduced (Investor Protection System) (EPS) to streamline litigation processes and improve efficiency, resulting in a reduction of the average litigation period to eight months and half in 2020, down from 28 months in 2016. Additionally, the General Secretariat introduced remote hearing sessions, the first session held on Sunday 27th April 2020.



Sessions room in the General Secretariat of Committees for the Resolution of Securities Disputes

Resolution of Securities Disputes Proceeding Regulations

On 23rd January 2011, CMA's Board issued a decision to adopt the Resolution of Securities Disputes Proceeding Regulations to regulate the procedures for pleading and litigating before the CRSD and ACRSD, thus ensuring the rights of all market participants.

Class Action Lawsuit

In November 2017, Saudi Arabia added a section on class action lawsuits to the Dispute Resolution Regulations, comprising 25 articles (48-72), to streamline litigation procedures for cases in which the plaintiff is a large group of people with shared legal issues and alleged facts, which is particularly relevant for joint-stock companies and their shareholders. The regulations defined a class action lawsuit as a private action suit filed by a group of plaintiffs against one or more defendants, where the group of plaintiffs' suit shares the same legal basis, alleged facts, and the subject matter of the requests. Decisions by the CRSD/ACRSD apply to all litigants. The first class action lawsuit in the capital market was filed on 4th February 2019.



A class action lawsuit is:

Monitoring Trading

The Capital Market Law granted the CMA the power to develop procedures to reduce risks associated with securities trading and protect investors from illegitimate securities transactions. In 2007, CMA began implementing an electronic market surveillance system designed to monitor and analyse trading activity. The system includes various core components that allows users to access and review trading data in different ways, making it easier to detect any potential manipulation of securities. Monitoring trading comprises three phases:



Investor Protection System

The Investor Protection System (EPS), launched by the CMA in 2017, aims to improve the speed and efficiency of processing and resolving complaints and reports through an electronic system that connects the CMA with all market participants, including complainants, authorised persons, Tadawul, Securities Depository Centre Company (Edaa), listed companies, and the General Secretariat of the Committee for Resolution of Securities Disputes.

Number of complaints received, classified by topic

| Item / Year | 2017 | 2018 | 2019 | 2020 |
|--|--------------|------------|---------------|------------|
| Agreements and contracts between investors and brokers | 0 23 | 0 35 | o 55 | 0 49 |
| Services provided by authorised persons | o 77 | 0 70 | o 475 | 0 2,685 |
| Investment portfolios | 0 137 | 0 346 | 0 312 | 657 |
| Corporate governance | o 690 | 441 | 692 | 1,241 |
| Conducting unlicensed securities business | 0 140 | 0 556 | 0 1,097 | 0 1,008 |
| Complaints outside CMA jurisdiction | 0 72 0 | 69 0 | 0 122 0 | |
| IPOs and rights issues | 160 | 144 | 279 | 0 252 |
| Investment funds | 146 | 202 | 227 | 164 |
| Executing securities transactions | 0 53 | 87 | 0 107 | 224 |
| Payment of listed company's dividends | 77 | 277 | 344 | 847 |
| Compensation requests related to violations of laws and implementing regulations | 134 | 318 | 2,048 | 902 |
| Total | 0 1,709 | 0 2,555 | o 5,806 | o 8,076 |

(9) Building Capacities in the Capital Market

Investor Education

The capital market underwent significant developments during its third phase to increase investors' understanding of their rights and promote financial stability for individuals. This included the distribution of informational brochures and booklets starting in 2006. In 2009, the Smart Investor Programme was established for a financially literate generation. As a result of this programme, Child and Youth Finance International awarded the CMA in 2013 and 2014 as the Best Institution Offering Financial Awareness in the Middle East and North Africa. Additionally, in 2018, the Thameen programme was launched to raise awareness of the Capital Market Law and its regulations, and improve the financial and investment culture.



The Smart Investor Programme visiting Tadawul



The award received by the Smart Investor Programme in 2014



Smart Investor Programme at the Riyadh International Book Fair



Investor Rights Document

The Investor Rights Document was issued on 23rd October 2019 to inform investors and participants in the capital market about their rights under the Capital Market Law and its Implementing Regulations to enable them to actively participate in developing and promoting confidence in the capital market. The document also provides information on how to claim these rights, which is often the cause of complaints and disputes.

Capacity Building of Improving Skills and Abilities of Capital Market Employees

The development of financial sector employees' skills and abilities started with the third phase of capital market history, when the CMA introduced a series of qualification exams, including the General Securities Qualification Examination, Compliance & AML/CTF module, Broker-Dealer Qualification Certificate, Corporate Finance Technical Foundations, and International Certificate in Wealth and Investment Management. In addition, the CMA launched Jadarat project in 2018.



