Kingdom Centre

Identification

EBN 100934
Name Kingdom Centre
Alternative Name Al Mamlaka
Construction Type skyscraper
Current Status existing [completed]

Location

Continent Name Asia
Country Name Saudi Arabia
State Name [ضایرلا]
Metro Area Name Riyadh Metro Area
District (1st level) Al-Olaya
Postcode 111321
Address (as text) King Fahad Road, P.O. Box 230011
Main Address King Fahad Road
Kingdom Centre

City Name

Riyadh

Map

Description

Foundation System
mat foundation

Facade Color
silver

Structural Material
steel
concrete

Architectural style
modernism

Facade System
curtain wall

Main Usage
residential

Facade Material
glass

Architectural style
commercial office

Spatial dimensions

Height (structural) 991.9 ft Width 251.57 ft

Side Usage
shopping center

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<th>Floors (underground)</th>
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**Years and costs**

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**Features & Amenities**

- One of the city's famous buildings
- Business center is available
- 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 ist 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

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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.

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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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### Involved companies

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