

# **UAE Economy At Glance**



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## The UAE Economic Indicators GDP & Diversification

### **GDP current price**

382.6 US\$ Billion in 2017

### **UAE GDP Growth (Real)**

GDP	2014	4.6%
GPD	2015	3%
GPD	2016	3%
GPD	2017	0.8%

#### **Diversification of the economy** 2018 (at Constant Prices)

Oil:	28%
Non-oil:	72%







## **Oil Prices**

- We remain positive on the UAE's economic outlook despite the sharp fall in global oil prices.
- Effects of declining oil prices had so far limited impact on the economy.
- Diversification policy helped the UAE neutralize the oil price decline.
- The zero-deficit 2016 budget reflected the limited impact of the low oil prices.

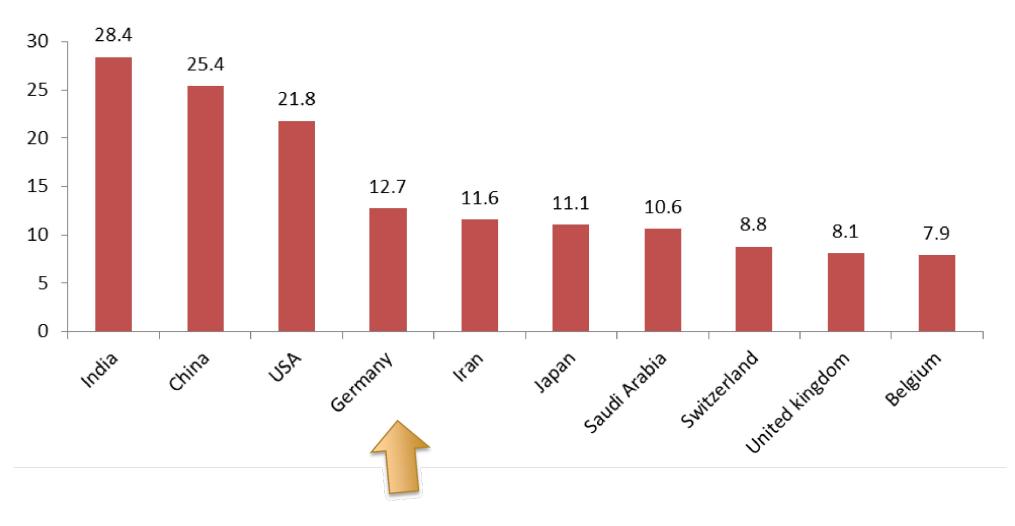






## **UAE Top 10 Non-Oil Trading Partners**

(Value in \$US Billion)



# **UAE Business Environment**



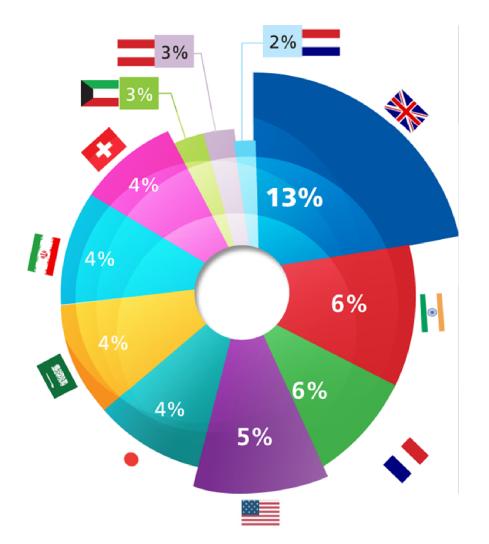
## **UAE FDI Inflow and Outflow 2016**

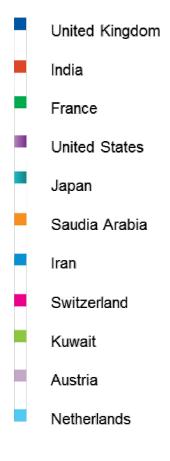
- UAE FDI Inflows in 2017:
   **10.86** Billion US Dollar
- UAE FDI Outflows in 2017:
   **14.0** Billion US Dollar





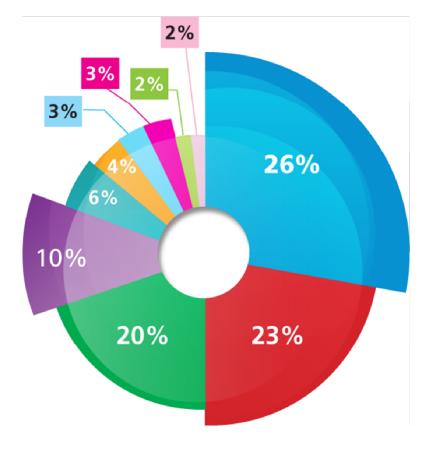
## **Foreign Direct Investments of Main Countries**







## **Top 10 Foreign Direct Investments by Economic Activity**







## **Investment Environment**

Highly developed, vibrant and open economy.

