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*A Guide to Setting Up a Business  
in the UAE*



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## Introduction

A business investor needs to consider multiple aspects and parameters when it comes to business incorporation process. The United Arab Emirates has been evolved firmly and has positioned itself as one of the profitable business destinations for any industry. The government has simplified the process of starting a company in UAE in due course of time, which is highly appreciated and has been successful in gaining worldwide attention. This document serves as an in-detail guide, covering the various aspects and prospects for the pro-business nation of the UAE.

## Overview: United Arab Emirates (UAE)

The United Arab Emirates is thriving and burgeoning in all sectors, overcoming all the possible shortfalls. According to the Doing Business Report 2020, the nation holds the 16th rank along with a DB Score of 80.9, which makes the ground extremely favourable for business incorporation. The Government has been implementing multiple strategies to fetch in more FDI by providing a pleasant business climate to the international business investors.





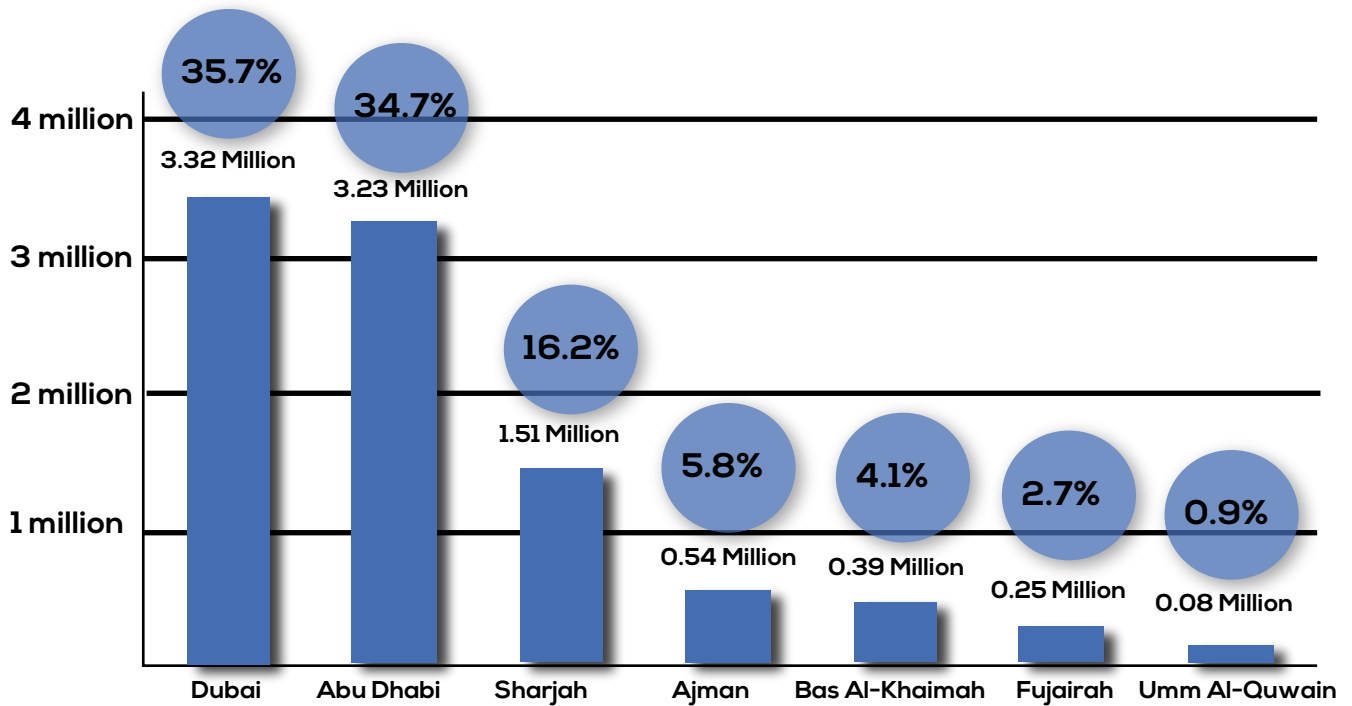


Strategically located at Southeast of the Arabian Peninsula, the nation of United Arab Emirates borders the Persian Gulf, bordering Oman to the East, and Saudi Arabia to the south. The sovereign constitution is a monarchy of seven Emirates, namely Abu Dhabi (the capital), Dubai, Sharjah, Fujairah, Ajman, Ras-Al-Khaimah, Umm-Al-Quwain. From an entire oil-based economy, the nation has been progressively established itself as a perfect business destination for any industry at present. Today, the Emirates stands as a booming investment platforms for international investors and business owners. Not only business professionals, but the nation also has enormous options for entrepreneurs and freelancers. Few highlights of the United Arab Emirates are stated below:

### **The United Arab Emirates Highlight**

- The total area covered by the UAE: 32,000sq.mi.
- Capital: Abu Dhabi
- Largest City: Dubai
- Religion: Islam
- Estimated Population (2018) : 9,599,353
- Official Language: Arabic
- Currency: U.A.E. Dirham
- President: Khalifa bin Zayed Al Nahyan
- Prime Minister: Mohommed bin Rashid Al Maktoum

