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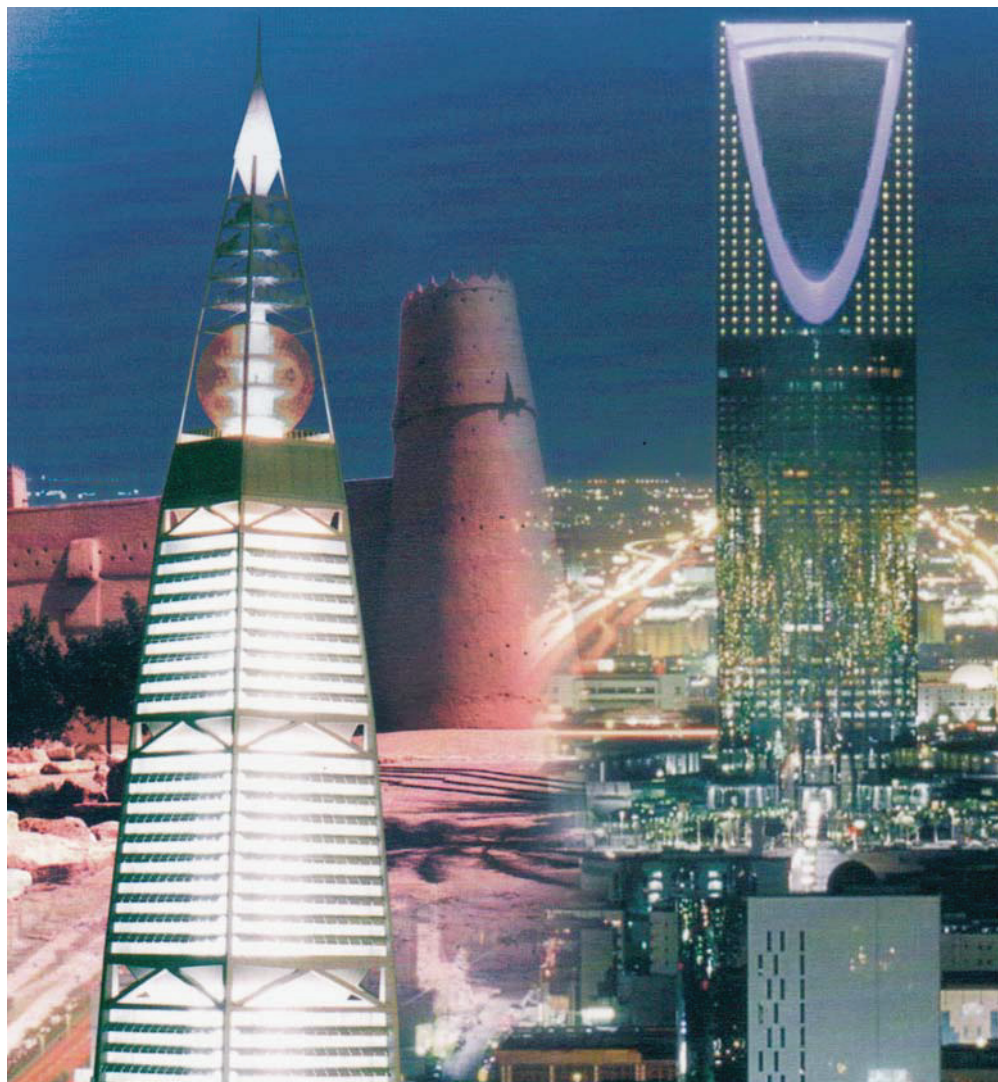
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## Near and Middle East Region Stimulus to Global Growth

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More than nine months through the global financial crisis, reports and surveys state, the global crisis has strained the Near and Middle East, while early signs also suggest that the region has been hit less hard than other emerging market economies. In the short term, Arab countries are weathering the crisis better than other countries and will see moderate growth, the International Monetary Fund states. This holds also

true for the long term, as a report by the Standard Chartered Bank predicts. These forecasts are in line with the general prospect for the region, as several other companies and organisations have concluded in their recent studies. Only a prolonged recession, the IMF states, may have an impact on this outlook.

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