# ECONOMIC REFORM & OPPORTUNITIES IN SAUDI ARABIA. Milano, October 2014



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### Milano 2014:

#### **ARAB SPRING & ECONOMIC REFORM IN SAUDI ARABIA:**

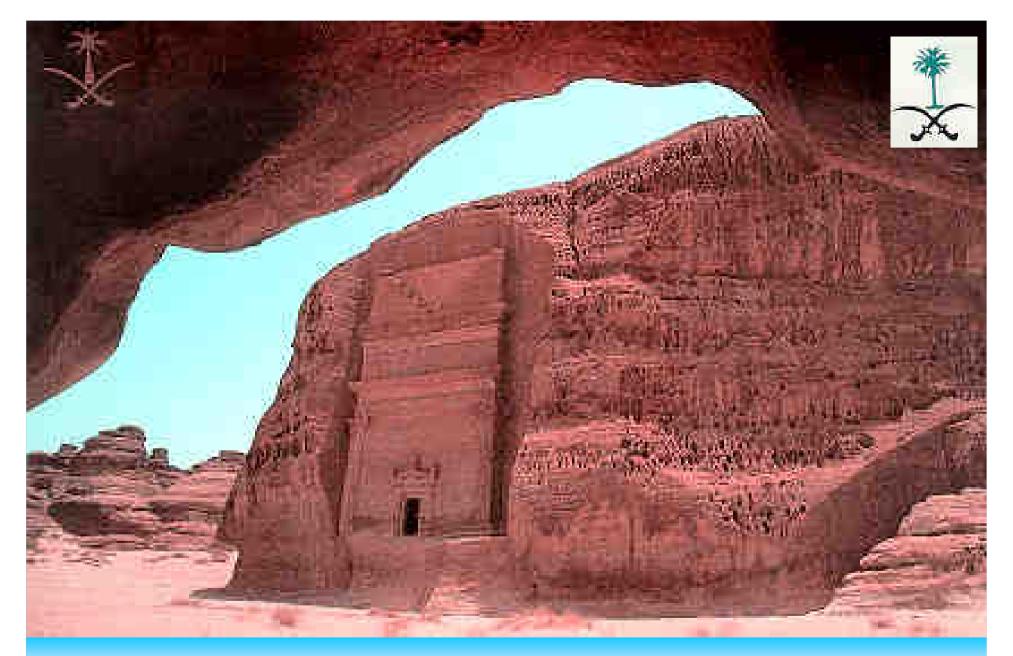
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# Milano 2014: ARAB SPRING AND ECONOMIC IMPACT:

- Spark: Tunisia.
- •Regrettable and requiring wisdom, Legitimacy, Hereditary.
- No countries are alike, Social Justice. Rule of Law.
- Jobs, Participation. Oppression & Injustice: Dhulm!
- Citizens vs Subjects, Look for light..tunnel.
- Interesting Comparison: Tunisia & Egypt vs Libya & Yemen vs Oman & Morocco.
- Economic Impact: Different Scenarios.

# Milano 2014: ARAB SPRING AND ECONOMIC IMPACT:

- •Economic Impact: Different Scenarios (World Bank):
- FOR SAUDI ARABIA: NO EFFECT IF NOT POSITIVE.
- IMPACT ON THE SHORT TERM:
- TOURISM: IMMEDIAT, GROWTH @ 4%, Egypt: low, Syria: Shrink, Tunisia: 0.
- MEDIUM TERM: RAISING ROWTH WILL BE DIFFICULT IN LIGHT OF EXPECTED EURO PROBLEMS & TURMOIL.
- LONG TERM: IMPROVED INVESTMENT ENVIORNMENT.
- TRICK: INFRASTRUCTURE, JOBS, ERADICATE CORRUPTION. NOT SUBSIDIES.