Offers incoming investors a wide range of opportunities in all business sectors.

A leading trade/financial center and business hub, that offers access to the larger regional and global markets.

Business friendly legislation.

The UAE is the regional headquarters of over 25% of the top 500 companies in the world.

The UAE has nearly 200 nationalities among its residents.





The UAE's investment environment is marked by stability, modern infrastructure, effective economic policy, and modern economic legislations.

- No income tax.
- World class infrastructure.
- Strategic trade hub, offering access to regional markets.
- Free transfer of profits, revenues and assets.
- Efficient legislative and courts systems.
- Laws to protect foreign capital (Such as IPR , competition, and investment, laws).
- Ambitious legislative reforms to ensure efficiency and transparency.
- Low customs tariffs between 0 and 5 percent for almost all goods.
- Efficient Government services (heading to the "Smart Government" initiative).



## A Global Aviation Hub

- In 2017, UAE airports surpass 125 million passengers.
- It is estimated that the contribution of civil aviation to the GDP of UAE is currently 12%. Projections are that this contribution will increase to 32% by 2020.
- Aviation is critical to the economy of the United Arab Emirates (UAE), with the sector opening foreign markets to UAE exports, lowering long-distance transport costs, and increasing the flexibility of labor supply.
- Industry experts opined that economic growth from the aviation sector will contribute \$53 billion to the UAE economy by 2020 and create up to 750,000 jobs.
- Over the next two decades, the UAE will be next to US and China for the largest aviation market growth, requiring in excess of 55,000 more pilots and 62,000 more technicians.
- UAE will maintain its Open Skies Policy and enhance its efforts to secure more Open Skies with more countries.





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# **Free Zones**

• The UAE presents an extremely favorable business environment. Excellent infrastructural facilities coupled with professional expertise and personalized services give the UAE the edge. Customer needs are met in the shortest time frame.

### Fiscal Advantages of Free Zones in UAE.

- 100% income and corporate tax exemptions.
- No Foreign exchange controls.
- 100% capital and profit repatriation.
- Strong appreciating and fully convertible currency.
- Low Inflation.
- Easy funding from International Banks.



## **UAE Key Areas of Development**

Petrochemicals

Alternative, Renewable, Oil & Gas Energy

Transportation & Infrastructure

Manufacturing

Healthcare & Education

Defense & Aerospace

Real Estate & Tourism

Tourism

Agriculture & Water





## **Industrial Sector**

#### ADNOC

• National Oil Company with subsidiaries in exploration, production, refining, Upstream, Downstream, and a verity of petrochemical areas

#### Senaat

- Actively invests in a portfolio of industrial companies to optimize industrial assets
- Emirates Steel (one of its subsidiaries) has design capacity of 600,000 tons and the company is running at full capacity, ESI is currently undertaking a major expansion project

#### ChemaWEyaat

Enhancing UAE in the domestic chemicals industry

#### **Emirates Global Aluminum**

- Merger between Dubal and Emal
- Have been exporting to the US for the last 14 years
- 50-70K tons of sales
- \$120 \$170 million sales per year

#### **RAK Ceramics**

- USD 1 billion global conglomerate
- Supplies to over 160 countries
- World's largest ceramics manufacturer
- Global annual production output of 117 million square meters of ceramic and porcelain tiles, 4.5 million pieces of bathware and 20 million pieces of tableware









## Aerospace



A master-planned "aerotropolis" leveraging the emirate's position as a leading global trade, business and aviation hub

- AMMROC (Military)
- ADAT (Commercial)

**MRO** 

Facilities

Dubai World Central



# **AI Maktoum International Airport**

Located at the heart of Dubai World Central, the Al Maktoum International Airport is built for the future. The airport once completed will have the capacity to handle **12 million tonnes of annual cargo** capacity and **160 million passengers**.





# **Transportation Projects**

### The Dubai Metro Project

Driverless, worlds largest fully automated metro rail network, inaugurated September 2009.
Two currently operational lines and three further in the pipeline.