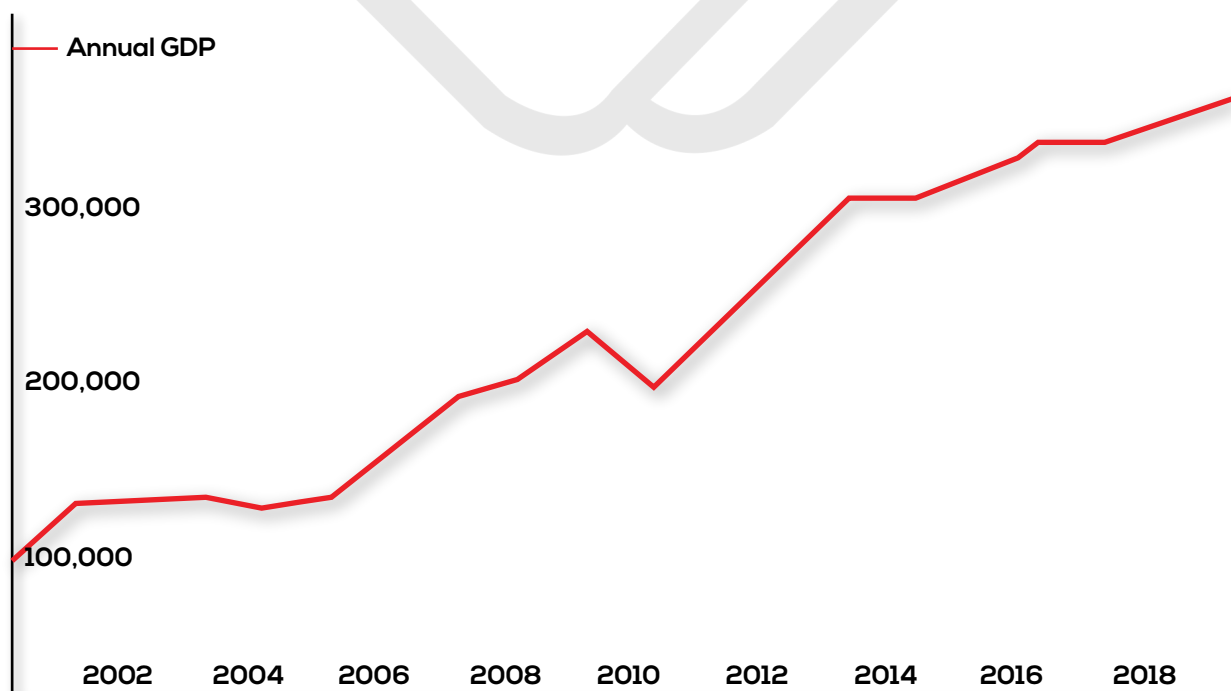
The number of inhabitants in the land of UAE has been continuously spiking. The below-illustrated graph gives a clear idea regarding the population of the nation (focusing every Emirate). Dubai leading the charts, being a cosmopolitan like no other, comprises of expat population from over 200 countries. Abu Dhabi, the capital of UAE is the close next in regards to population. The other emirates, though not densely populated have prosperous business opportunities in their radar.



## Introduction to the Seven Emirates

Being a collation of different Emirates, the performance of each Emirate significantly contributes to the enhancement of the nation's GDP.

### GDP United Arab Emirates





Each of the Trucial States has set its mark when it comes to the individual establishment. Before incorporating a business in the UAE, it is beneficial for the owner to get a gist of the different Emirates available, as each region is dedicated to multiple business sectors.

## Abu Dhabi

Regarded as the capital of the UAE, the Emirate of Abu Dhabi stands as one of the largest Emirates covering almost 87% of the total land area.

Abu Dhabi is one of the fastest-growing and wealthy markets in the world. For a businessperson wishing to start a company in the Middle East, Abu Dhabi is a viable location of choice. The corporate norms and business procedures in the Emirate are simple, and it takes only a few days for setting up a company in Abu Dhabi. Additionally, the population of the Emirate has been continuously spiking up and is expected to hold a huge count at by 2035. The below illustrations explain the population growth of Abu Dhabi.

## Ajman

Founded in the year 1816, the Emirate of Ajman stands as the smallest Emirate measuring about 259 sq.km, which is almost 0.3% of the UAE's land area. The ground serves to be home to commercial markets, corporate entities, local and international shops. The region serves to be home to the fishing industry and has been evolving parallelly in other business domains. Business investors with minimum capital and planning to incorporate their business in the UAE can go ahead with Ajman as the investment ground.

## Dubai

The Emirate of Dubai is regarded as the ultimate global shopping destination. It has gained the reputation of a leading trading hub in UAE, owing to premier business locations and an environment that is not unduly restrictive. With an area of 4,114, the region holds a population count of 3.173million (October 2018), which holds enormous business opportunities for the global investors and business professionals. The area acts as one of the world's leading destinations for business conglomerates, and according to its demographics, the Emirate stands as a favourable business economic centre for Asia, Africa, Europe and Russia, supporting more than 20,000 international companies.



## Fujairah

Stands as one of the new industrial ground the Emirate of Fujairah offers excellent opportunities when it comes to business opportunities. Holding a distance of roughly two-hour drive from Dubai, the region stands as the only Emirate not to have a coastline along with the Persian Gulf. Over the last two decades, the business ground in Fujairah has been continuously growing with the inrush of different nations like Africa, India, Europe, USA, China. Fujairah Trade Zone stands as one of the comfortable destinations for the business investors and today, most of the global business professionals take a step forward to incorporate a company in Fujairah.

## Ras Al Khaimah

Holding a fascinating history and culture, the ground of Ras Al Khaimah is a perfect getaway that offers magnificent landscapes, coastlines and fertile desert planes. With a distance of almost 45 minutes from busy Dubai, the land provides a unique experience from its neighbouring Emirates. When it comes to the corporate scenario, the region of RAK offers liberal government policies, a thriving economy, and friendly relations with neighbouring countries.

## Sharjah

Holding the position as one of the highly advanced Emirates, the region of Sharjah contributes a significant portion when it comes to the nation's GDP. As an economical alternative to Dubai, the ground of Sharjah has successfully grabbed the attention of investors by providing a flexible business environment. The field is also recognised as one of the most rewarding industrial destinations that focuses on upscaling foreign direct investment.

## Umm Al Quwain

The Emirate of Umm Al Quwain stands as one of the closest bodies near the Persian Gulf. Located at the northern part of the nation, the region stands as one of the least populous states. The government has been taking numerous initiatives and strategies to uplift the intensive growth and industrial activity by waiving off the fines and violations levied against business.





## Legal and Regulatory Framework

Any business incorporation in UAE requires certain approvals from different authorities. Business operations can be conducted if the relevant permits and approvals have been obtained accordingly.

