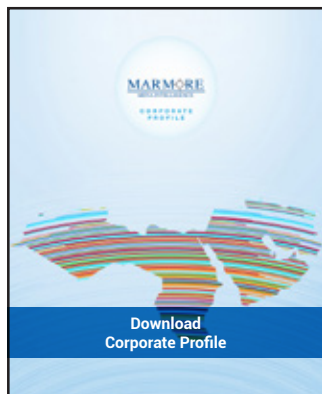


Where and how can expats own properties in GCC?



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Purchasing a property anywhere is a huge financial commitment. In the case of expats in GCC, the situation is trickier due to the complicated legal and regulatory path. In the past, investors were hesitant to invest in the property markets in GCC. Even Dubai, which is home to expats from over 200 nations and is the most lucrative region for expats struggled particularly in the aftermath of the financial crisis of 2008. But the region's real estate markets have bounced back and aided by modernization of regulations is attracting wide scale interest from the foreigners.

Different region in the GCC provide a wide variety of options when it comes to owning a property, investors get to choose between luxurious high-end apartments and villas to regular studio apartments right in the heart of the most popular cities. The multiple policy initiatives from the GCC governments such as 10 year residency visas, and 100 percent foreign ownership of companies along with the permission for expats to own freehold properties especially in Dubai and Abu Dhabi has been successful in generating a lot of attention from expats.

Foreign ownership of property in the region is a huge boost to the economy, and will encourage foreign investors, not just property buyers but also developers to consider it as a prime market. It will positively influence the economic diversification away from oil revenues to foreign investment in the real estate sector.

This report provides a comprehensive analysis of the regulatory aspects of buying and owning property by foreign nationals in the six GCC countries namely UAE, Bahrain, Oman, Saudi Arabia, Kuwait and Qatar.

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