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Saudi Central Bank

The Unicode Consortium

Subject: Submission of the Saudi Riyal Symbol for Inclusion in Unicode

To Whom It May Concern,

Greetings,

On Thursday, 21 Sha'ban 1446 AH (February 20, 2025 CE), the Custodian of the Two Holy Mosques, King Salman bin Abdulaziz Al Saud, approved the official Saudi Riyal symbol, marking a historic milestone in strengthening the national currency's identity. This symbol has been designated as the official representation of the Saudi Riyal for use in financial, commercial, and digital transactions.

In line with Saudi Arabia's Vision 2030, which prioritizes financial modernization and digital transformation, we respectfully submit a formal request for the Unicode Consortium to register the Saudi Riyal symbol in the Currency Symbols block of the Unicode Standard. The enclosed proposal document outlines the official design, technical specifications, and supporting evidence of its adoption across various financial and economic sectors.

We appreciate your consideration of this request and look forward to its formal inclusion in Unicode.

Sincerely,

Ibrahim M. Binmayouf
Deputy Governor for Government Banking and Currency
Saudi Central Bank (SAMA)

ISO/IEC JTC 1/SC 2/WG 2
PROPOSAL SUMMARY FORM TO ACCOMPANY SUBMISSIONS
FOR ADDITIONS TO THE REPERTOIRE OF ISO/IEC 10646[1]
Please fill all the sections A, B and C below.
Please read Principles and Procedures Document (P & P) from http://std.dkuug.dk/JTC1/SC2/WG2/docs/principles.html **for guidelines and details before filling this form.**
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A. Administrative

1. **Title:**	***Proposal to add the currency sign for the SAUDI RIYAL to the UCS***
2. Requester's name:	*SAUDI ARABIAN CENTRAL BANK (SAMA)*
3. Requester type (Member body/Liaison/Individual contribution):	*Member Body*
4. Submission date:	*07 March 2025*
5. Requester's reference (if applicable):	*N/A*
6. Choose one of the following:	
This is a complete proposal:	*Yes*
(or) More information will be provided later:	

B. Technical – General

1. Choose one of the following:
   a. This proposal is for a new script (set of characters):   *No*
         Proposed name of script:
   b. The proposal is for addition of character(s) to an existing block: *Yes*
         Name of the existing block: *Currency Symbols*

2. Number of characters in proposal: *1*

3. Proposed category (select one from below - see section 2.2 of P&P document):
   A-Contemporary   **X**   B.1-Specialized (small collection)   B.2-Specialized (large collection)
   C-Major extinct   D-Attested extinct   E-Minor extinct
   F-Archaic Hieroglyphic or Ideographic   G-Obscure or questionable usage symbols

4. Is a repertoire including character names provided?   *Yes*
   a. If YES, are the names in accordance with the "character naming guidelines" in Annex L of P&P document?   *Yes*
   b. Are the character shapes attached in a legible form suitable for review?   *Yes*

5. Fonts related:
   a. Who will provide the appropriate computerized font to the Project Editor of 10646 for publishing the standard?
        Unicode
   b. Identify the party granting a license for use of the font by the editors (include address, e-mail, ftp-site, etc.):
        Unicode

6. References:
   a. Are references (to other character sets, dictionaries, descriptive texts etc.) provided?   *No*
   b. Are published examples of use (such as samples from newspapers, magazines, or other sources) of proposed characters attached?   *Yes*

7. Special encoding issues:
   Does the proposal address other aspects of character data processing (if applicable) such as input, presentation, sorting, searching, indexing, transliteration etc. (if yes please enclose information)?   *No*

8. Additional Information:

Submitters are invited to provide any additional information about Properties of the proposed Character(s) or Script that will assist in correct understanding of and correct linguistic processing of the proposed character(s) or script. Examples of such properties are: Casing information, Numeric information, Currency information, Display behaviour information such as line breaks, widths etc., Combining behaviour, Spacing behaviour, Directional behaviour, Default Collation behaviour, relevance in Mark Up contexts, Compatibility equivalence and other Unicode normalization related information. See the Unicode standard at http://www.unicode.org for such information on other scripts. Also see Unicode Character Database (http://www.unicode.org/reports/tr44/) and associated Unicode Technical Reports for information needed for consideration by the Unicode Technical Committee for inclusion in the Unicode Standard.

