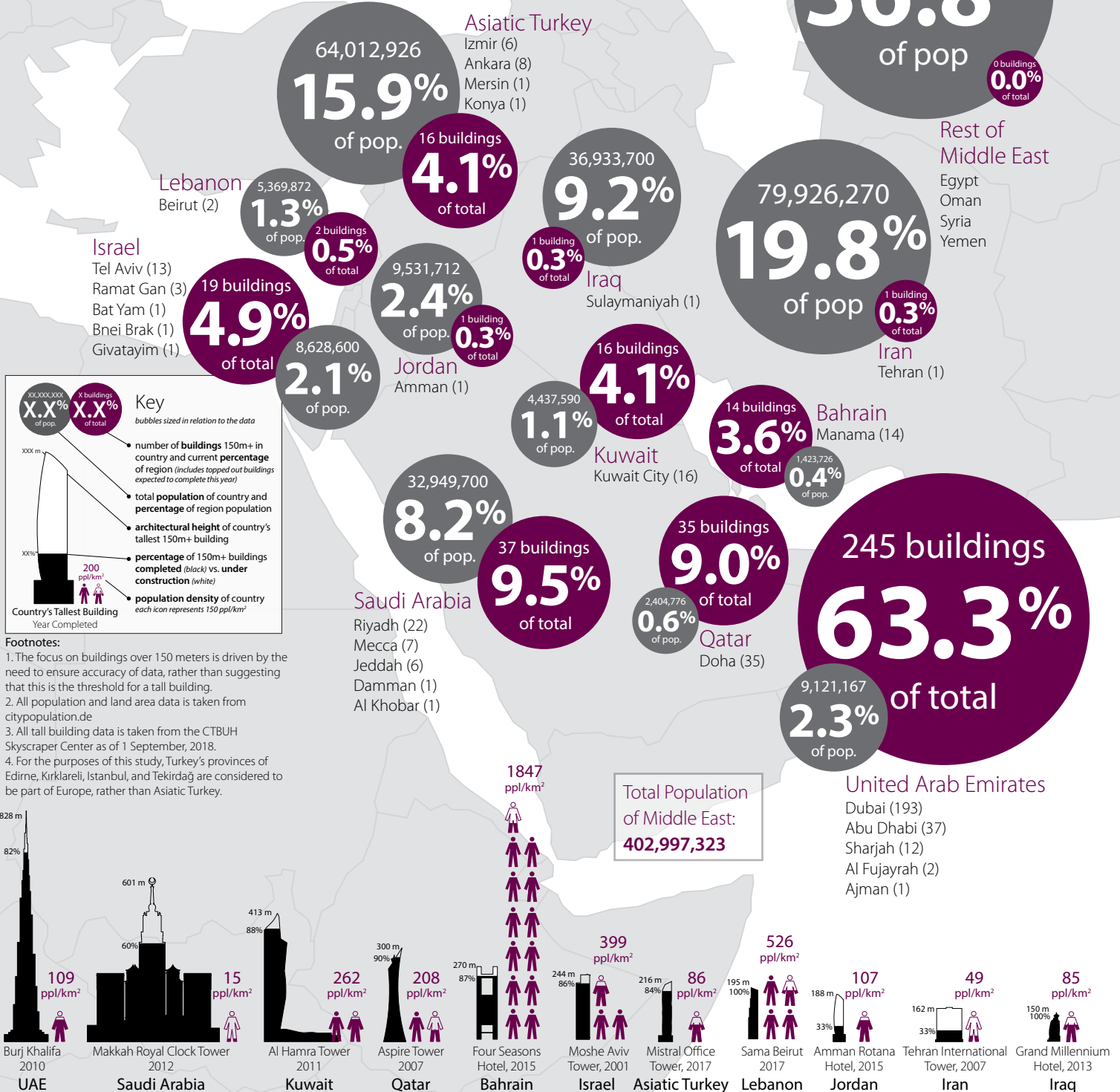


The Middle East: 30+ Years of Building Tall

The Middle East region is hosting its first CTBUH International Conference since 2008. In that year, there were 119 completed buildings of 150 meters or greater height. Ten years later, there are now 387 such buildings either completed or topped out (with expected 2018 completion), meaning an average of nearly 27 were constructed each year in the region during that decade. As this study will show, however, the growth is not evenly distributed nor especially correlated to overall population, or to density. The dynamics, and the reasons for high-rise construction in the region, are as diverse as the nations that comprise it.