NABATIYAN RUINS IN "MADAEN SALEH" -NORTH WESTERN AREA



AL MASMAQ FORT - RIYADH

#### **HISTORY OF REFORM IN SAUDI ARABIA:**

- •START 1993.
- •CHANGE FROM WITHIN.
- •SPEED OF REFORM.
- •MASS REFORM COVERING: POLITICAL, EDUCATION, SOCIAL, JUDICIAL, WOMEN EMPOWERMENT.
- •PUBLIC SUPPORT.
- ECONOMICAL: LAWS, ORGANIZATIONS & SECTORS.

#### **NEW LAWS & UPDATE CURRENT LAWS:**

- FOREIGN INVESTMENT LAW.
- NEGATIVE LIST.
- FOREIGN TAX LAW.
- TOURISM LAW.
- COMPANIES LAW.
- ARBITRATION LAW.
- HEALTH SERVICES.

#### **NEW LAWS & UPDATE CURRENT LAWS:**

- MINING CODE.
- STOCK MARKET LAW.
- MORTGAGE LAW.
- INSURANCE LAW.





#### **AL JUBAIL INDUSTRIAL CITY**







AL JUBAIL INDUSTRIAL CITY AT NIGHT

#### KING ABDULLAH INTIATIVES:

- •ME PEACE PLAN.
- •DIALOGUES: National & International.
- SUCCESSION LAW.
- PRIVATISATION.
- HUMAN RIGHTS: Commission, Society & New Report.
- HEALTH & EDUCATION: Priorities, Not Defense.
- REFORM: Education & Judicial Systems.

#### KING ABDULLAH INTIATIVES:

- FUNDING: Real Estate, Agri, Industry, Savings & Credit, SME guarantee, Unemployment Benefits.
- ANTI TERRORISM UN CENTRE FINANCING.
- ANTI CORRUPTION Dept.
- SUPPORT TO SOCIETIES: CIVIL & SPORTS, CHARITY, PROFESSIONAL.
- FOREIGN SCHOLARSHIPS FOR BOYS & GIRLS.
- NEW UNIVERSITIES.
- ERADICATION OF POVERTY & FUND



KING KHALID INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT, RIYADH INTERIOR VIEW OF TERMINAL BUILDING



THE KING FAHD CAUSEWAY



**ROADS NETWORK - RIYADH** 



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**COMMUNICATION STATION** 

## **ECONOMIC REFORM, New Organizations:**

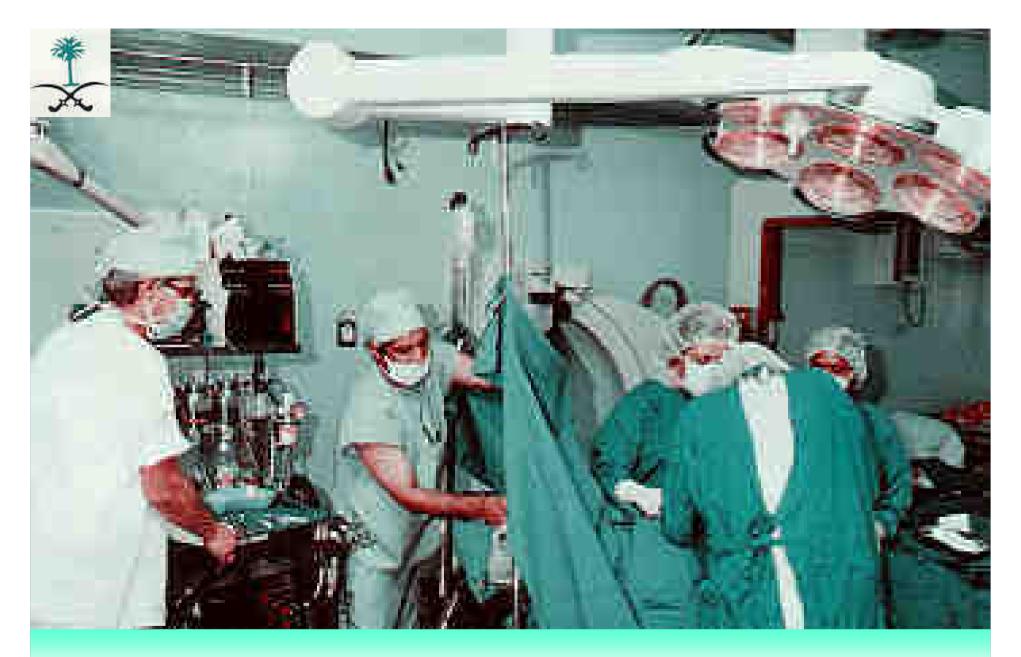
- K-CARE: NUCLEAR & SUSTAINABLE ENERGY.
- INVESTMENT AUTHORITY.
- TOURISM AUTHORITY.
- INDUSTRIAL & TECHNOLOGY PARKS.
- EXPORT PROMOTION AUTHORITY.
- SME FINANCE.
- •FOOD & DRUG ADMINISTRATION.