- •Overall cost US\$7.8 billion.
- Expanding the overall system by 58 stations and 57mi by 2025.

### **Etihad Rail**

- 745mi railway network to link the principal centers of population and industry of the UAE
- as well as to form a vital part of the wider GCC
- will be delivered in three stages, with commercial operations commencing in 2014.
- Freight trains will travel at 75 mph
- passenger trains on the network will run at speeds of up to 125 mph.
- Expected to cost around ~\$12 billion.
- Expected to be completed by 2018.



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## **Alternative & Renewable Energy**



### Abu Dhabi Future Energy Company MASDAR

- Masdar City: First carbon-neutral, zero waste, car-free city.
- MASDAR Institute of Science and Technology (Collaboration with MIT).
- Shams 1 and Sh. MBR Solar Park.

## **Emirates Nuclear Energy Company**

- Building 4 reactors.
- Each conductor produces 1400 Mwe each
- Completion date of Barakah 1 is May 2017, followed by Barakah 2 in 2018, Barakah 3 in 2019 and Barakah 4 in 2020.





## **Financial Services**

### **Dubai International Finance Center - DIFC**

- World's fastest growing international financial center
- Serves vast region between Western Europe and East Asia
- World-class stock exchange, NASDAQ Dubai
- Regulated to international standards by the Dubai Financial Services Authority

#### Abu Dhabi Global Market - ADGM

- Located on Al Maryah
- Future location of the Abu Dhabi Securities
   Exchange
- Will have a register of companies
- New regulator called the Financial Services Regulations Bureau
- Dedicated court system
- Tax-free for 50 years
- Permits full foreign ownership of companies





## Expo2020

**6 month** long exhibition of trade, innovation and products from around the world, and a showcase for the UAE

**Over 25 million** visitors expected throughout the 6 month period

Dubai predicts 277,000 jobs will be created

### Dubai EXPO theme:

- Sustainability lasting sources of energy and water
- Mobility smart systems of logistics and transportation
- Opportunity new paths to economic development





## **Innovation hub**

# American University of Sharjah (AUS) Research, Technology and Innovation (RTI) Park

- An economic free zone by AUS Enterprises dedicated to research and development.
- The park will form part of Sharjah's efforts to foster innovation, encourage entrepreneurship and develop a sustainable knowledge economy.
- Targeting local and global companies, including private-public sector ventures.



- The free zone offers office space, scientific laboratories and residential accommodation.
- Aims to inspire young people to start their own enterprises and raise the emirate's profile as a preferred destination for startups.



## Hydrocarbon hub

- Emirate of Fujairah is a global hydrocarbon hub and it is one of the top three largest oil storage and petroleum products trading centre.
- Fujairah also is the second largest bunkering port in the world and is growing at an impressive rate.



UAE Global & Regional Business Rankings



## In the Global Competitiveness Index (WEF)

- 1 in Quality of roads
- 1 in inflation annual % change
- 1 in effect of taxation on incentives to work
- 2 in Quality of overall Infrastructure
- 2 in Quality of air transport infrastructure
- 2 in effect of taxation on incentives to invest
- 2 in Government procurement of advanced technology products
- 3 in Quality of port Infrastructure
- 3 in Burden of customs procedures
- **3** in FDI and technology transfer
- 4 Flexibility of wage determination
- 5 Control of international distribution
- 5 Extent of marketing







## 31<sup>st</sup> in Doing Business (World Bank) 2016

- 1 in Paying Taxes
- 2 in Dealing with construction permits
- 4 in Getting Electricity
- **10** in Registering Property









## Rank in World Trade Report 2015 by World Trade Organization (WTO)

- 16 globally in commodity exports and 19 globally in commodity imports
- 19 globally as service importer and
   42 globally in service exports