Issuance of Business Licenses by the Respective Authorities	
Business Activity	Approving Authority
Road transport activities	Road and Transport Authority
Oil Related services	H.H. The Ruler's Court
Legal activities	H.H. The Ruler's Court
Telecommunications	Telecommunications Regulatory Authority
Architectural and Engineering Activities	Dubai Municipality
Air, Transport, Air Cargo	Department of Civil Aviation
Agriculture, Veterinary	Ministry of Agriculture
For Banks and Other Financial Institution	UAE Central Bank
Manufacturing Companies	Finance and Industry Ministry
Insurance and Other related Activities	Economy and Commerce Ministry
Medical and Pharmaceutical Products	Health Ministry
Gas or Oil Products	Other Government Agencies
Business Registration	Dubai Chamber of Commerce and Industry
Engineering and Construction	Municipality
Industrial Project Expansion	Ministry of Finance and Industry
Legal Consultancy	Ruler's Office
Education, Training	Ministry of Education
Publishing, Printing, Newspaper, Advertising, Video Film, Photography	Ministry of Information
Branch of Foreign Company, Chartered Accountancy	Ministry of Economy
Customs clearance, Freight Forwarding Sea Cargo	Seaports and Customs Authority



## Why UAE Is Best Business Hub?

Business investors are keen to start a business in the region of the United Arab Emirates based on the benefits that the region serves. Few of the core points are highlighted below:

### 1. Strategic Location

The region of UAE serves to be an ultimate business destination that allows the business owners and investors to grab the international market. It acts as a gateway for the neighbouring locations like Gulf of Oman, Persian Gulf, Saudi Arabia, that eases the way for business professionals when it comes to national and international trade.

### 2. Diversified Economy to Burgeoning

The economy of the UAE was stood firm as an oil-based economy, the UAE has been turning up multiple folds to uncover the non-oil economy and has successfully uplifted the segments. The region has been so favourable that almost 85% of the Fortune 500 companies have established their presence in the UAE. Few of the dominating business industries in the ground of UAE holds trade, healthcare, logistics, banking, tourism, real estate, manufacturing etc.

### 3. Tax Free Jurisdiction

Unlike other nations, the UAE offers tax-free jurisdiction to the business owners where they are exempted from the payment of tax on the income earned. Recently in 2018, the UAE Government has implemented the VAT payment at a rate of 5 per cent. The detailed scenario regarding the tax scenario in UAE has been outlined in the latter part of the guide.



## 4. Top Tourist Destination

According to a survey conducted by Euro Monitor in 2018, the city of Dubai has been ranked as the world's most visited city by international tourists. Being as the centre point of attraction, the business investors and owners have got the huge potential to carry out their operations in the ground of UAE. When it comes to the 2019 Country Index by FutureBrand, the country has gathered a rank of 16th out of 75 countries. UAE has also been ranked as the best Arab country considering multiple parameters like GDP, Quality of life, business, culture, values, tourism etc.

## 5. Favourable Business Climate & Multiple Government Initiatives

The flexibility of Government turns up to be another significant factor that invites the global business investors to come forward and invest in the region of UAE. Multiple initiatives have been taken by the Emirati Government to grab the attention of the international crowd when it comes to business operations. Some of the business benefits that the UAE Judiciary system provides are highlighted below:

- No restriction on the repatriation of capital invested and profits earned
- No tax on the income earned by business professionals
- Flexibility to carry out the business transactions in multi-currency
- Meagre taxes and import duties
- Competitive labour costs
- Robust connectivity and infrastructure
- Efficient communication facilities
- International business hub

Apart from the points mentioned above, the Government of UAE takes multiple steps to organize numerous events, which are highlighted at the end of the document.



## 5. Trade Agreement

The concept of trade agreements between nations helps the business entities to carry out their business operations in a smooth way, by relieving them from tax payments. The Government of UAE has established good ties with multiple countries at a global level and has got numerous tax treaties signed. These treaties allow the business owners to carry out the business activities without paying double taxation during the import and export process. Currently, the region of UAE has got DTAA with the following countries:

Egypt	Mozambique	Thailand	Tajikistan	Czech	Bosnia and Herzegovina
Algeria	Pakistan	Malaysia	Magnolia	France	Seychelles
Yemen	India	China	Azerbaijan	Belgium	Mauritius
Tunisia	Sri Lanka	New Zealand	Austria	Romania	Canada
Morocco	Philippine	Ukraine	Poland	Turkey	Holland
Sudan	Korea	Belarus	Germany	Luxembourg	Bulgaria
Syria	Singapore	Turkmenistan	Finland	Spain	Uzbekistan
Lebanon	Indonasia	Armenia	Italy	Malta	Kazakhstan
Vietnam	Georgia	Estonia	Russia	Palestine	Benin
Portugal	Venezuela	Switzerland	Latvia	Panama	Libya
Greece	Bangladesh	Guinea	Montenegro	United Mexican States	Hungary
Ireland	Cyprus	Kenya	Fiji	Serbia	Japan
Brunei Darrusalam	Albania	Kyrgyzstan	Comoro Islands	Gambia	Mauritania
Lithuania	Barbados	Hong Kong	Ethiopia	Andorra	Senegal
Slovenia	Uruguay	Bermuda	Uganda	Liechtenstein	Macedonia
South Africa	Nigeria	United Kingdom	Kosovo	Argentina	Saint Kitts and Nevis
Slovak	Jordan	Jersey	Equatorial Guinea	Ecuador	Antigua and Barbuda
Paraguay	Moldova	Croatia	Costa Rica	Rwanda	Angola
Burundi	Cameroon	Iraq	Maldives	Colombia	Mali