## **ECONOMIC REFORM, New Organizations:**

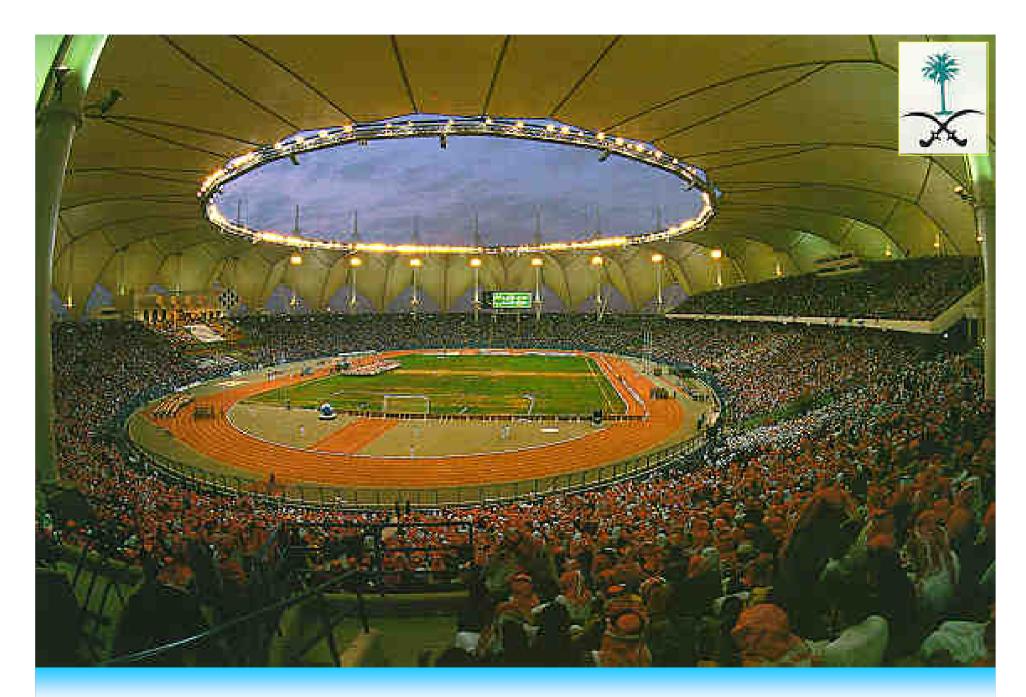
- SUPREME ECONOMIC COUNCIL.
- SUPREME OIL & MINERALS COUNCIL.
- CAPITAL MARKET AUTHORITY.
- LABOR COMMITTEES.
- WATER & ELECTRICITY.
- REGULATORS: ELECTRICIT, WATER, COMM., RAIL ROADS.
- JUBAIL 2 & YANBU 2.



KING SAUD UNIVERSITY - RIYADH



LOCAL AND INTERNATIONAL EXPERIENCE TO PROVIDE AN EXCELLENT SERVICES TO PEOPLE



KING FAHAD INTERNATIONAL STADIUM

#### **MILESTONES:**

- ROCK OF STABILITY, SECURE INVESTMENT.
- EASE OF DOING BUSINESS: 22nd.
- ECONOMIC REFORM: BEST 5.
- INVESTMENT IN-FLOW: 8TH. UNCTAD.
- WTO & G20 MEMBERSHIP.
- UN HUMAN DEVELOPMENT INDEX 57th.
- MINISTRY OF HOUSING.