Capital Market Qualification Examinations

Graduates Development Programme

The CMA implemented the Graduates Development Programme starting in 2014 to provide employment opportunities for recent Saudi graduates and increase the Saudisation rate in the financial sector. This programme involves comprehensive training on legal and technical aspects of the capital market, including on-the-job training at the CMA. The CMA provides financial compensation during the training programme, with a monthly salary range of SAR 7,500 to 10,200, depending on the applicant's educational level. Other benefits include a paid annual leave of 21 days, social insurance, and access to medical insurance during the training period.



Graduation ceremony of the fifth cohort, Graduate Development Programme.


Financial Academy

Established by SAMA in 1965, the Institute of Banking Training aimed to qualify employees of Saudi banks. In 1989 the Institute was renamed the Institute of Banking and began offering a range of diplomas and qualifying exams. When TES was launched in 2001, the Institute designed exams to qualify financial brokers to work on the Tadawul system. In 2014, it rebranded as the Financial Institute to reflect its expanded services in the insurance, finance, and banking industries. In 2019, the CMA collaborated with SAMA to establish the Financial Academy, which was granted administrative and financial autonomy. The Council of Ministers issued Resolution No. 538 dated 14 April 2020 on approving the establishment of the Financial Academy and its organisational arrangements.



Council of Ministers Resolution No. 538 on approving the establishment of the Financial Academy and its organisational arrangements.*

^{*} Um Al-Qura newspaper, Issue 4828, 24 April 2020

On 18th May 2020, CMA Chairman and Chairman of FA's Board of Trustees, Mr Mohammed Abdullah Elkuwaiz, announced the appointment of the members of Financial Academy's Board of Trustees. The appointees included Dr Fahad Abdullah Aldossari as Vice-Chairman and SAMA representative, Dr. Abdulrahman Abdulmohsen Al-Khalaf as a member, Mr. Tareg Abdulrahman Al-Sadhan as a member, Mr. Tariq Ziyad Al-Sudairy as a member, Mr. Tal Hisham Nazer as a member, Mr. Al-Walid Abdul-Razzaq Al-Duraiaan as a member, Mr. Abdullah Abdulqader Shibatalhamd as a member and CMA representative, and Mr. Turki Dhaif Allah Al-Mutairi as a member and SAMA representative.



The Financial Academy

Significant milestones in FA history

2020 1965 The Financial The Institute of Banking Training at SAMA is established 1989 The Financial The Institute is renamed the Institute of Banking to include financing and banking sectors 2014 The Institute is renamed Financial Institute to

include insurance, finance, and banking sectors

Academy is granted administrative and financial autonomy to develop human resources operating in all financial sectors

2019

Academy is established in cooperation between SAMA and CMA to include financial sectors (banking, insurance, capital market, financing)



(10) Saudi Vision 2030's Financial Leadership Programme

On 25th April 2016, the Council of Ministers approved Saudi Arabia's vision for the future, a vision that expresses the country's long-term goals and expectations and reflects its strengths and capabilities. Saudi Vision 2030 is based on three pillars: a vibrant society with strong roots, fulfilling lives, and strong foundations; a thriving economy with ample opportunities, active investments, and a competitive edge; and an ambitious nation with an effective government and responsible citizens. Vision 2030 includes a wide range of economic, social, and development programmes aimed at preparing Saudi Arabia for a post-oil era.

برئاسة خادم الحرمين الشريفين ية الملكة العربية السعودية ٢٠٣٠ مجلس الوزراء يوافق على رؤ

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خصص مجلس الوزراء جلسله اللى عقدها يوم الإنتين الثامن عشر من شهر رجب لعام ١٤٣٧هـ اللوافق ٢٥ إبريل ٢٠١٦م. برئاسة خادم الحرمين الشريقين اللك سلمان بن عبدالعزيز آل سعود حقظه اند، للنظر في مشروع رؤية الملكة العربية السعودية ٢٠٢٠ الصادر ق شأته قرار مجلس الشؤون الاقتصادية والتذمية رقد (٢٢/٣١.٤) وتاريخ ١٤٣٧/٧/١٢هـ وما تضعنه خطاب صاحب السعو اللكى ول وق العهد النائب الثاق لرئيس مجلس الوزراء وزير الدفاع رئيس مجلس الشؤون الاقتصادية والتندية رقم (٢٧١٩) وناريخ ١٤٣٧/٧/١٨هـ في شأن مشروع الرؤية، وقد قرر اللجلس حيال ذلك ما يلي:



أولاً: الموافقة على رؤيسة الملكة العربية السعودية ٢٠٣٠، الصنادر في شأنها قبرار مجلس الشمؤون الاقتصادية والتضية رقم (٣٠/٣١) وتاريخ ١٤٣٧/٧/١٢هـ. يحبب المبيغة الرافقة ليذا القراري

تانياً: قيام مجلس الشؤون الاقتصادية والتنبية [اليها في البند (ثانياً) من هذا القرار. بوضع الألبات والترتبيات اللازمة لتنقيذ هذه الرؤية ومثابعة ذلك.

