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GCC Initial Public Offerings H1-2024 Highlights

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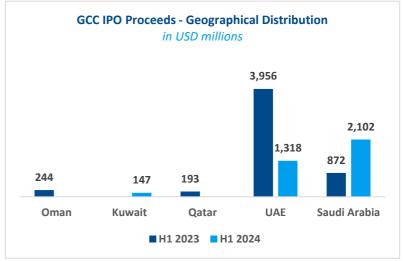
Initial Public Offerings ("IPO") in the Gulf Cooperation Council Countries ("GCC") raised total proceeds of USD 3.6 billion through 23 offerings during the first half of the year 2024, marking a decline of 32% by value compared to the same period of the previous year, where GCC issuers raised a total of USD 5.3 billion through 21 offerings.



Sources: Bloomberg, Capital IQ, Zawya and daily newspapers

Geographical Allocation

Saudi Arabia led the region in terms of IPO proceeds during the period, raising a total of USD 2.1 billion from 19 offerings constituting 59% of total GCC IPO proceeds. This represented an increase of 141% in the value of Saudi IPOs compared to H1-2023. In the UAE, IPO proceeds totaled USD 1.3 billion during the period with 3 offerings constituting 37% of total GCC IPO proceeds. However, this marked a decline of 67% in UAE proceeds compared to the same period of last year. Kuwait has seen its first IPO since 2022 raising a total of USD 147 million in proceeds and constituting 4% of the total GCC proceeds during the first half of the year. Other GCC countries did not have any IPOs during the period.



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Sector Allocation

The Healthcare sector accounted for nearly 22% of the total proceeds during the period through three offerings amounting to a total of USD 788 million in proceeds led by Fakeeh Hospital IPO that raised USD 764 million for 21% stake.

The Technology sector raised more than USD 515 million through the IPO of Alef Education, constituting 14% of total GCC IPO proceeds raised during the period. This was followed by IPOs from the Industrials, Consumer Staples, Food and Beverages, Commercial & Professional Services and Insurance sectors that constituted 12%, 11%, 9%, 8% and 6% respectively.

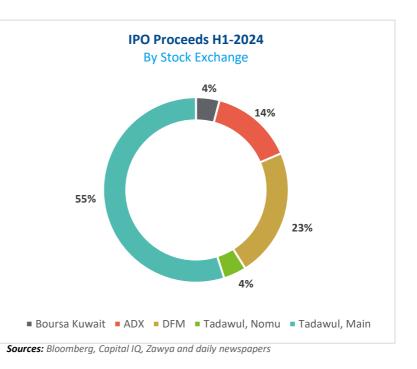
Other sectors primarily include companies from the Financial Services, Utilities, Capital Goods, Pharma Biotech & Life Science, Materials, Software & Services, and Consumer Services.





Exchange Allocation

Saudi Arabia recorded 59% of the total IPO proceeds with the value of USD 1.95 billion listed in the Main Market and USD 143 million in Nomu-Parallel Market. United Arab Emirates markets constituted 37% of total GCC IPO during H1-2024 with a value of USD 804 million listed on Dubai Financial Market (DFM) and USD 515 million in Abu Dhabi Securities Exchange (ADX). Kuwait accounted for 4% of the total GCC IPO proceeds with USD 147 million listed on Boursa Kuwait.





Top 5 GCC IPOs by Proceeds in Q1-2024

- Dr. Soliman Abdulkader Fakeeh Hospital Company raised a total of USD 764 million in proceeds, marking the largest IPO on the Saudi Stock Market (Tadawul) in H1 2024. The company offered 49.8 million shares, or 21% stake, which was covered 119 times. The IPO proceeds constituted 21% of total GCC IPO proceeds in the period. The company was listed on Tadawul's Main Market on the 5th of June 2024.
- Alef Education IPO raised a total of USD 515 million in proceeds making it the second largest IPO in 2024. The company was
 listed on 11th of June on ADX and offered 1.4 billion shares. The offering was covered 39 times and the proceeds constituted
 14% of the total GCC IPO proceeds during the year.
- Parkin IPO raised a total of USD 429 million in proceeds. The company offered 749.7 million shares or 25% stake. The IPO proceeds constituted 12% of total GCC IPO proceeds and was covered 165 times. The company was listed on DFM on March 21st.
- Spinneys IPO raised a total of USD 375 million in proceeds. The company offered 900 million shares or 25% stake and was covered 64 times. The proceeds constituted 11% of total GCC IPO proceeds during the year. The company was listed on DFM on the 9th of May 2024.
- Modern Mills raised a total of USD 314 million in proceeds through the sale of 24.5 million shares, or 30% stake, and was covered 127 times. The IPO constituted 9% of total GCC IPO proceeds during the year. The company was listed on Tawadul's Main Market on the 27th of March 2024.



Appendix 1: Selected GCC IPO Pipeline

Company	Country	Sector	Market	Offering Size (shares)	Status
United Electronics Company	Saudi Arabia	Consumer Discretionary	Main - Tadawul	7,500,000	-
Al Ashghal Almoysra Company	Saudi Arabia	Services	Nomu - Tadawul	480,000	Closing 15 July 2024
Al Hokail Academy Specialized Digital Polyclinics Company	Saudi Arabia	Healthcare	Nomu - Tadawul	2,030,000	Closing 21 July 2024
ASG Plastic Factory Company	Saudi Arabia	Industrial	Nomu - Tadawul	750,000	Closing 5 August 2024
Sama Water	Saudi Arabia	Consumer Staples	Nomu - Tadawul	10,000,000	-
First Avenue Real Estate Development Company	Saudi Arabia	Real Estate	Nomu - Tadawul	16,420,000	-
Mufeed Company	Saudi Arabia	Services	Nomu - Tadawul	600,000	-
Lulu Group International	Saudi Arabia/ UAE	Retail	NA	NA	Expected for H2 2024

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All currencies were converted into US Dollars for easy comparison.



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