#### **MILESTONES:**

- 23<sup>RD</sup> LEADING GDP US\$B640, World Bank.
- FOREIGN ASSETS US\$B500, 100% GDP.
- DEBT: 10% OF GDP, ALL DOMESTIC.
- •LEADING 18th EXPORTER.
- LEADING 30<sup>th</sup> IMPORTER: (TRADE USB500)
- SABIC: WORLD 17<sup>TH</sup> LARGEST.
- eBANKING: Largest in MENA.

#### **MILESTONES:**

- STOCK MARKET: 60% OF ARAB STATES, TRADE.
- LEAST SUSCEPTABLE TO SHOCKS: Barclays.
- EXPECTED GROWTH 2013: 4.9%.
- EXPORTS GROWTH: up 30%
- SOVRIEGN DEBT: BEST 20 CREDIT WORTHY.
- WEF COMPETITIVNESS: Ranked 17th.
- NO. 1 INVESTMENT ATTRACTION: MENA, USB17.3.



A VIEW OF MODERN FARMING IN SAUDI ARABIA



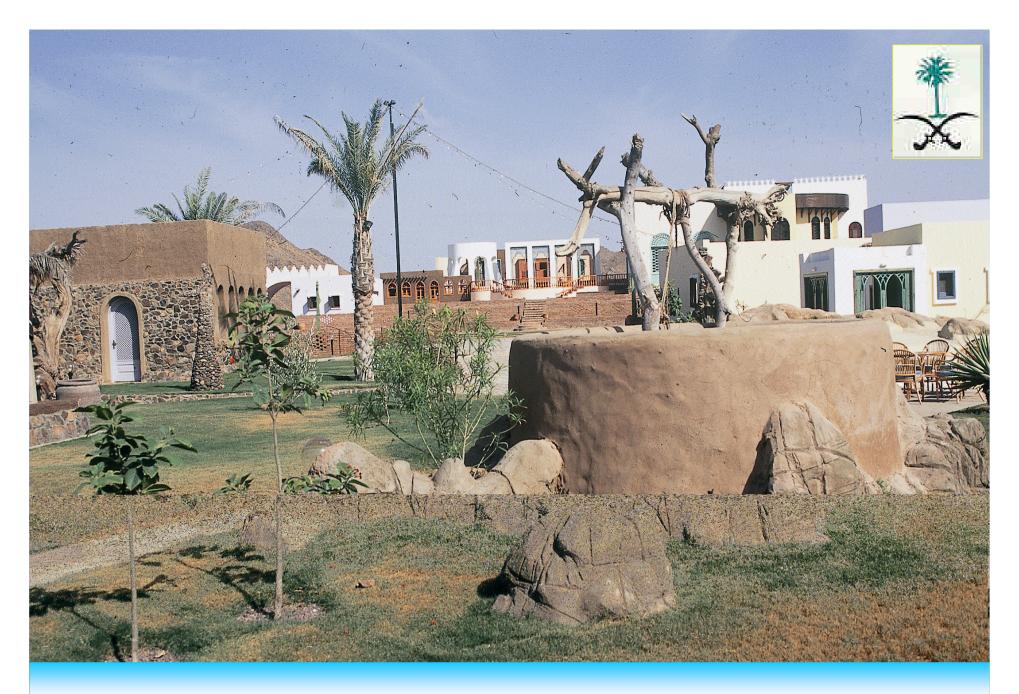
A PROTECTED FARM NEAR AL KHARJ



**VIEW OF DATE PALMS - QASSIM** 

#### **MILESTONES: WOMEN EMPOWERMENT:**

- RESOLUTION 120: Jobs, Business, Organization.
- Women in Government Positions.
- Journalists' & Engineers' Associations.
- Chamber Boards & Law Offices.
- Exclusive Employment: Industrial, Women Retail Shops and others.
- Prince Nourah Girls University: More Girls than Boys.
- MEMBERSHIP: Parliament & Municipal Councils.