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# **OVERVIEW**



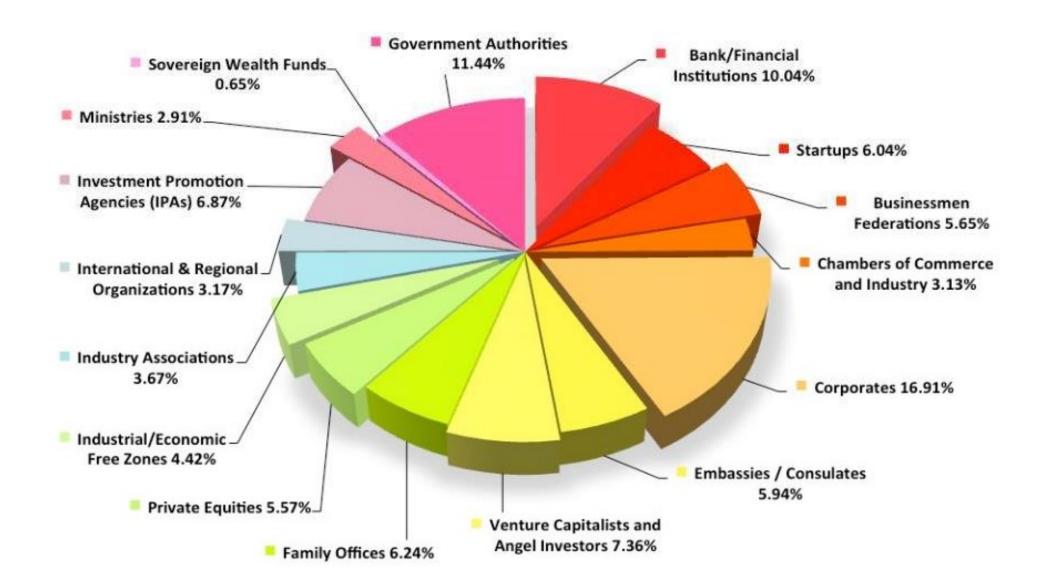
The Annual Investment Meeting (AIM) is a premier threeday FDI-focused event which is an initiative of the UAE Ministry of Economy, held under the patronage of His Highness Sheikh Mohammed Bin Rashid Al Maktoum, UAE Vice President, Prime Minister and Ruler of Dubai.

It convenes key decision-makers from around the world, bringing together businesses and countries willing to engage in sustainable partnerships with investors. It offers a variety of features aimed at facilitating strategic networking and promoting investments while providing a worthwhile learning experience.

The first edition of AIM was launched in 2011 and through its successful editions, AIM has been defined as the World's Leading Platform for Foreign Direct Investment (FDI).

# **VISITORS' PROFILE**











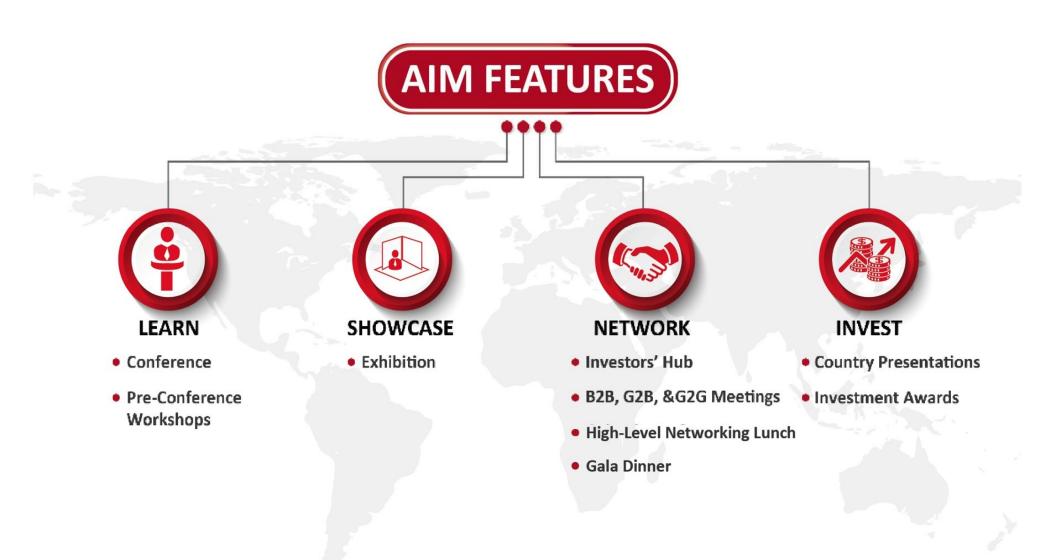






# **AIM ACTIVITIES**











## During the Investors' Hub, 857 meetings were held.





# STRATEGIC METWORKING LUNCH





A cocktail lunch solely dedicated to senior high level representatives from government, private sector, academia and social society to allow them to meet, network, exchange ideas and conduct business meetings in a more confidential and comfortable environment.







A remarkable evening attended by more than 1,500 guests to network and witness the Investment Awards. A perfect opportunity to make new contacts, entertain key clients and celebrate the show.







This feature allows various municipalities, cities, and countries to promote their investment opportunities. It enables them to present in front of possible investors and highlight the potential of the sectors they are promoting in their specific location.