الأخرى كل فيما يخصه، باتخاذ ما يلزم لتنفيذ

تنمية شاملة تالثاً: قيام السوزارات والأجبهزة المكومية وقد وجه خادم المرمين الشريقين اغلك سلمان ورعناه من عبدالعزيز أل سعود حفظه الد هذه الرؤية، وفقاً للأثبات والترتبيات الشار التلغة التالية: بسم اند الرحمن الرحيم. الحمد مهد الرسالة ومهبط الوحي، شرفها اند بخدمة عليتكرورحمة اندوبركاته.

أبها الإخوة والأخوات: لقد وضعت نص مذذ أن تشرفت بذوق مقاليد المكم السعى نمو الثنبية الشاطة من منطق توابتنا الشرعية وتوظيف إمكانات بلادنا وطاقاتها والاستقادة من موقع بلادتا وما تثميز به من ثروات وميزات لتحقيق مستقبل أفضل للوطن وأبذائه، مع التمسك بعقيدتنا الصافية والمحافظة على أصالة مجتمعنا وثوابته. ومن هذا الفطق: وجهنا مجلس الشؤون الاقتصادية والتذمية برسم رؤية الملكة لتمقيق ما تأمله يأن تكون بلادنا بعون من اند وتوفيقه، أتموذجاً للعالم على جميع المتويات.

تحرمين الشريقين وقاص

وقد اطلعنا على رؤية المتكة العربية السعودية النى قدمها مجلس الشؤون الاقتصادية والنذمية ووافق عليها مجلس الوزراء، شاكرين للمجلس ما بذله من جهد بهذا الخصوص، وأملح من أبنائنا وبناتنا المواطنين والمواطنات العمل معأ لتحقيق هذه الرؤية الطموحة، سائلين ان العون والتوفيق والسداد، وأن تكون رؤية خير وبركة وهدي نبيه محمد صلى اند عليه وسلم، وهي تحقق التقدم والازدهار توطئنا الغائي، والسلام

ند والصلاة والسلام على نيينا محمد وعلى أله

ومسميه أجمعين.. إخواق وأخواتي الواطئين

واللواطئات.. السلام عليكم ورحمة اند ويركائه:

القد قامت دولتكم على أساس التمسك بكتاب الد

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Financial Sector Development Programme

The Council of Economic and Development Affairs (CEDA)'s Financial Sector Development Programme (FSDP) aims to support the national economy by enabling financial institutions and forming an advanced capital market, as part of Saudi Vision 2030's second pillar. In short, the strategic pillars of the FSDP are: 1) enabling financial institutions to support private sector growth; 2) ensuring the formation of an advanced capital market; and 3) promoting and enabling financial planning. The second strategic pillar of FSDP comprises four objectives.





Financial Sector Development Program

Financial Leadership Programme

The CMA launched a strategic plan for the capital market called the Financial Leadership Programme 2019-2021 as an initiative of Vision 2030's Financial Sector Development Programme (FSDP). The CMA developed a governance framework with a clear methodology to measure performance and evaluate progress to achieve the Programme's four themes.



Themes of the Financial Leadership Programme

(11) Accession to Emerging Markets Indices

The Saudi capital market, like other markets, aimed to join major global indices and increase its accessibility to international investors. Over the years, significant progress was made, meeting the requirements for such inclusion. The market's journey was completed successfully by joining the FTSE Emerging Index and the MSCI Emerging Markets Index.



The key factors that have led to the inclusion of the capital market in global indices





FTSE Emerging Index

FTSE Russell is a leading global provider of benchmarks, analytics, and data solutions with multi-asset capabilities. FTSE Emerging Index, released in 2000 to measure the performance of the most liquid large and mid-cap companies in emerging markets. The inclusion process of the Saudi capital market was carried out in five phases, with the first phase implemented on 18th March 2019 and the final phase concluded on 22nd June 2020.