C. Technical - Justification

1. Has this proposal for addition of character(s) been submitted before?	*No*
If YES explain	
2. Has contact been made to members of the user community (for example: National Body, user groups of the script or characters, other experts, etc.)?	*Yes*
If YES, with whom?	*SAUDI ARABIAN CENTRAL BANK (SAMA)*
If YES, available relevant documents:	*N/A*
3. Information on the user community for the proposed characters (for example: size, demographics, information technology use, or publishing use) is included?	*Yes*
Reference:	*N/A*
4. The context of use for the proposed characters (type of use; common or rare)	*Common*
Reference:	*N/A*
5. Are the proposed characters in current use by the user community?	*Yes*
If YES, where? Reference:	*N/A*
6. After giving due considerations to the principles in the P&P document must the proposed characters be entirely in the BMP?	*Yes*
If YES, is a rationale provided?	
If YES, reference:	*The proposed character is targeted for the Currency Symbols block, which is only available in the BMP*
7. Should the proposed characters be kept together in a contiguous range (rather than being scattered)?	*N/A*
8. Can any of the proposed characters be considered a presentation form of an existing character or character sequence?	*No*
If YES, is a rationale for its inclusion provided?	
If YES, reference:	
9. Can any of the proposed characters be encoded using a composed character sequence of either existing characters or other proposed characters?	*No*
If YES, is a rationale for its inclusion provided?	
If YES, reference:	
10. Can any of the proposed character(s) be considered to be similar (in appearance or function) to, or could be confused with, an existing character?	*No*
If YES, is a rationale for its inclusion provided?	
If YES, reference:	
11. Does the proposal include use of combining characters and/or use of composite sequences?	*No*
If YES, is a rationale for such use provided?	
If YES, reference:	
Is a list of composite sequences and their corresponding glyph images (graphic symbols) provided?	*N/A*
If YES, reference:	
12. Does the proposal contain characters with any special properties such as control function or similar semantics?	*No*
If YES, describe in detail (include attachment if necessary)	
13. Does the proposal contain any Ideographic compatibility characters?	*No*
If YES, are the equivalent corresponding unified ideographic characters identified?	
If YES, reference:	

Introduction

On February 20, 2025, the Custodian of the Two Holy Mosques, King Salman bin Abdulaziz Al Saud, approved the creation of the Saudi riyal symbol for representation of the Saudi riyal currency in text. This symbol was designed in collaboration between the Saudi Arabian Central Bank; the Ministry of Culture; the Ministry of Media; and the Saudi Standards, Metrology and Quality Organization. The new symbol was announced on February 20, 2025 and recommended for immediate usage in finance and commerce.

[Custodian of Two Holy Mosques Approves Saudi Riyal Symbol](#)