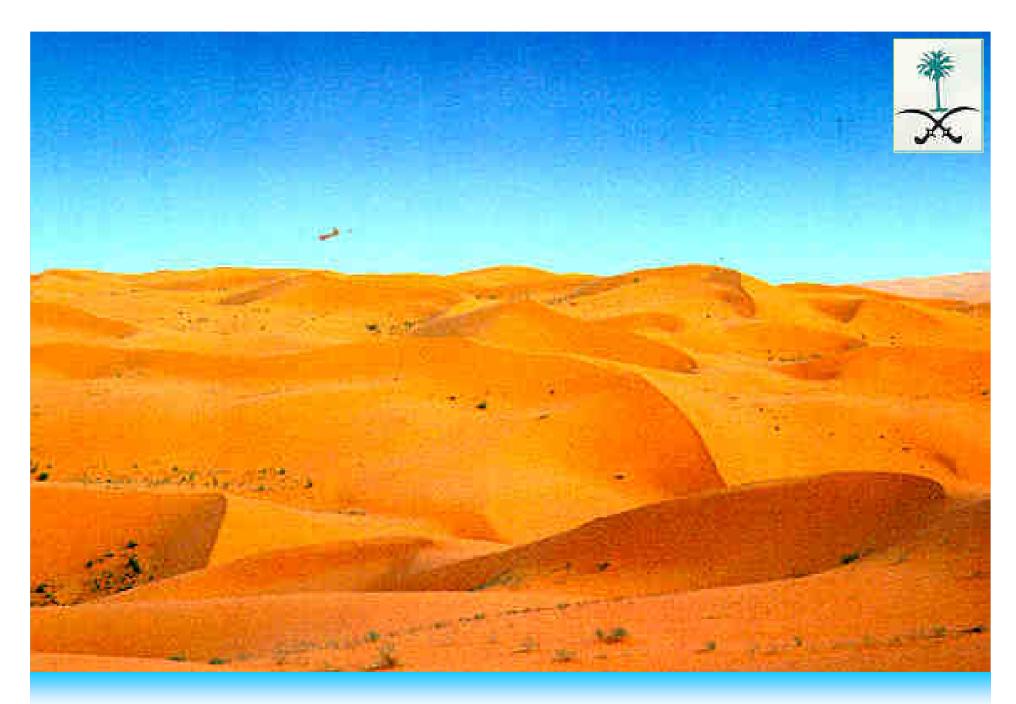
#### TRADITIONAL LIFE



**SHOUBRA PALACE - TAIF** 

#### **MILESTONES: INTERNATIONAL SUPPORT:**

- 100 Billion Dollars to 95 Countries in 30 years.
- Health, Education, Infrastructure.
- \$500 Million: Education Fund, Developing Countries.
- \$500 Million: World Food Program.
- \$500 Million: Energy for the Poor Nations.
- \$ 6 Billion: Loans Forgiven, The United Nations
- •\$1 Billion: Eradication of Poverty in the Islamic World
- \$1 Billion: Literacy fund for the Islamic World.



