

# Global Reach and Partnerships

## Strategic Partnerships Driving Market Integration

A landmark achievement was Saudi Tadawul Group's acquisition of a 32.6% stake in **Dubai Mercantile Exchange (DME)** Holdings Limited, now rebranded as **Gulf Mercantile Exchange (GME)**. This strategic move extended the Group's presence into the commodities sector and further diversified its revenue streams. The partnership is a significant opportunity to leverage world-class capabilities and expertise to accelerate GME's growth and position the exchange to capture global commodities demand.

Collaboration with **Hong Kong Exchanges and Clearing Limited (HKEX)** marked another milestone in advancing cross-border investment opportunities. The partnership strengthened connectivity between Saudi Arabian and Asian capital markets, leading to the launch of Saudi Arabia's first ETF designed to track the MSCI China Hong Kong Index, which raised over USD 1.2 billion. This collaboration fostered knowledge exchange and innovation, ensuring both markets benefitted from shared best practices and technological advancements.

Saudi Tadawul Group and **Bahrain Bourse** signed a landmark cooperation agreement focused on strengthening connectivity and integration between the 2 markets. A cross-listing agreement was subsequently signed by Saudi Exchange and Bahrain Bourse, reinforcing the strength of the strategic ties between both exchanges.

In Africa, Saudi Tadawul Group signed an MoU with **Johannesburg Stock Exchange** to bolster economic ties and enhance financial market collaboration. The agreement is designed to serve as a catalyst for growth, innovation and technological advancement in both markets. Specifically, the collaboration has opened up new opportunities for both exchanges and their clients in key areas such as cross-listings and ESG investments.



Collaborated with Hong Kong Exchanges and Clearing Limited (HKEX)



Hosted the Capital Markets Forum (CMF) Hong Kong

Throughout 2024, Saudi Tadawul Group expanded its global presence and strengthened its role as a bridge between emerging ambition and global potential. Through high-impact partnerships, groundbreaking events and active participation in global forums, the Group enhanced its connectivity, diversified its market offerings and reinforced Saudi Arabia's position as a dynamic global financial hub.

## Key Events Showcasing Global Leadership

Saudi Tadawul Group hosted several flagship events that demonstrated its leadership in global financial markets. The **Capital Markets Forum (CMF) Saudi** was held in Riyadh under the patronage of His Excellency Mohammed Al-Jadaan, Minister of Finance and Chairman of the Financial Sector Development Program Committee. The forum attracted over 4,000 participants, including more than 640 investors and 41 corporates. Over the course of 2 days, the forum spotlighted the Saudi capital market's growth and innovation, offering a platform for regional and international investors to explore new opportunities.

Saudi Tadawul Group took CMF beyond Saudi borders for the first time when it hosted CMF Hong Kong to further strengthen ties with Asian markets. It facilitated the signing of pivotal MoUs and partnerships, including those with HKEX, enhancing cross-border collaboration and promoting Saudi Arabia as a premier investment destination. The event attracted over 600 participants, highlighting its significance and international appeal.

Later in the year, the **CMF Saudi-UK Dialogue** in London fostered bilateral relationships with the UK financial market, deepening collaboration and increasing market integration between the 2 nations. The event brought together over 350 participants, underscoring its role as a platform for strengthening ties and enhancing cooperation.



The CMF Saudi-UK Dialogue in London



The HSBC GCC Conference in London



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Engaging at Global Forums

Saudi Tadawul Group’s active participation in leading global forums amplified its international presence and influence.

Through the Group’s leadership and support, the **HSBC GCC Conference** has become a premier annual flagship capital markets event in London, bringing together all GCC exchanges to showcase the region’s dynamic market developments. As a driving force behind this initiative, Saudi Tadawul Group plays a pivotal role in engaging with international investors, highlighting the region’s investment opportunities, and positioning the GCC as a thriving global financial hub.

At the **JP Morgan Saudi Arabia Investment Forum** in New York, the Group reinforced its positioning as a global financial hub and engaged with key Stakeholders on emerging opportunities in the Middle East. Participation in the **Global CSR Forum** aligned Saudi Tadawul Group with international best practices in sustainability, strengthening its competitiveness in the evolving global financial landscape. The **S&P Indices Thought Leadership Seminar** further supported diversification efforts, exploring opportunities in the Asia-Middle East corridor and multi-asset investment strategies.

Through these strategic initiatives, the Group succeeded in strengthening its international partnership network this year, while also showcasing its ability to connect capital markets, foster cross-border collaboration and drive innovation in alignment with the Kingdom’s ambitious Vision 2030.



Participation in the Global CSR Forum



The S&P Indices Thought Leadership Seminar