Expanship
Business Formation & Corporate Solutions

Company profile 2026

From license to launch… one partner for your company in Saudi Arabia

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We are Expanship

Expanship started with a simple idea: an investor coming to the Kingdom does not need someone who issues a commercial registration and disappears. They need a partner who knows the whole route and stays with them after formation.

The name

The name joins two words: Expansion and Partnership. It also holds Ship, the vessel that carries you from your country into the Saudi market.

The logo

Our mark is drawn from the actual map of the Arabian Gulf: the Kingdom, the UAE and Oman, with the Gulf coast and its real borders. The Kingdom sits at its heart and the Gulf is the horizon for growth, because an investor rarely thinks of one market; they start in Riyadh with an eye on the whole region. From the heart of the map rises a single block like a business building, with the letters EX at its base, because the company we set up with you is the foundation of your business.



By the numbers

40+
companies set up since we launched in 2026

12
countries our clients come from

21
days on average to the commercial registration

85%
of our clients renewed with us after formation

The Saudi market today

9,018
licenses in Q2 2026

252%
growth on the same period last year

Source: Ministry of Investment data published in Okaz (August 2026).

Expanship figures since its launch in 2026. Market figures from the source named.

Our values

01

Clarity

You know what you will get, when, and for how much.

02

Commitment

We keep our word, and tell you straight away if anything changes.

03

Partnership

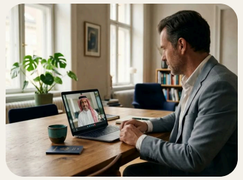
Your success after formation is how we measure ours.

04

Knowledge

We follow every regulatory update, so nothing takes you by surprise.

Who it is for



Foreign investors and companies

Registration with the Ministry of Investment, setting up the entity, appointing the general manager and their residency, and getting the company ready to operate.



Residents of the Kingdom

A fully licensed route to a company in your name, with the right activity and entity.



Premium Residency holders

A shorter route: Premium Residency holders are exempt from submitting a commercial registration and financial statements when registering.



Foreign companies opening a branch or RHQ

A branch, a subsidiary or a regional headquarters in Riyadh.



Saudi and GCC investors

Establishments and companies through the Ministry of Commerce; GCC investors are treated as Saudi nationals.



Innovative startups

The entrepreneurial license, endorsed by an accredited incubator or accelerator.

Entity types

Not sure which one suits you? That is the first thing we settle with you in the consultation.

Entity	Suits
Limited Liability Company	The most common choice for foreign investors; allows full foreign ownership in most activities.
One-Person Company	An investor setting up alone, without partners.
Branch of a Foreign Company	An existing company outside the Kingdom that wants a direct presence here.
Joint Stock Company	Large projects, or those planning a future share offering.
Regional Headquarters	Multinationals running their regional operations from Riyadh.
Sole Establishment	Saudi and GCC nationals only.

License tracks by activity

Each activity has its own route and conditions, and some need approval from an additional sector authority. The main ones:

Services

Consulting, technology, professional and operational services.

Trading

Wholesale and retail, with higher capital conditions and investment commitments, or a partnership route with a Saudi investor.

Industrial

Factories and production lines, with approvals from the Ministry of Industry and Mineral Resources.

Entrepreneurial

For innovative startups, endorsed by an accredited incubator or accelerator.

Engineering and professional

Engineering and consulting offices; requires classification by the Saudi Council of Engineers.

Real estate, agriculture and mining

With approvals from the relevant authority.

Scientific and technical office

To study the market before entering, without carrying out commercial activity.

Your formation journey with us: 8 stops

01

Choose the route

Activity analysis, entity choice and partner structure.

What we need from you: Your project idea and partner details.

02

Prepare the documents

An exact list of what is needed, and follow-up on attestation and translation when required.

What we need from you: The documents from your country.

03

Ministry of Investment registration

Filing the application online and following it until approval.

What we need from you: Signing the power of attorney.

04

Name, articles and CR

Reserving the trade name, drafting the articles of association and issuing the commercial registration.

What we need from you: Approving the name and the articles.

05

Chamber and address

Chamber of Commerce membership and the national address.

06

Bank and capital

Preparing the company's bank account file.

What we need from you: Visiting the bank when asked.

07

Government files and residency

Zakat and tax, social insurance, Qiwa, Muqeem, Mudad, the general manager's residency and visas.

What we need from you: Details of the general manager and staff.

08

Operations

Payroll, Saudization, systems and brand.

What we need from you: Your choice of the services you need.

What you receive at the end

It depends on your activity, documents, bank account and visas. The Ministry of Investment reviews registration requests within up to 10 days. The longest part is usually attesting documents in your home country. You get a written timeline for your file before you start.

- Investment registration certificate.
- Commercial registration and articles of association.
- Chamber of Commerce membership and national address.
- Registration with zakat and tax and social insurance.
- Company accounts on Qiwa, Muqeem and Mudad.
- The general manager's residency.
- A corporate bank account.
- A complete file of all your documents, on paper and digital.

Your company is set up… now we run it with you



Investment consulting

- Feasibility studies and business plans.
- Market and competitor analysis in your sector.
- Partnership structures and investor shares.



HR and Saudization

- Payroll and the Wage Protection System.
- Hiring and attracting Saudi talent.
- Tracking Saudization rates in Nitaqat.



ERP systems

- Choosing the system that fits your size and budget.
- Implementation and connecting the system to your daily work.
- Team training and ongoing support.



Brand management and development

- Trade name and visual identity.
- Trademark registration with the Saudi Authority for Intellectual Property.
- Website and social accounts.



Digital transformation and governance

- Internal policies, authorities and boards.
- Process automation and system integration.
- Customer relationship management (CRM).

Clear packages… know what you get before you start

Launch

Entrepreneurs and individual investors

Formation and CR, Chamber and national address, core government files, and a basic visual identity.

From 7,500 SAR

Launch Plus

Investors and companies from abroad

Everything in Launch + a virtual office, bank file preparation, the general manager's residency, and a 90-day partner.

From 15,000 SAR

Operate

Existing businesses

A monthly service: payroll and Saudization, HR files, and ERP support.

From 2,500 SAR a month

Corporate

Mid-size and family businesses

Operate + governance and policies, digital transformation, and brand management.

On request

Prices are Expanship's service fees and exclude VAT. Government fees depend on the activity and are shown separately in the quote.

Why Expanship?

One partner

One team, one contract and one account manager who knows your file from the start.

We stay after the CR

A 90-day partner after formation at no extra fee: we follow your first payroll, first hires and first systems with you.

Clear from the start

Before you sign, you know what you will get, when, and for how much.

Instant replies

Our AI assistant answers on WhatsApp and the website around the clock, and your advisor takes over during working hours.

Follow your file yourself

A client portal that shows the status of every transaction, your documents and your invoices.

Investor guide

Articles that answer investors' questions, with every fact linked to its official source.

01 How to set up a company in Saudi Arabia as a foreigner in 2026: the complete guide

02 The updated Investment Law: what changed for foreign investors?

03 Documents for investment registration, and how to attest them in your country

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Book your free consultation, and we will map the right route for your company with you.

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