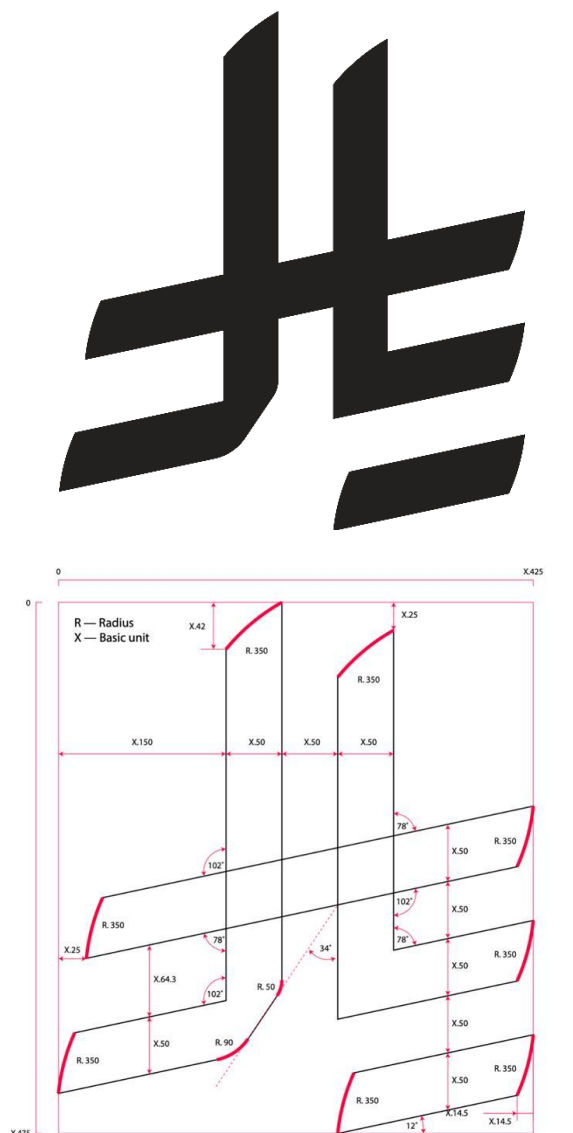To facilitate use of the new symbol and support in software products, online services and devices, the Saudi Central Bank proposes that this character be encoded in Unicode and in ISO/IEC 10646 at the earliest opportunity.

Proposed character code point and name: U+20C1 SAUDI RIYAL SIGN

The design of the Saudi riyal sign and examples of usage are provided below.

Attachment 1

Saudi Riyal symbol with original size/proportion

Attachment 2

Saudi Riyal symbol related links

1. Saudi Central Bank Announcement (SAMA)
   [Custodian of Two Holy Mosques Approves Saudi Riyal Symbol](#)

2. Saudi Riyal symbol guidelines
   [sama.gov.sa/ar-sa/Currency/SRS/Documents/Guidelines.pdf](#)

3. Saudi Riyal Symbol design download
   - Saudi Riyal Symbol in (SVG) Format.

     [sama.gov.sa/ar-sa/Currency/Documents/Saudi_Riyal_Symbol-2.svg](#)
   - Saudi Riyal Symbol in (PNG) Format.

     [Saudi_Riyal_Symbol-1.png (3000×3353)](#)
   - Saudi Riyal Symbol in (EPS) Format.

     [https://www.sama.gov.sa/ar-sa/Currency/Documents/Saudi_Riyal_Symbol-3.eps](#)

Attachment 3

Photos and screenshots showing usage of Saudi Riyal symbol

Usage Rules

1- Position:
The symbol should be positioned to the left of the numeral.

⚜ 123 ✓   123 ⚜ ✗

2- Spacing:
A space is required between the symbol and the numeral.

⚜ 123 ✓   ⚜123 ✗

3- Proportions:
The shape of the symbol should be maintained.

⚜ ✓   ⚜ ✗

4- Geometry:
The geometric structure of the symbol should be maintained.

⚜ ✓   ⚜ ✗

5- Alignment:
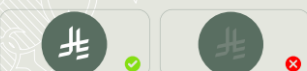The height of the symbol should be aligned with the height of the text.

⚜ 123 ✓   ⚜ 123 ✗

6- Direction:
The direction of the symbol should match the direction of the text.

⚜ 123 ✓   ⚜ 123 ✗

7- Integration:
A clear space equal to one-third of the symbol's height is required around the shapes.

⚜ ✓   ⚜ ✗

8-Contrast:
Sufficient color contrast with the background is required.

⚜ ✓   ⚜ ✗

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Implementation Examples

The symbol is used across various fields such as but not limited to:

- Banking services
- Economic reports and contracts
- Applications and e-commerce stores
- Trading platforms
- Invoices and receipts
- Price tags on products

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