**DESERT LANDSCAPE - ZULFI** 



PANORAMIC VIEW - FAYFA, JIZAN REGION

#### **FUTURE CHALLENGES:**

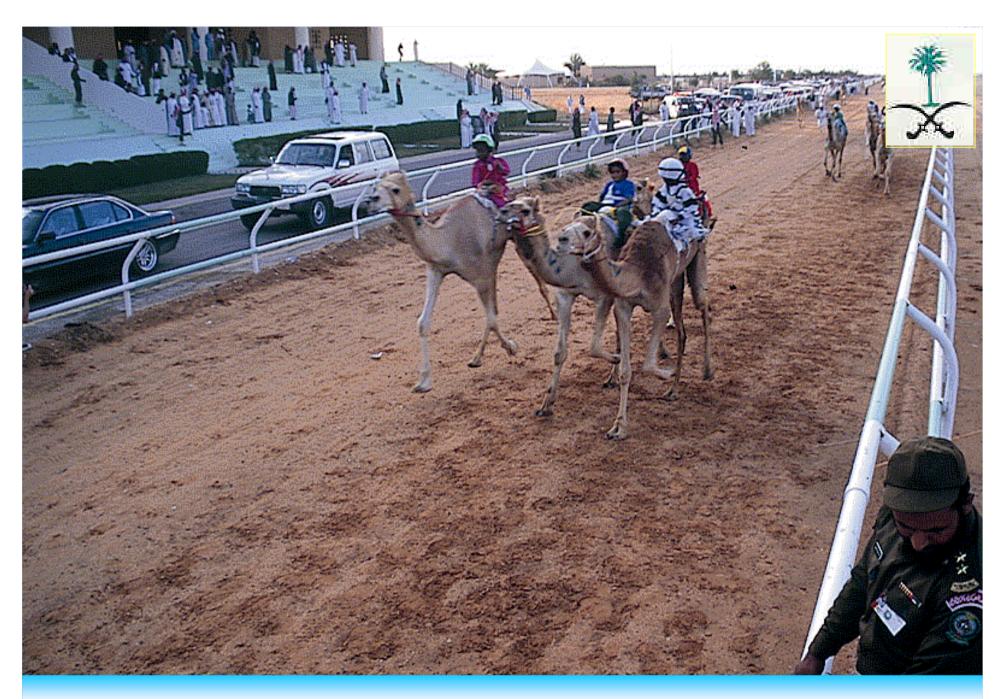
- PROGRESS MADE .. MORE TO BE DONE.
- UNEMPLOYMENT: New Saudization Policy.
- REGIONAL COOPERATION.
- GROWTH vs POPULATION.
- ERADICATION OF POVERTY.
- EXPORTS & DIVERSIFICATION.
- FOOD SECURITY: New International Program.

## **FUTURE CHALLENGES:**

- FAMILY BUSINESS & SMEs.
- •ARAB FREE TRADE ZONE.
- GCC FREE TRADE AGREEMENT.
- IMPROVE EDUCATION (ON GOING).
- WOMEN EMPOWERMENT IN BUSINESS: NOW SRB 80.
- •PRIVATIZATION: aviation, post, water, power, telecom, radio, TV.



HAIL MOUNTAINS: "WELCOME TO UGHDAH"



**CAMEL RACING - SAUDI ARABIA** 

## **OPPORTUNITIES AND NEW SECTORS:**

- INFRASTRUCTURE.
- OIL AND GAS SERVICES.
- PETROCHEMICALS.
- ECONOMIC CITIES.
- HOUSING.
- FINANCIAL SECTOR.
- MANUFACTURING.

## **OPPORTUNITIES AND NEW SECTORS:**

- TRANSPORTATION & LOGISTICS.
- WATER DESALINATION.
- POWER GENERATION.
- SUSTAINABLE ENERGY: New Solar Station.
- I.C.T.
- CONSTRUCTION.
- RAIL ROADS & METRO.

## **OPPORTUNITIES AND NEW SECTORS:**

- HIGHER EDUCATION.
- MINING.
- INSURANCE: New Sector.
- CLUSTERS PROGRAM: CARS, APPLIANCES & CONST. MATERIALS.
- TOURISM.
- HEALTH SERVICES.
- AVIATION & AIRPORTS.



