

Middle East Tech Surge: AI, Fintech, and Smart Cities Lead 2025 Innovations

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1. Which Middle Eastern country is significantly investing in AI, aiming to have 20% of its non-oil GDP from AI by 2031, in line with its National AI Strategy?

- A) United Arab Emirates
- B) Saudi Arabia
- C) Qatar
- D) Oman

2. What was the projected value of the Middle East fintech market in 2025, according to IMARC Group?

- A) \$1.7 billion
- B) \$3.9 billion
- C) \$5.71 billion
- D) \$1 billion

3. Which initiative is Qatar undertaking to harness technology and innovation, aiming to transform the country into a smart nation and foster private sector opportunities?

- A) Qatar Digital Agenda 2030
- B) Smart Qatar Program (TASMU)
- C) National Skilling Program
- D) Qatar Smart City Initiative

4. Saudi Arabia's Vision 2030 includes a strong emphasis on digital transformation. What is the projected growth of its non-oil sector in 2025?

- A) 3.1%
- B) 5.8%
- C) 7.5%
- D) 10.2%

5. The UAE has solidified its position as a global digital infrastructure hub, recording a high utilization rate of artificial intelligence tools across government entities. What percentage was reported for 2025?

- A) 85%
- B) 92%
- C) 97%
- D) 99%

6. What is the projected annual growth rate for fintech net revenue in the Middle East and North Africa (MENA) region until 2028?

- A) 15%
- B) 20%
- C) 35%
- D) 50%

7. Which Middle Eastern country was the first to deploy 5G and holds a near-perfect record for internet penetration?

- A) United Arab Emirates
- B) Saudi Arabia
- C) Qatar
- D) Bahrain

8. In 2025, Information security spending by Middle East and North Africa (MENA) enterprises is projected to increase by what percentage from 2024, according to Gartner?

- A) 8%
- B) 11%
- C) 14%
- D) 18%

9. Saudi Arabia is developing a significant amount of data center capacity. How much is planned by 2030?

- A) 3 GW
- B) 4.5 GW
- C) 6.9 GW
- D) 10 GW

10. The UAE's AI ecosystem is marked by significant investments. Microsoft invested how much in G42 in April 2024 as part of these efforts?

- A) \$1 billion
- B) \$5 billion
- C) \$10 billion
- D) \$15 billion

11. Which Middle Eastern city was recognized among the Top 10 Smart Cities in the 2024 Smart City Index, being the only city from the region on the list?

- A) Riyadh
- B) Dubai
- C) Abu Dhabi
- D) Doha

12. Egypt's Information and Communications Technology (ICT) market is projected to reach a significant value by 2029. What is this projected value?

- A) \$15.2 billion
- B) \$25.8 billion
- C) \$45.18 billion
- D) \$60.5 billion

13. What is the estimated total value of the Middle East cybersecurity market projected to reach by 2030?

- A) \$15 billion
- B) \$22 billion
- C) \$31 billion
- D) \$45 billion

14. The UAE and Saudi Arabia are expected to invest a substantial amount in smart city projects by 2025, according to Frost & Sullivan. What is this estimated investment?

- A) \$25 billion
- B) \$35 billion
- C) \$50 billion
- D) \$75 billion

15. What is the primary goal of Saudi Arabia's Vision 2030 concerning its economy?

- A) Increase oil production
- B) Diversify the economy and reduce oil dependency
- C) Become a global leader in tourism
- D) Expand manufacturing capabilities