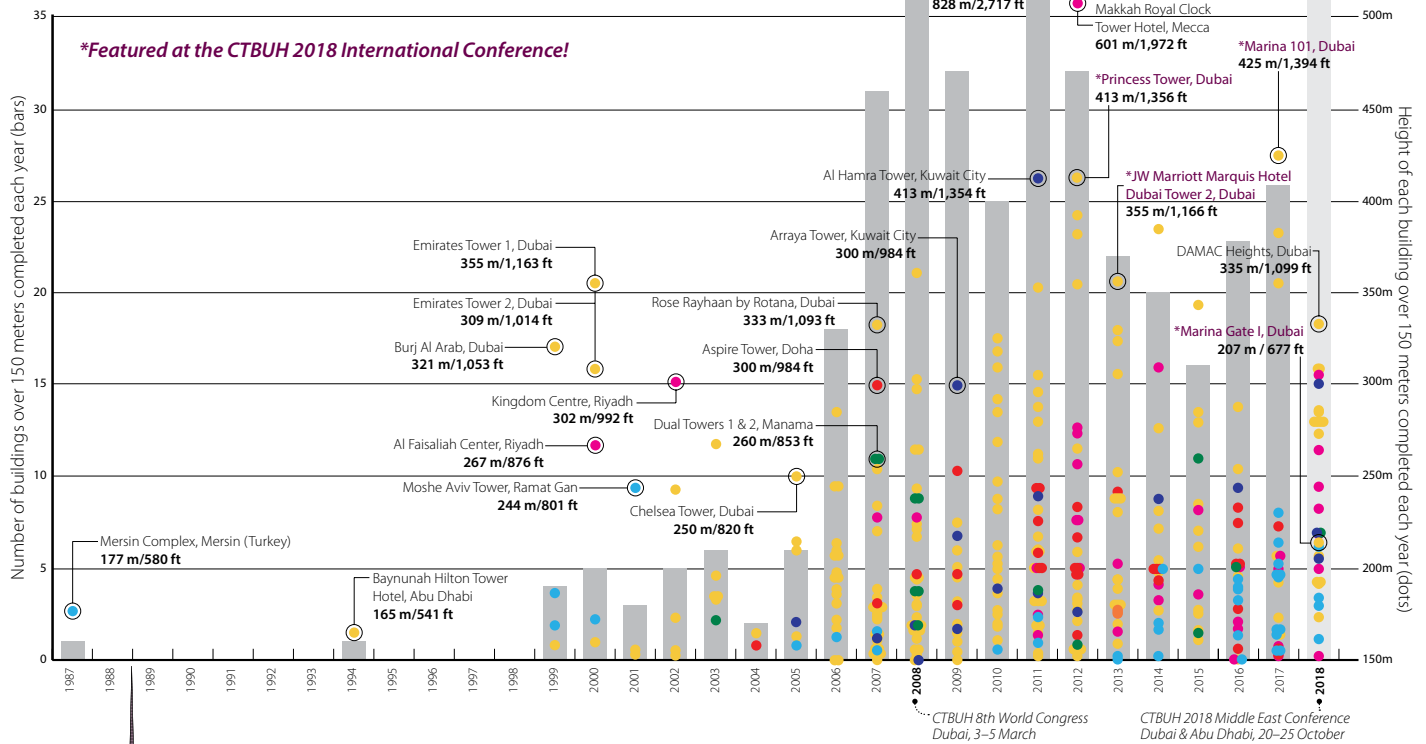


Timeline of Skyscraper Completion in the Middle East

Dots represent individual building height and location. Bars represent the number of completed buildings each year.