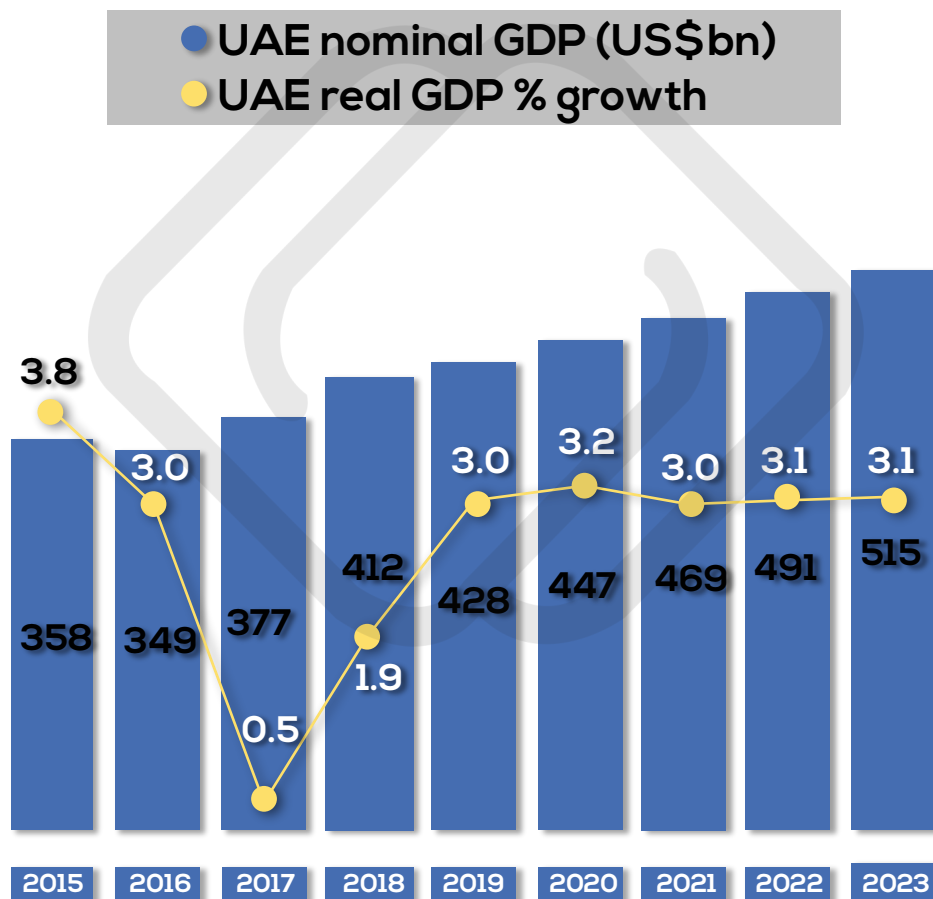




## The Business Scenario in the UAE

Business investors find the UAE as a perfect investment destination. Ranging from a small start-up to a well-established global company, the UAE has an open option for all. Not only business investors, but the ground provides excellent opportunities for working employees to step forward and become an entrepreneur. Also, the freelancers in multiple domains do find the field of the UAE as a perfect business platform. The GDP and inflation dynamics of UAE are projected below:

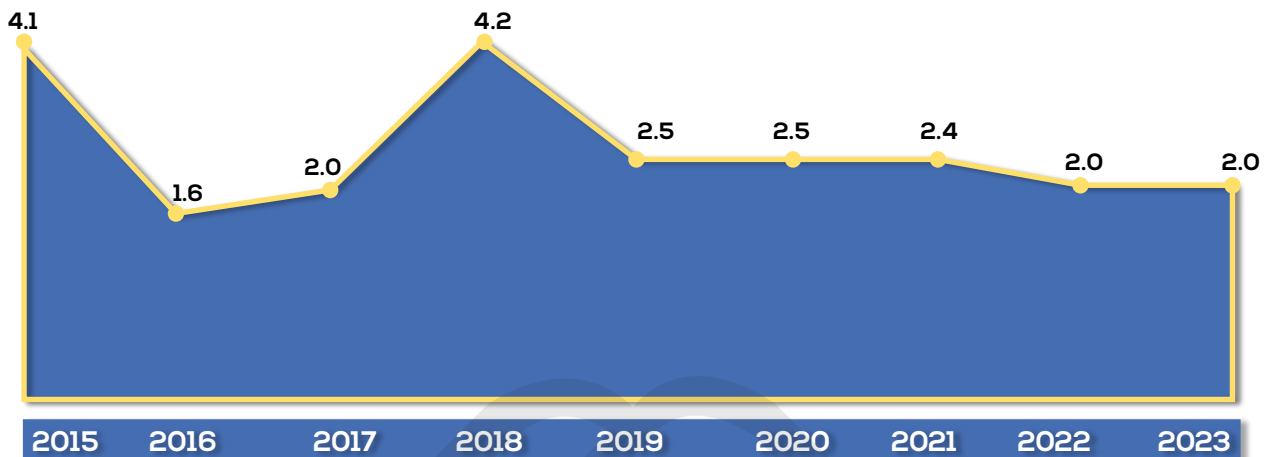
### GDP DYNAMICS





## INFLATION DYNAMICS

● UAE inflation ( % yearly average)



## Booming Industries

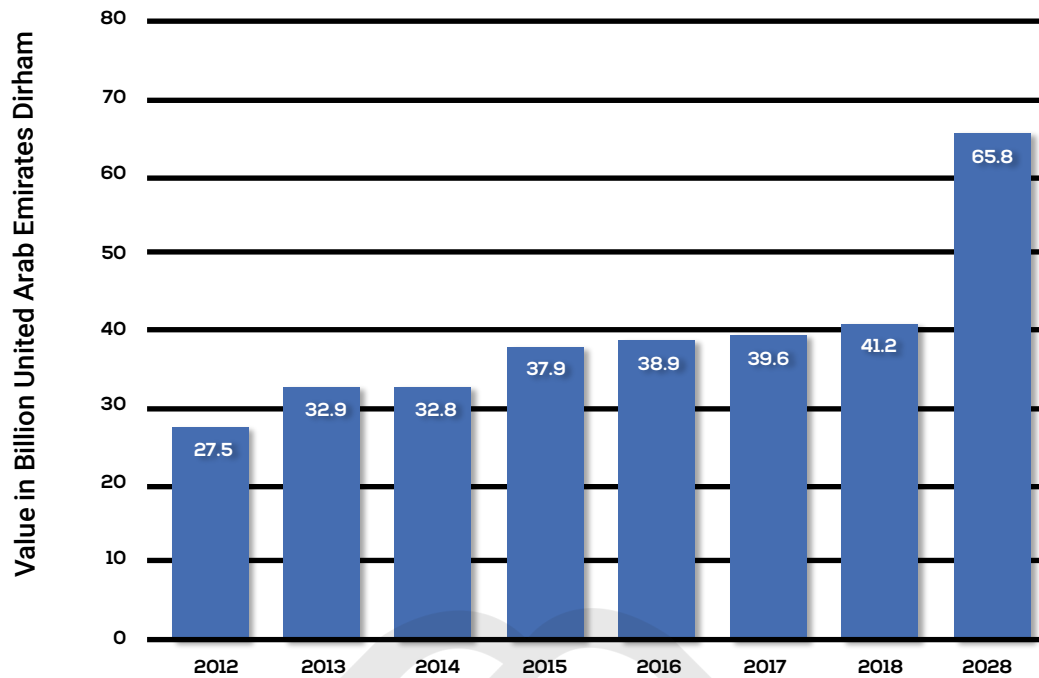
The United Arab Emirates act as a booming destination for multiple industries that investors can focus on. Some of them are highlighted below:

### 1. Tourism

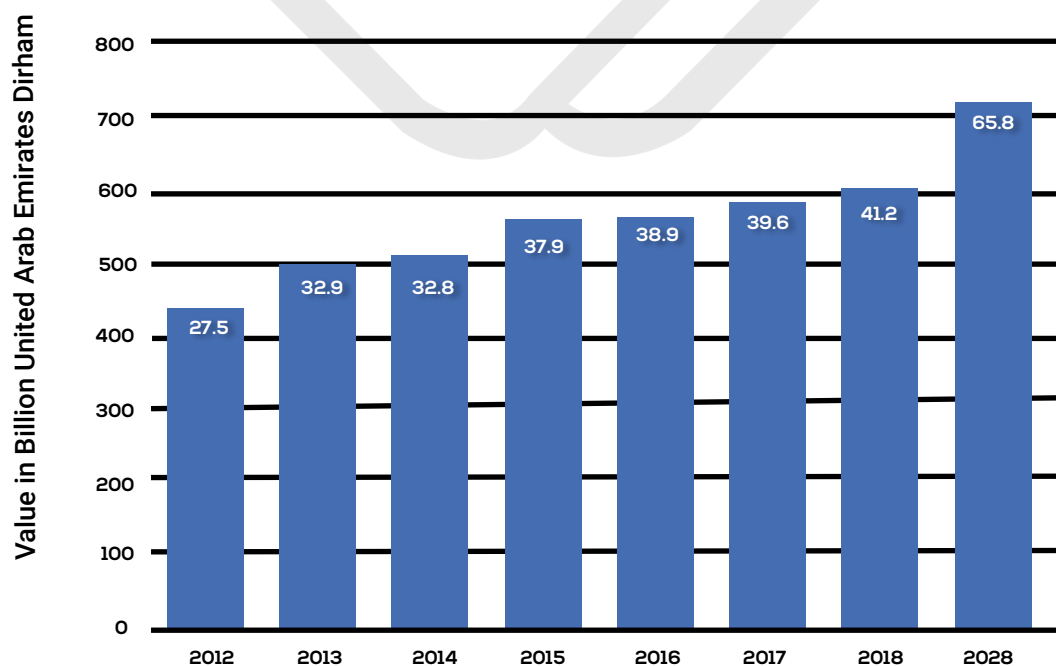
The tourism industry is one of the most profitable sectors in the grounds of UAE. The Government has initiated multiple strategies to diversify the entire oil-based economy to an international tourist spot. The tourism industry has been positioned as a significant amplifier that contributes to a substantial portion of the nation's economic divergence. According to the statistics, the travel and tourism industry will provide a sum of about AED 312.4 billion to the nation's GDP by 2027. The below illustrations present the opportunities transparently. Another game-changer that is on the way to boost the tourism industry is the Expo 2020 which is going to attract a count of more than 25 million visitors, which will have a massive effect on the tourism ground.



Economic contribution of domestic expenditure to the United Arab Emirates from 2012 to 2028 (in billion United Arab Emirates dirham)\*

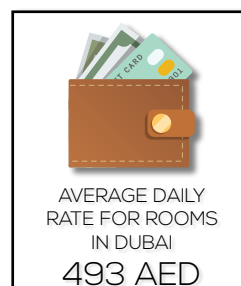
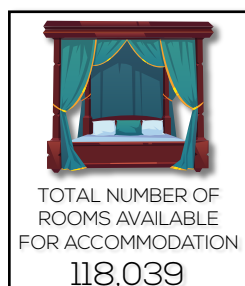
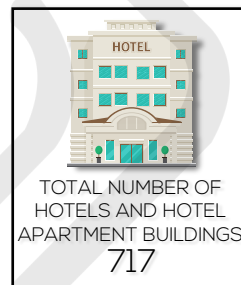
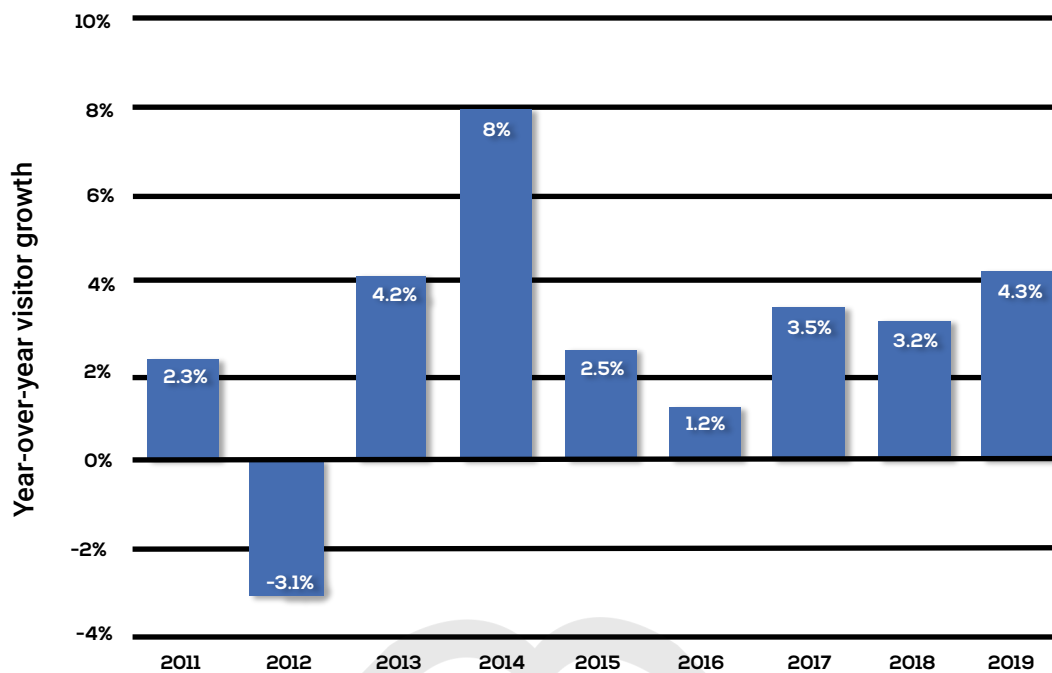


Direct employment contribution from tourism and travel in the United Arab Emirates from 2012 to 2028  
(in 1,000 people)





