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US$204.1bn in GCC project awards through September 2026, and what's open now

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At a Glance

2026 so far: awards up, pipeline strong



GCC contract awards reached US$204.1bn in January–September 2026, 2.5% more than in the same period of 2025, according to Kamco Invest's analysis of MEED Projects data. About US$2.05tn of planned and unawarded projects sits in the regional pipeline, and Kamco says the outlook for GCC projects has strengthened in both the short and long term.

The spending plans behind the outlook are large. Aramco has committed US$50–55bn of capital spending in 2026, and ADNOC plans US$54.4bn of contract awards in 2026–2028. Q3 awards totalled US$47.4bn, below a strong Q3 2025, with 84% won in Saudi Arabia and the UAE.

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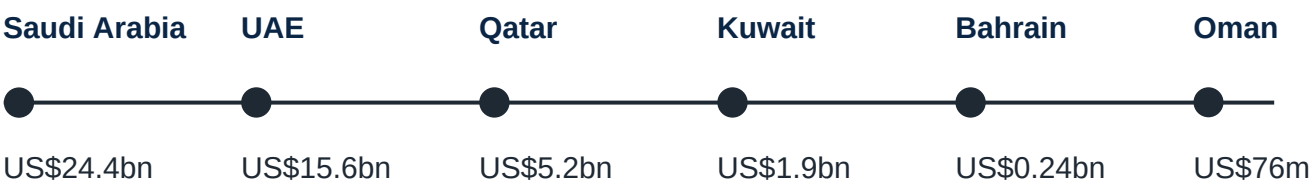
+59.9%

year-on-year rise in Q3 gas award value, to US$13.5bn

Source: Kamco Invest, GCC Projects Market Update (MEED Projects data); Aletihad; Arab News.

Scorecard

Q3 2026 contract awards by country



COUNTRY	LARGEST AWARD OR ACTIVITY	KEY FIGURE
Saudi Arabia	SAN-7 complex, Jubail (SABIC Agri-Nutrients): EPC to Samsung E&A, about US$3.47bn	**Gas awards up 80.1% to US$6.9bn**
UAE	Umm Shaif Gas Cap (ADNOC): three EPC packages, US$5.1bn, within a US$6.2bn investment decision	**Gas nearly 40% of UAE awards**
Qatar	Maydan Mahzam EPIC-1 (QatarEnergy): letter of award to PTSC M&C with Seatrium, 13 September	**Oil projects about US$5bn**
Kuwait	Subiya power and desalination plant: gas-turbine contract	**US$445m**
Bahrain	20 contractors prequalified for the Sports City stadium, September	**Tender Board awards BD103.6m in July**
Oman	Misfah 1.7GW gas-fired power plant: EPC to Doosan Enerbility and SEPCO3	**About US$683m**

Country totals above are Q3 2026 contract awards. Source: Kamco Invest, October 2026 (MEED Projects data); company announcements.

Awards and Milestones

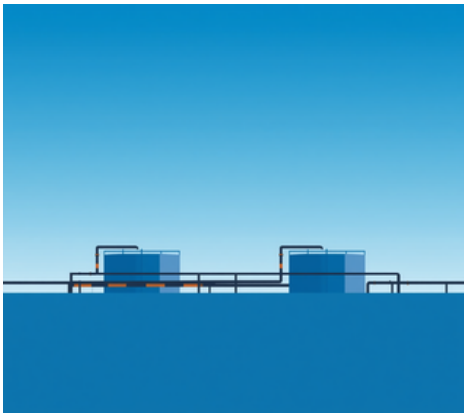
Selected major awards and procurement milestones, July–September 2026



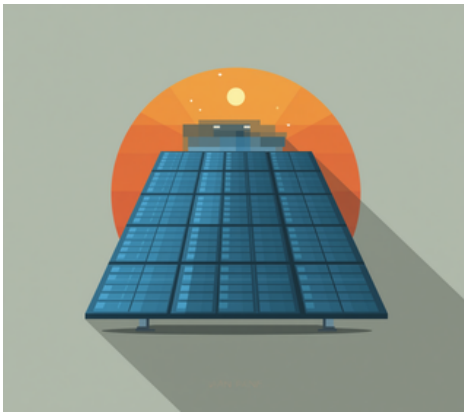
DATE	PROJECT · CLIENT	WINNER	VALUE
21 Jul	**Umm Shaif Gas Cap · ADNOC, UAE**	UAE and international consortiums	US$5.1bn, three EPC packages (US$6.2bn FID)
20 Aug	**Misfah 1.7GW power plant · Jabel Power, Oman**	Doosan Enerbility, SEPCO3	About US$683m EPC contract
20 Aug	**First battery storage group · SPPC, Saudi Arabia**	ACWA-led group; Engie–Alireza	US$1.16bn project investment
24 Aug	**Jafurah phase 4 · Aramco, Saudi Arabia**	L&T Energy Hydrocarbon	Undisclosed; L&T class above about US$1.57bn
30 Aug, 14 Sep	**19 land rigs · SLB, Saudi Arabia**	Arabian Drilling	About SAR5bn, two rig contracts
9 Sep	**SAN-7 ammonia and urea, Jubail · SABIC Agri-Nutrients**	Samsung E&A	About US$3.47bn EPC contract
9 Sep	**Headquarters and residences · Dubai Holding, UAE**	CSCEC Middle East	US$1.36bn construction contract
13 Sep	**Maydan Mahzam EPIC-1 · QatarEnergy, Qatar**	PTSC M&C with Seatrium	Letter of award; project estimated at US$4–5bn

Value types differ (contract, investment, letter of award, estimate), so values are not directly comparable. COOEC announced the Maydan Mahzam EPIC-2 award in October, after the quarter. Full sources are in the online edition.