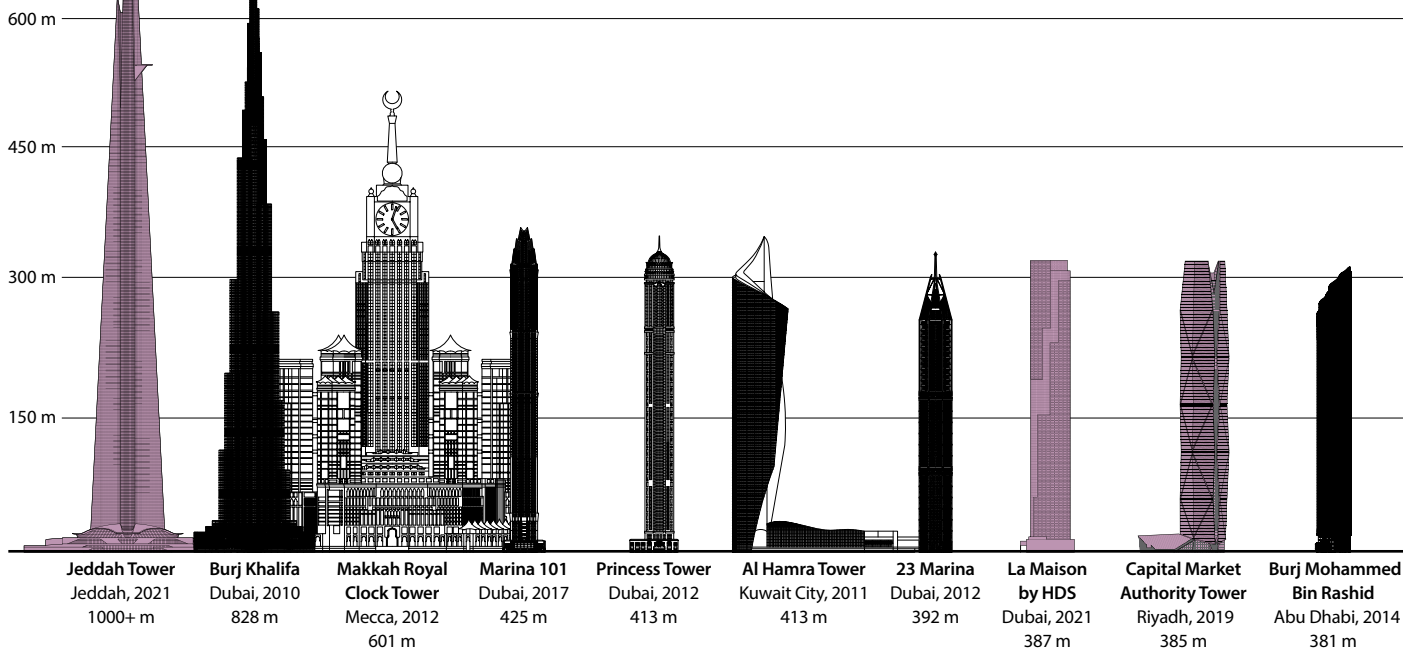
Note: chart begins in 1987 with the completion of the region's first 150 meter skyscraper, Mersin Complex (Turkey); 2018 includes topped out buildings projected to complete by the end of the year.

● UAE (245) ● Saudi Arabia (36) ● Qatar (35) ● Kuwait (17) ● Bahrain (14) ● Other Countries (41)



Future 10 Tallest Buildings in the Middle East

color indicates buildings that are currently under construction



Of all Middle East countries, the United Arab Emirates (UAE) has 63.3% of the total: 245 buildings 150 meters and taller.

825%

From 2008 to 2018, **Saudi Arabia** had the largest percentage increase in 150-meter-plus buildings, from 4 to 37.

Three of the 10 future tallest buildings in the Middle East, and four of the 10 current tallest, are in Dubai Marina, mere blocks from each other.