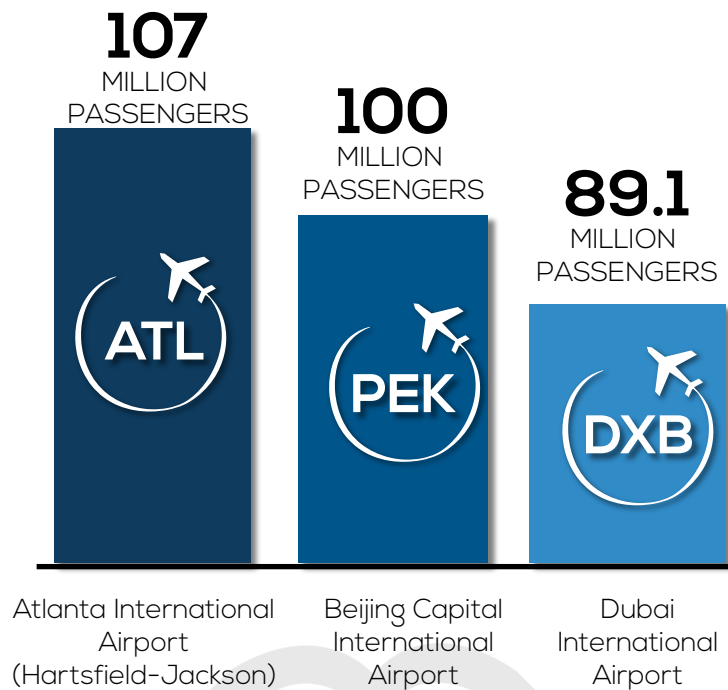
## Inbound visitor growth in the Middle East from 2011 to 2019







