# Kingdom Centre

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### City Name
- Riyadh

### District (1st level)
- Al-Olaya

### Description
- **Foundation System**: mat foundation
- **Facade Color**: silver
- **Structural Material**: steel, concrete
- **Architectural style**: modernism
- **Facade System**: curtain wall
- **Main Usage**: residential, condominium, commercial office, hotel
- **Facade Material**: glass
- **Side Usage**: shopping center, restaurant, parking

### Spatial dimensions
- **Height (structural)**: 991.9 ft
- **Width**: 251.57 ft
- **Height (tip)**: 991.9 ft
- **Floors (underground)**: 3
- **Height (top floor)**: 548.23 ft
- **Floors (overground)**: 32
- **Height (roof)**: 984.25 ft
- **Parking places**: 3,200
- **Height (floor-ceiling)**: 9.84 ft
- **Escalators**: 22
- **Height (floor-floor)**: 11.81 ft
- **Elevators**: 45
- **Length**: 124.05 ft
- **Gross Floor Area (GFA)**: Contact us

### Years and costs
- **Year (construction start)**: 1999
- **Year (construction end)**: 2002

### Features & Amenities
- One of the city's famous buildings
- Business center is available

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• Conference center is available
• Courtyard is present
• Doorman is available
• Exercise facility is available
• Floodlighting at night
• Observation floor is available
• Public parking is available
• Sauna is available
• Skylobby is present
• Swimming pool is available
• Tennis court(s) are available

Facts

• Kingdom Centre is das höchste Gebäude in Saudi-Arabien und erreichte während der Bauphase 2001 seine volle Höhe.
• Das Hochhaus wurde von Anfang an als Wahrzeichen für Saudi-Arabien konzipiert. Mehr als 100 Architekturbüros haben Gestaltungsentwürfe präsentiert. Der Entwurfsprozess von der ersten Idee zur Festlegung auf die entgültige Bauform dauerte 3 Jahre.
• Der Gebäudekopf beinhaltet einen Hohlraum, der mit einer 60 Meter langen Brücke überspannt wird.
• Das Kingdom Centre wurde mit dem Architekturpreis Skyscrapers.com Award 2002 als das beste neue Hochhaus des Jahres für Design und Funktionalität ausgewählt.
• Occupants include a five-star hotel, a major bank headquarters, a sports club, a wedding and conference center, and a luxury condominium and apartment complex.
• The tower's unique shape culminates in a triangular opening spanned by a 56 meter skybridge with a public observation deck.
• Kingdom Centre was planned from the beginning as an iconic symbol of Saudi Arabia, and the final design was selected after a 3-year process which included over 100 submissions by major architectural firms.
• The spaces to the left and right of the hole contain an enormous latticework of diagonal steel beams. On the restaurant level there is a conference room with a skylight looking up at this area.
• The building is the tallest in Saudi Arabia, and was topped out in January 2001.
• Kingdom Centre is the tallest skyscraper in the world below 50 floors.
• At its completion this was the 25th tallest building in the world, and the tallest of the 21st century.
• The hotel's ballroom is the largest in Riyadh, and the largest in the entire Four Seasons hotel chain.
• The observation deck has a steeply arched floor, and features diagonal cross-beams along the windows.
• The building has an entrance on each of its four sides, each one serving a different usage (hotel, shopping, ballroom, and apartments/offices).
• The tower is aligned in a direct axis with Al Faisaliyah Center, Riyadh's other major skyscraper.
• A three-level shopping center fills the east wing. The mall won a major design award.
• Landscaped courtyards filled with palm trees welcome visitors on the north and south sides of the tower.
• The lighting fixtures in the driveway mimic the shape of the tower, with a recessed arc in place of the hole.
• The inverted catenary arch at the top was described by the developer as a "necklace" for the city of Riyadh.
• The large opening is illuminated at night in continuously changing colors.
• Almost all of the facade is reflective blue glass, but the opening is lined with aluminum to highlight the unique shape.
• The ellipse motif taken from the tower's footprint appears also in the light fixtures, ceiling panels, entrance canopy, wastebaskets, and furniture.
• The main lobby is a soaring elliptical space with ribbed vaulting, elevated walkways, a fountain, and rows of palm trees.
• Kingdom Centre is the winner of the 2002 Emporis Skyscraper Award, selected as the "best new skyscraper of the year for design and functionality".

### Awards

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