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MENA SaaS GTM Playbook

The 2026 Framework for Dubai, Saudi & GCC

Why Copy-Paste GTM Breaks

- US/India playbooks assume English-only buyers, 5-6 week cycles, uniform procurement
- MENA runs bilingual sales, 12-month cycles for KSA enterprise, multi-currency procurement
- The teams that win rebuild the stack, they don't translate it

The 5-Layer GTM Stack

1 Licensing & Entity

2 Pricing in AED/SAR

3 Demand Engine (LinkedIn anchor)

4 Compliance Readiness

Market Reality (2026)

USD 12.4B

GCC SaaS spend 2025

30-40%

SaaS licenses unused

3.6725

AED/USD peg

12 months

KSA enterprise cycle

UAE Sprint vs KSA Long Game

- UAE: 6-week sprint. Entity > LinkedIn content > 20 ICP accounts > first dinner
- KSA: 6-12 month enterprise cycle. MISA license > local partner > pilot > rollout
- Pillar: run both in parallel, do not sequence

Your Next 90 Days

- Week 1-2: Pick entity type. AED 50K lean or AED 150K enterprise-ready
- Week 3-4: Localize pricing page. Add AED and SAR with correct VAT
- Week 5-8: Build 200-account ABM list. Launch LinkedIn sequences
- Week 9-12: Close first 3 deals. Measure, refine, scale