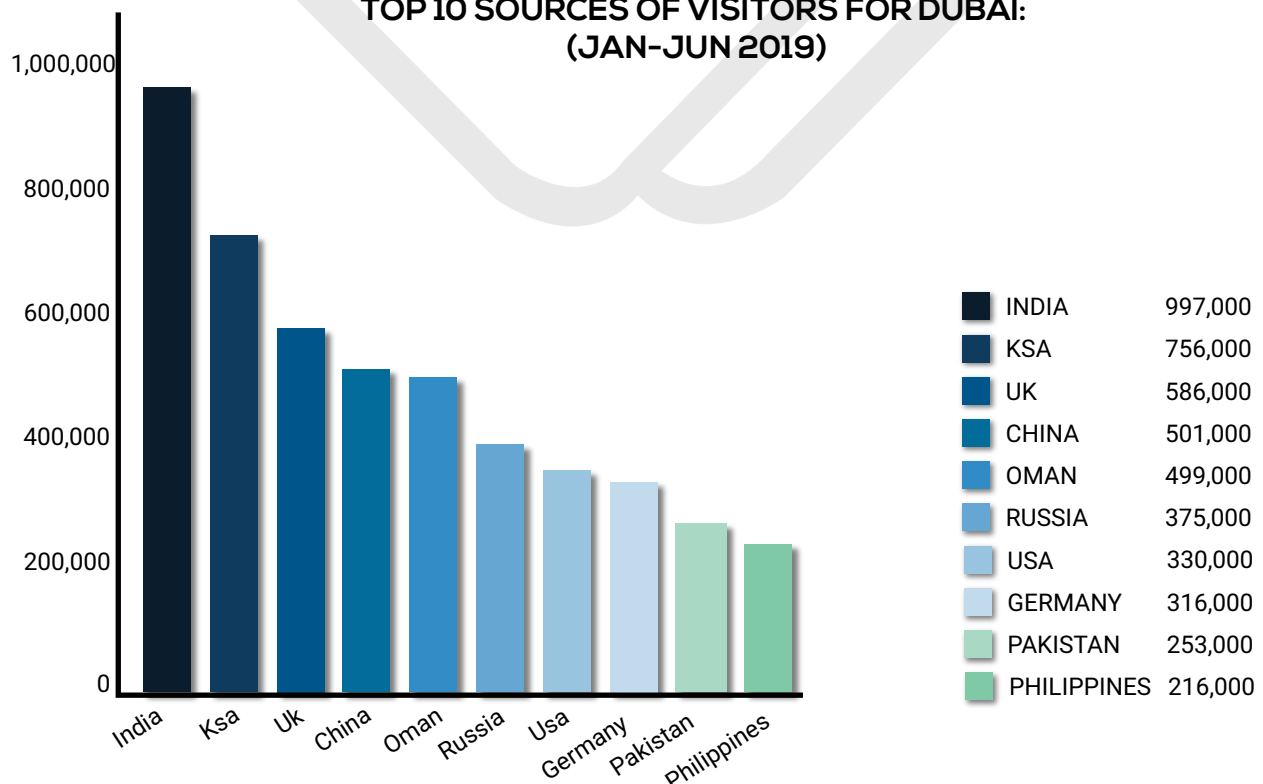
## WORLD'S BUSIEST AIRPORTS



**DXB International Passengers 2019  
(HALF YEAR - Q1 + Q2)**

**41.28 MILLION**

## TOP 10 SOURCES OF VISITORS FOR DUBAI: (JAN-JUN 2019)

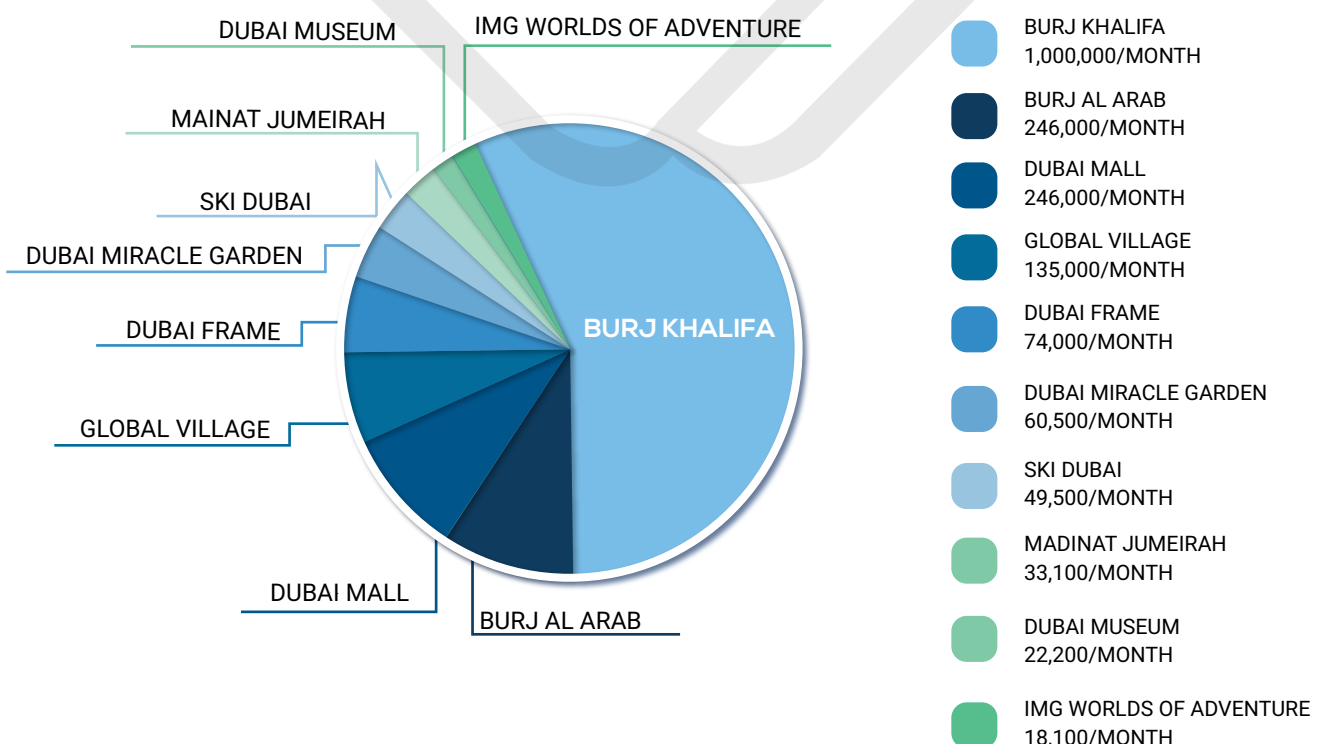




## TOP 5 CITIES BY INTERNATIONAL VISITORS NUMBERS IN 2018



## MOST SEARCHED DUBAI PLACES IN GOOGLE SEARCH (GLOBAL DATA)



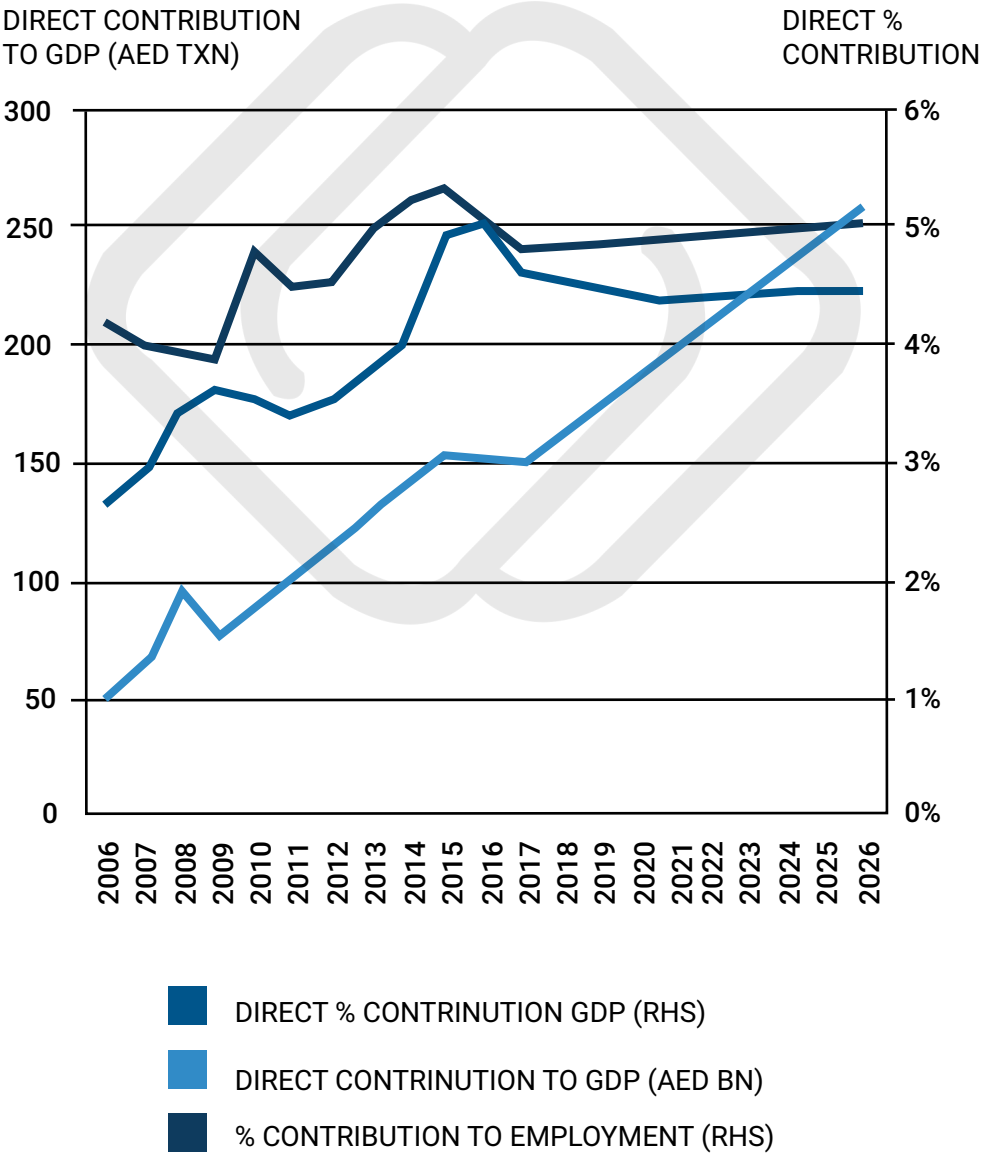


## 2. Hospitality

Parallely along with the tourism industry, the hospitality industry has been equally uplifting itself to a great extent. The city of Dubai has recorded the highest international overnight visitor spend in 2017, which amounted to almost \$29.7 billion. The sector has contributed largely to the nation's GDP.

