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GCC SaaS Pricing Strategy

AED & SAR Localization for 2026

Why USD-Only Pricing Fails

- GCC finance teams evaluate via TCO with VAT, commit incentives, recoverable vs non-recoverable
- USD-only pricing creates mental math friction at procurement
- Localized pricing lifts conversion 20-35% without discount

Currency Decision Tree

1**UAE primary: AED****2****Saudi primary: SAR****3****GCC broad: AED + SAR****4****Kuwait 10%+: add KWD**

VAT Reality

5%

UAE VAT

15%

Saudi VAT

AED 375K

UAE VAT threshold

Recoverable

For VAT-registered B2B

Commit Discount Ladder

- Annual prepay: 15-20% off (market standard)
- 2-year commit: 20-25% off (common enterprise)
- 3-year commit: 25-30% + price lock (Saudi gov favorite)

Your Pricing Rebuild

- Week 1: Geo-detect AED/SAR on pricing page
- Week 2: Add net + VAT + gross line format
- Week 3: Segment pricing page by ICP (mid-market vs enterprise)
- Week 4: Launch commit ladder with price-lock