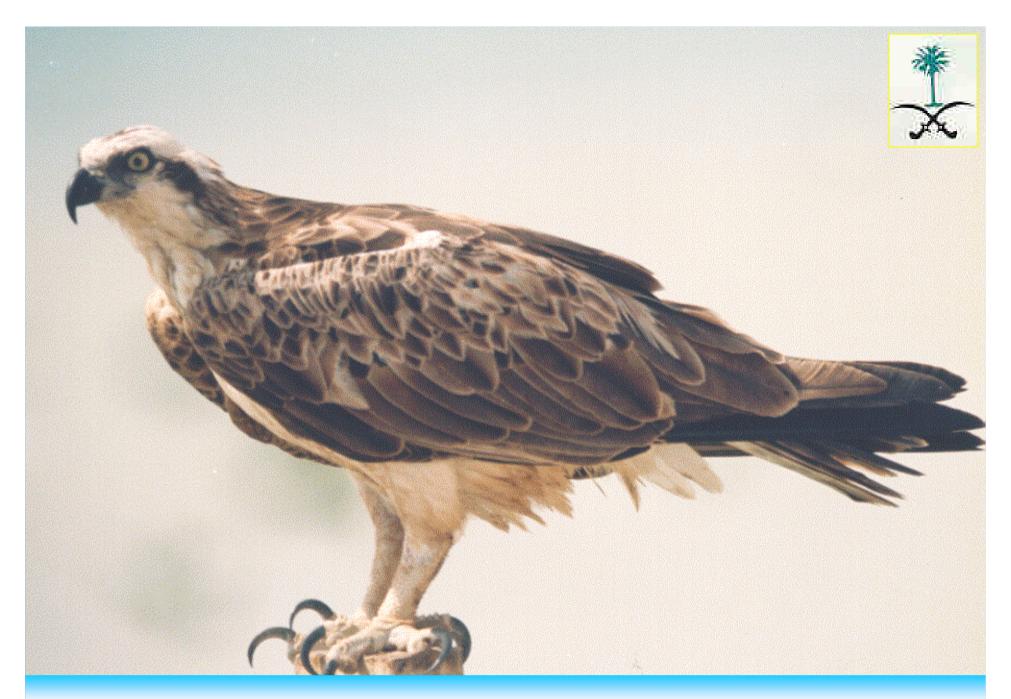
#### **RED SEA FISH – A KALEIDOSCOPE OF COLOURS**







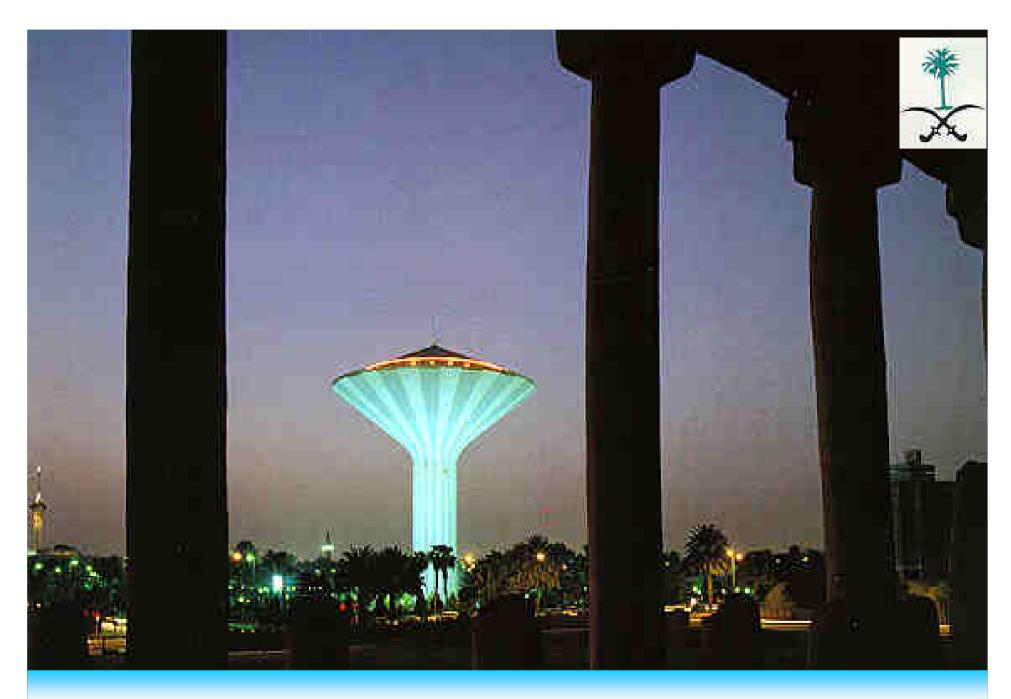
ARABIAN HORSE



# **FALCONRY**



FABULOUS JEDDAH AT DUSK



RIYADH WATER TOWER

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