



TABLE 2 — CROSS-BORDER RISK VS PERFORMANCE CONSIDERATIONS

Leadership Insight:

The more critical the data, the closer to home it should live.

STRATEGY	LEGAL RISK	LATENCY	CONTROL	RECOMMENDED USE
SAUDI-ONLY HOSTING	Lowest	Excellent in KSA	Maximum	Government, critical
GCC REGIONAL HOSTING	Low–Medium	Excellent regionally	High	Enterprise SaaS
GCC REGIONAL HOSTING	Medium	Balanced	High	Scalable platforms
GLOBAL-ONLY	Highest	Variable	Lowest	Rarely suitable
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Executive Insight: Performance matters — but control defines trust.				