

## SpaceTech in the GCC Region 2022/Q3

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'SpaceTech in the GCC Region 2022/Q3' is a special case study which summarises vital observations in the SpaceTech ecosystem, a rapidly evolving and exponentially growing industry within the Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) Region. In it, we have assembled information about key industry trends and created a database of 40 SpaceTech companies, 14 leading investors, and 11 R&D Centres and Hubs, including top space agencies, spread across the United Arab Emirates (UAE), Saudi Arabia, Oman, Qatar, Kuwait, and Bahrain.



The report is based on a comprehensive business and scientific overview of the global SpaceTech economy, which is **constantly growing**. GCC countries are striving to be actively involved in this field considering the pace of the whole industry development. GCC countries are becoming **competitive and reliable partners** in the space sector, both within Europe and across the globe. This project includes an extended overview of SpaceTech activities in the GCC Region, including a **market overview**, along with top deals, events, and initiatives.

40+ 15+ 10+ R&D and Hubs

**6** Countries

#### **Key Takeaways from this Special Case Study:**

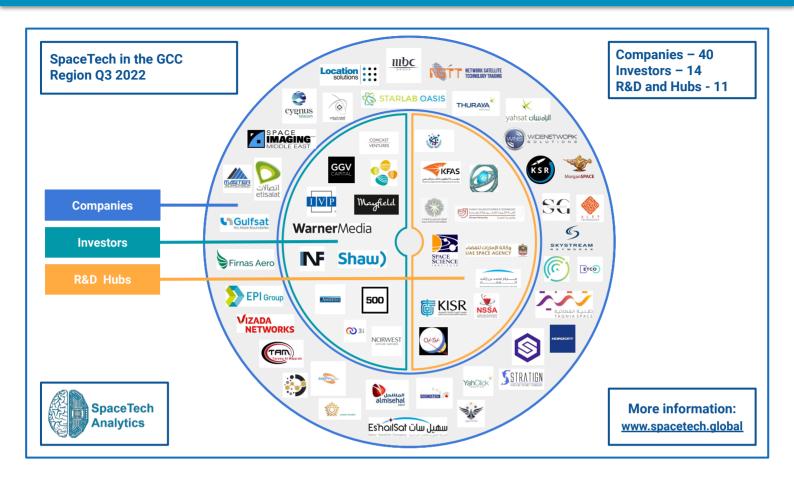
- SpaceTech in the GCC Region has a huge economic potential, and has already resulted in the emergence of companies and
  initiatives that has a perspective to bring billions of dollars of investment in the region. Despite the amount of money GCC
  region accumulate, its potentials are far from being reached.
- Space has always been a point of interest in Middle Eastern countries. The observatory built in Baghdad in 9th century is said
  to be one the first in the world. However, today, GCC countries are only just beginning their journey into the stars. Although
  their agencies are relatively young (compared to NASA and ESA), it is not that these countries lack progress far from it. The
  Gulf countries, especially the United Arab Emirates, have shown tremendous rates of growth.
- All of the six countries have been initiating space-related endeavours throughout the past decade. The UAE, Saudi Arabia,
  Bahrain, and Qatar have already established their own space agencies, starting with Qatar Aeronautics and Space Agency
  (QASA) in 2010. Their space programmes mainly focus on domestic solutions such as weather and atmosphere composition
  monitoring. The agencies are also seeking to generate profit as well as scientific output from space missions.
- Currently, of all the GCC countries, only Saudi Arabia, the UAE, Bahrain, and Qatar have their own fully-fledged, well-functioning space agency. These countries are the most progressive in regards to governmental initiatives, which makes them the locomotives of the Space Industry in the Middle East within the Persian Gulf Region. Given that QASA, the oldest agency of all, was founded as recently as 2010, we can confidently predict immediate growth commensurate with the growth of the entire industry, as well as the potential of relatively young organisations.



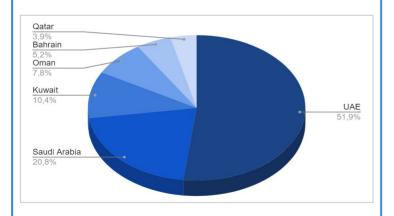
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#### **Private Space Companies Distribution**



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## **Arab Satellite Communications Organization**

Country	Satellites Launched	Satellites planned
UAE	16	1+1*
Saudi Arabia	17	1
Kuwait	1	0
<b>火</b> Oman	0	1
Bahrain	1	0
Qatar	2	N/A

\*One satellite and one constellation of small radar satellites.