Sector Trends and Emerging Opportunities







Gas: US$13.5bn awarded in Q3, up 59.9% year on year. Saudi gas awards rose 80.1% to US$6.9bn.

Chemicals: US$3.5bn, almost five times Q3 2025, led by SABIC Agri-Nutrients' SAN-7 complex in Jubail.

Construction: still the largest sector at US$14.8bn, though down 44.7% year on year. Saudi construction awards rose 7.6% to US$9.2bn.

Power and storage: SPPC signed its first battery storage group in August and qualified 13 firms for its third gas-fired IPP round in September.

Data centres: Qatar's MEEZA signed a US$275m, 8MW hyperscaler lease in September.

PPPs: three consortiums bid for the US$5bn Asir–Jizan highway in August.

Since the quarter: HUMAIN tendered a 100MW Riyadh AI data centre, and six groups submitted prequalifications for the Qassim airport PPP (October).

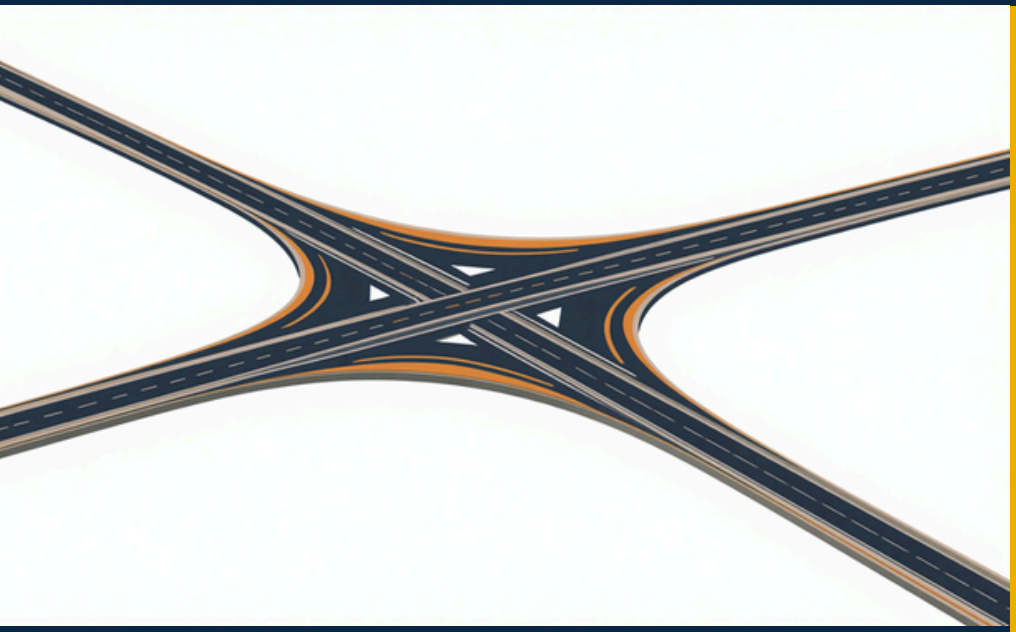
Open Opportunities

Eight selected tenders open on 15 November, closing December–January



CLOSES	MARKET	BUYER · TENDER (REFERENCE)	DATE SOURCE
9 Dec	UAE · Dubai	DEWA · Hatta 11kV feeders consultancy (2122600152)	Buyer notice
9 Dec	UAE · Abu Dhabi	DMT · Zayed City roads MZ09 and MZ12 (DMT-RFP-26-088)	GCC Tender News listing
13 Dec, 12 Jan	Saudi Arabia	Roads General Authority · 12 packages on Route 40	GCC Tender News listing
15 Dec	Qatar	Ashghal · Education City stormwater drainage (PWA/GTC/17/2026)	Buyer portal
20 Dec	Bahrain	EWA · Bilaj Al Jazayer 100MW solar IPP (538/2026/BTB); buy documents by 21 Nov	Tender Board notice
21 Dec	UAE · Dubai	Dubai Municipality · Al Yalayis 05 pond drainage (DS261-C2)	GCC Tender News listing
24 Dec	Kuwait	PAHW · Al Mutlaa supervision consultancy	GCC Tender News listing
29 Dec	Kuwait	KGOC · proposed gas-processing plant near Al-Zour, estimated at US$3.3bn	**Trade-reported (MEED)**

Dates checked on 15 November 2026. Confirm closing dates, local times and references with the buyer before bidding. New tenders are listed daily at gcctendernews.com.



Projects to Monitor

- Jafurah phase 5, Saudi Arabia: EPC award due Q4
- Dubai Metro Gold Line, US$9.2bn: six groups prequalified
- North Field West topsides, Qatar: bids submitted, per MEED; award timing unconfirmed
- Maydan Mahzam, Qatar: definitive contract signing pending
- Muscat Expressway, US$408m: works starting
- Bahrain Sports City stadium: main tender next

Five moves for bidders

1. Sell to the winners, not only the owners: subcontracts follow main awards.
2. Allow for deadline changes and check bid-bond validity.
3. Watch Saudi construction, up 7.6% in Q3.
4. Join consortiums early for IPP, storage and PPP rounds.
5. Read headline values carefully: investment decisions are not contract prices.

OUTLOOK

Kamco says the outlook for GCC projects has strengthened in both the short and long term, with about US$2.05tn of planned and unawarded projects.

Forecasts cited in its report put GCC economic growth at 5.8% in 2027. Next signals for bidders: published prequalifications and confirmed tender dates.



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