



HQ ADVISORY

SAUDI RELOCATION BLUEPRINT

PERSONALISED ASSESSMENT BASED ON
YOUR PROFILE

Entrepreneur Residency (Startup Founder Route)

Executive Summary

Your profile shows potential alignment with Saudi Arabia's Entrepreneur Residency pathway, designed for founders building scalable businesses. This route is suitable for individuals who have a demonstrable track record in entrepreneurship, the ability to raise venture capital, or the capability to build a Saudi-based startup that contributes to national economic sectors. This pathway prioritises founders who can secure funding from approved investors, demonstrate innovation, and establish operations locally.

Recommended Pathway

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Entrepreneur Residency → Establish a Saudi-based Startup with Approved Funding

Why This Fits You

- Your experience suggests entrepreneurial capability or interest in launching a scalable business.
- Saudi Arabia actively supports founders across digital, fintech, AI, logistics, engineering, energy, and emerging industries.
- The Entrepreneur Residency pathway is designed for innovation-driven founders who can raise capital from approved Saudi investors.
- Your answers indicate readiness (or interest) in exploring long-term business establishment in the Kingdom.

High-Level Eligibility Overview

- You must establish a Saudi-based company with scalable potential.
- You must secure funding from an approved investor, accelerator, fund, or angel network listed on official platforms.
- You must hold a meaningful ownership stake in the business.
- Your business must operate in an approved priority sector (e.g., AI, digital technology, fintech, logistics, sustainability, engineering, etc.).
- Standard documentation applies: business plan, investment agreements, founders' credentials, background checks.

Step-by-Step Timeline

Step 1: Develop a clear business concept aligned with national priority sectors.

Step 2: Pitch and secure funding from an approved Saudi investor (minimum amounts vary based on program).

Step 3: Register the company in Saudi Arabia and obtain commercial documentation.

Step 4: Apply for Entrepreneur Residency through the official platform with your investment documents.

Step 5: Receive residency approval and relocate to Saudi Arabia to begin operations.

Step 6: Build traction, hire locally, and maintain compliance with program requirements.

Key Considerations

- Funding must come from an approved list — personal capital does not substitute for this requirement.
- Your business model should demonstrate innovation and scalability, not traditional small business operations.
- Residency is contingent on ongoing business activity and compliance.
- This is a competitive pathway that rewards founders who can demonstrate clear economic contribution.

Common Mistakes

- Assuming personal savings are enough — this pathway requires external investment.
- Pitching ideas unrelated to priority sectors or national programs.
- Not preparing a robust business plan or investor deck.
- Assuming that any investor qualifies — only approved Saudi investors and accelerators can sponsor this residency.
- Underestimating operational requirements after obtaining residency.

What You Should Do Next

- Research the official list of approved investors, accelerators, and venture funds eligible to sponsor this program.
- Refine your pitch deck and business model to highlight innovation and national impact.
- Focus on sectors with demonstrated demand (AI, sustainability, fintech, logistics, digital services).
- If you have not yet secured funding, begin outreach to early-stage Saudi investors or accelerator programs.
- Review all official Entrepreneur Residency requirements available on public government platforms.