"Regional Focus", a newly-launched series of regional talks analyzed a region's economic landscape, dissecting the risks, challenges and opportunities of the nations making up the region.

AIM 2018 successfully held the Invest In Series of Africa and Latin America.

### **OTHER AIM** -FEATURES



- Online Platform
- Onsite Networking Functions
- AIM Connect



AIM World Investment Map

An online platform that provides information about investment destinations worldwide and will connect users to every IPA website worldwide.



Mobile App

AIM Mobile App allows project promoters to request meetings and set up appointments with potential investors and financiers all year round. It stimulates investment and project financing in sustainable business ventures, and in building conclusive partnerships.



B2B Matchmaking (via AIM Mobile App)

B2B Matchmaking will be facilitated via AIM Mobile App which will allow project promoters to request meetings & set up appointments with potential investors and financiers all year round.



**AIM Connect** 

AIM Connect is an all year round consultancy service provided by AIM Organizing Committee which includes B2B Meetings, Business Delegation Tours in UAE. International Roadshows, Capacity Building Workshops, Market Research and Formulation of **Business Plans**.

# AIM 2018 ACHIEVEMENTS



## TESTIMONIALS





**Dr. Henrik von Scheel** *Originator, Industry 4.0* 

"The AIM is the world's leading gathering of the international investment community, leading business thinkers on Foreign Direct Investment. It is truly a forum with cutting edge information on the latest developments in foreign direct investment and related issues."



#### Dr. Abdullahi Umar Ganduje Governor, Kano State Nigeria

"AIM was a unique opening for us to showcase our investment opportunities and potentials, and also to explain the favorable conditions and incentives we have for investors in critical sectors of our economy. We are pleased that arising from AIM, we were able to meet individuals and organizations who have indicated interest to work with our state for mutual benefits."



#### Moussa Ismaîla Touré Managing Director, API Mali

several interesting potential investors as well as important

partners."

"Mali takes advantage of such an important event for the region, to display the country investment opportunities. This is neither the first, nor the second time that we are participating, and each time we met



#### John Hanna President, GDP Global

"AIM is a great sounding board for investment opportunities. I can recommend AIM for corporate and government executives that want to see what is happening, especially in the Middle East and Asia."



# **SPONSORS & PARTNERS**





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### **SUPPORTING** – PARTNERS



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### Mapping the Future of FDI: Enriching World Economies through Digital Globalization

"The 9th Edition of Annual Investment Meeting will focus on the path leading to creating more vibrant and inclusive economy, keeping in view the sustainable development goals. AIM 2019 explores the possible avenues where technology can better help facilitate the SDGs and to further grow economies with the right policies and governance."



### "HARNESSING GLOBAL DIGITIZATION TO EMPOWER STARTUPS AND SMEs"

### **AIM Startup Overview**

- AIM Startup is an international promotion, learning and networking platform for startup founders, entrepreneurs and investors
- 2019 AIM Startup will also bring focus on SMEs under the theme "Harnessing Global Digitization to Empower Startups and SMEs"
- In 2017-2018, over 300 startups participated
- In 2019 we expect a minimum of 500 startups to participate in the event
- AIM Startup was launched in 2017 as a feature of the Annual Investment Meeting - an initiative of the UAE Ministry of Economy



### **AIM Startup Features**



#### **EXHIBITION**

500 Startups will showcase their groundbreaking products/service s to a global audience comprising of investors, corporates, industry experts, thought leaders and government officials for 3 full days.



#### <u>PITCH</u> COMPETITION

**Eligible Startups** will be shortlisted to pitch their businesses to a panel of expert judges and to a room filled with investors, with a goal to attract capital investment and cash prizes, over a period of two days.



### **WORKSHOPS**

Participants will be given access to attend worldclass workshops and professional coaching sessions conducted by industry leaders from across the world.



#### <u>SCHEDULED</u> <u>MEETINGS</u>

AIM startup will arrange meetings for all participating startups with interested and relevant parties, such as investors, potential business partners, corporates and government representatives.



### **CONFERENCES**

Global minds will join for AIM Startup's full day conference. Thought leaders and industry titans will share their expertise and insights on current trends and future technologies in an interactive setting.



#### <u>AWARDS</u> <u>CEREMONY</u>

Selected startups will be awarded with various prizes, including total cash prize of 50,000 USD, to be distributed to finalists in recognition of their achievements and innovations.



### **2018 Startup Sectors**



### 2018 Snippets



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