



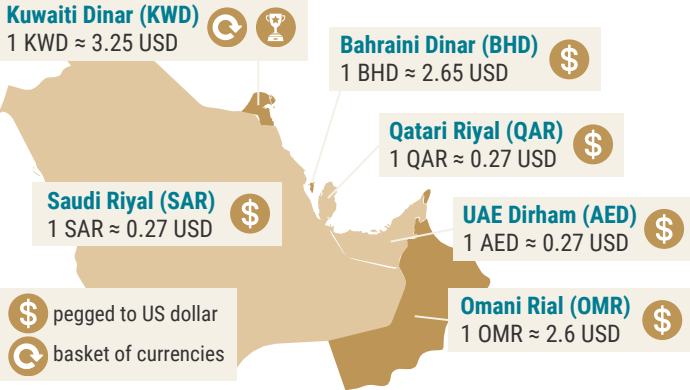
GCC CURRENCIES

STRENGTH, STABILITY, AND THE DIGITAL FUTURE

Historically a crossroads of major trade routes, the Gulf region has long been a vital hub between Europe, Asia, and Africa. From ancient coinage to digital initiatives, GCC currencies reflect a legacy of trade, value, and innovation.

NATIONAL CURRENCIES IN THE GCC REGION

(Fiscal Data, US Department of the Treasury and the Bureau of the Fiscal Service, 2025)



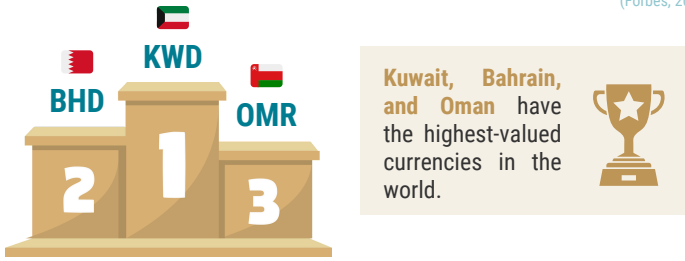
CURRENCY UNITS ORIGINS: THE MEDITERRANEAN CONNECTION

The Gulf's strategic location along key trade routes between Europe, Asia, and Africa facilitated the circulation of these currencies across centuries.



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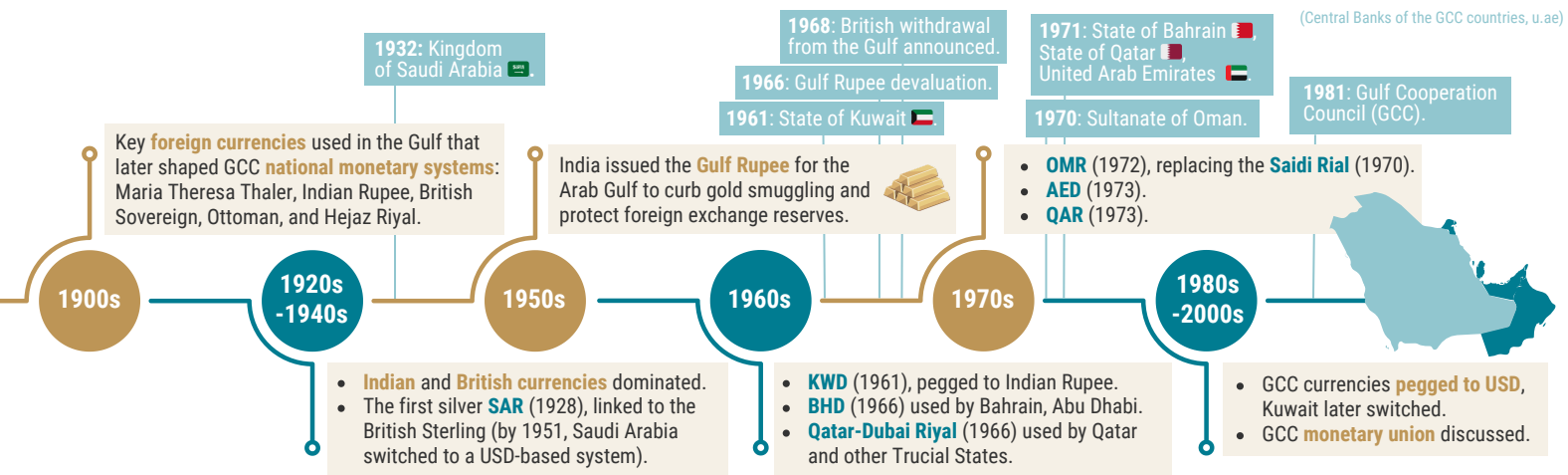
(Forbes, 2024)



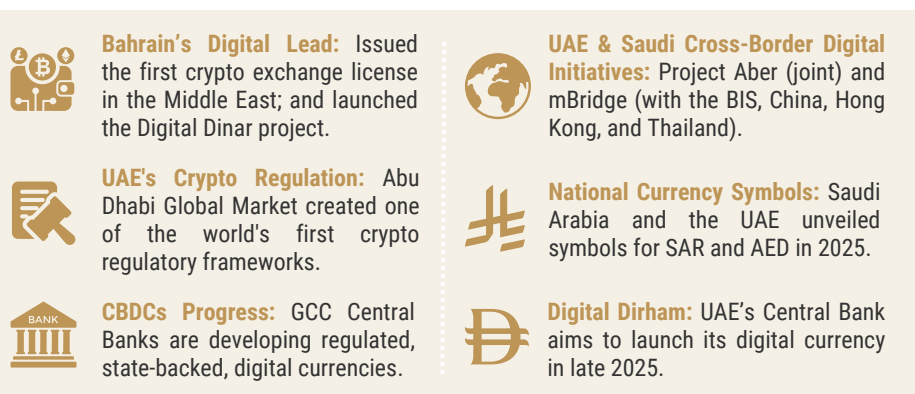
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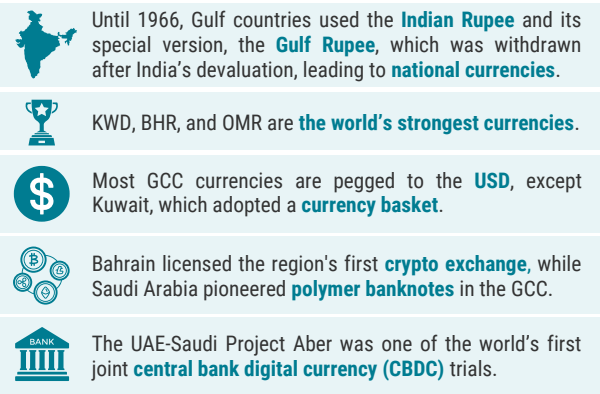
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21ST CENTURY MODERNISATION AND DIGITAL FUTURE



HIGHLIGHTS





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