Phases of including the Saudi market in the FTSE Emerging Index





MSCI Emerging Markets Index

Morgan Stanley, a global provider of indices, was founded in 1935 in New York City. It offers a wide range of tools for analysing capital market indices. In 1988, the company introduced the MSCI Emerging Markets Index, which initially covered 10 countries. By the end of 2020, the index had expanded to include 26 countries and featured 1,390 securities from large and medium companies in emerging markets, representing about 85% of the total market value. Saudi Arabia was added to the MSCI Emerging Markets Index in two phases, the first in May 2019 and the second in August 2019.





Saudi Arabia's accession to the MSCI Emerging Markets Index*

* www.saudiexchange.sa

(12) Saudi Aramco's IPO and Listing

Saudi Aramco's origins can be traced back to 1933 when a concession agreement was established between the Kingdom and Standard Oil Company of California (Socal) to form the California Arabian Standard Oil Company (CASOC) to explore and extract oil. The company was renamed Arab American Oil Company (Aramco) in 1944. In 1980, the Saudi government fully acquired Aramco and renamed it the Saudi Arabian Oil Company (Saudi Aramco) in 1988. On 19th December 2017, the Saudi government approved a resolution to make Saudi Aramco a joint-stock company with a capital of SAR 60 billion divided into 200 billion shares without a nominal value per share, and authorised the Board of Directors to issue, list, and offer shares or securities for public subscription both inside and outside of Saudi Arabia.





وقد أعد مشروع مرسوم ملكى في شأن ما ورد في اليندين (ثالثاً) و(رابعاً) من هذا القرار، صيغته مرافقه تهذا.

رثيس مجلس الوزراء

مرسوم ملكي رقم (م/٣٦) وتاريخ ٢ -٤ -١٤٣٩هـ

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ملك للملكة العربية السعودية

يناءً على الثادة (السيعين) من النظام الأساسي للملام، الصادر بالأمر اللقي رقم (أ/ ٩٠) يتاريخ. ١٧-٨-١١٢هـ.

نَاشِأَ يَكُونَ ظَادَ ما ورد في في البِنْد (أولاً) من هذا القرار اعتياراً من ناريخ ١٠١٠-١٨ .

(م/٨) وتاريخ 1-1-١٠٩٨ه، وذلك اعتباراً من تاريخ 1-1-٨٠١٨م.

: إلغاء نظام شركة الزيت العربية السعودية (آرامكو السعودية) الصادر بالرسوم اللكى رقم

ويشاءً على القادة (العشرين) من نظام مجلس الوزراء، الصادر بالأمر اللكي رقم (١٣/٩) بقاريخ. ١٤١٤–١٢:٣–١٤١٤هـ .

ويناءً على اللدة (اللامنة عشرة) من نظام مجلس الشورى، الصادر بالأمر اللكي رقم (١١/٩) بتاريخ ١٩٠٨-١٢٢٢هـ - ١٩٢٢هـ .

وبعد الاطلاح على نظام شركة الزيت العربية السعودية (آر امكو السعودية)، الصادر بالترسوم الللي رقم (م/4) بتاريخ 1-1-4-11:هـ.

وبعد الاطلاع على نظام الشركات، الصادر بالرسوم اللكي رقم (٢/٣) بقاريخ ٢٨-١-١٤٣٧هـ .

ويعد الاطلاح على قرار مجلس الشورى رقم (١٠٠٠) بتاريخ ٢٣-٣٠-١٢٣٤هـ. ويعد الاطلاح على قرار مجلس الوزراء رقم (١٨٠٠) بتاريخ ٢٢-٣٠-١٢٣٩هـ. رسمتا بما هو آت:

أولاً . إلغاء تظام شركة الزيت العربية السعودية (أرامكو السعودية) الصادر بالرسوم اللكي رقم (م/٨) بتاريخ ١-٥-١٤-١٩ وذلك اهتباراً من ١-١-١٨-٧،

تَنْفِياً: منَّحَ الشَّركات المُتَوكَة بِالكَامَلَ – سواءً بِشَكَلَ مِبْشَرٍ أَوْ غِير مِبَشَرٍ – نَشَركَة الزيت العربية السعودية (أرامكو السعودية) مهلة مدتها خمس سلوات تتقييف أوضاعها بما يتقق مع أهكام مُكَام الشَركات، وتَجتس الوزراء تمديد هذه الدة عند الحامية.

ثالثاً: على سمو نائب رئيس مجلس الوزراء والوزراء ورؤساء الأجهزة المنية السنقلة – كل فيما يحُصَّه – تقليذ مرسومنا هذا.

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The bell signalling the start of trading of Saudi Aramco shares was rung on 12th December 2019

*Tadawul annual report for 2019.



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\$106 billion and \$13 billion raised from retail and institutional offerings, respectively

Coverage ratio is 465%

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Saudi Capital Market Milestones (2003-2020)







Capital Market History

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