An investment made in the hospitality sector in UAE turns out to be one of the practical steps for the long run. Click [here](#) to know more about the hospitality segment in the UAE.

THE CONTRIBUTION OF HOSPITALITY AND TOURISM TO GDP AND EMPLOYMENT

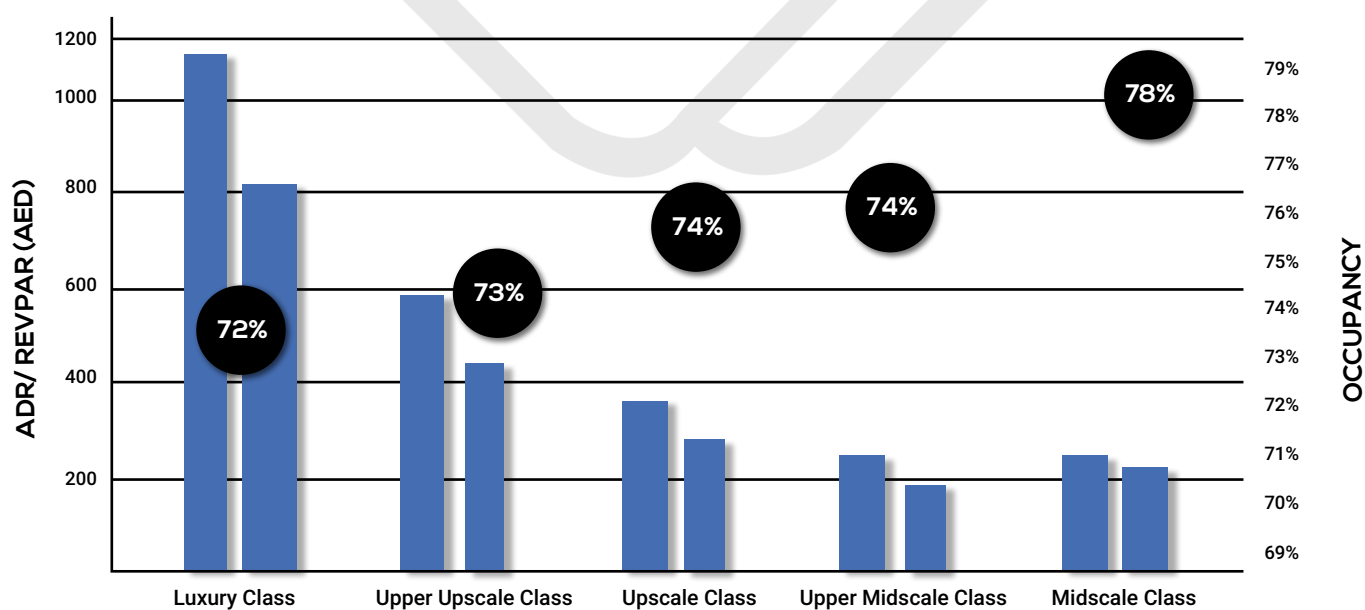




## TOTAL NIGHTS BY REGION (THOUSANDS)

	Europe	America	Middle East & Africa	Other	South Asia	South east Asia	North east Asia	Oceania	Total Nights
2007	10,007	1,720	6,741	3,880	3,195	763	851	699	27,856
2012	13,684	2,684	11,764	6,256	5,736	1,093	1,425	702	43,407
2017	20,729	3,640	20,648	6,066	12,108	2,227	4,162	1,188	70,968
2026	28,396	4,955	33,639	9,640	21,820	4,863	7,979	1,687	113,188
% Proportion in 2007	36%	4%	24%	14%	11%	3%	3%	3%	100%
% Proportion 2017	29%	5%	29%	9%	17%	3%	6%	2%	100%
% Proportion 2026	25%	4%	30%	9%	19%	4%	7%	1%	100%
% Change 2007-2017	107%	112%	206%	56%	279%	192%	389%	70%	155%
% Change 2017-2026	37%	36%	63%	59%	80%	118%	92%	42%	59%

## Dubai hotel market performance, Year to Date (YTD) Q3 2018

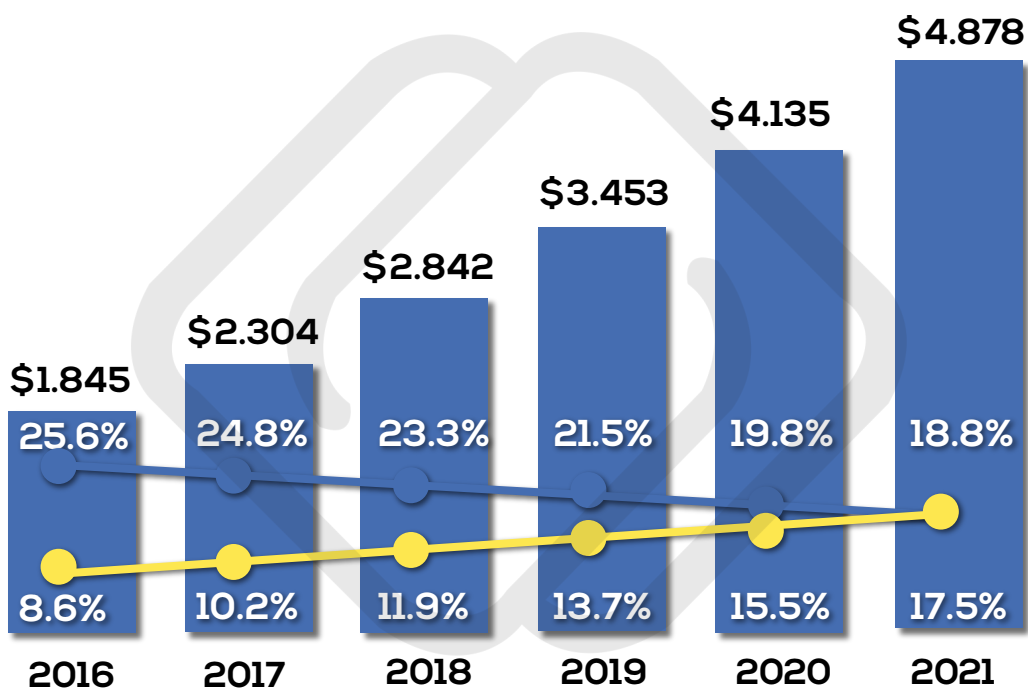


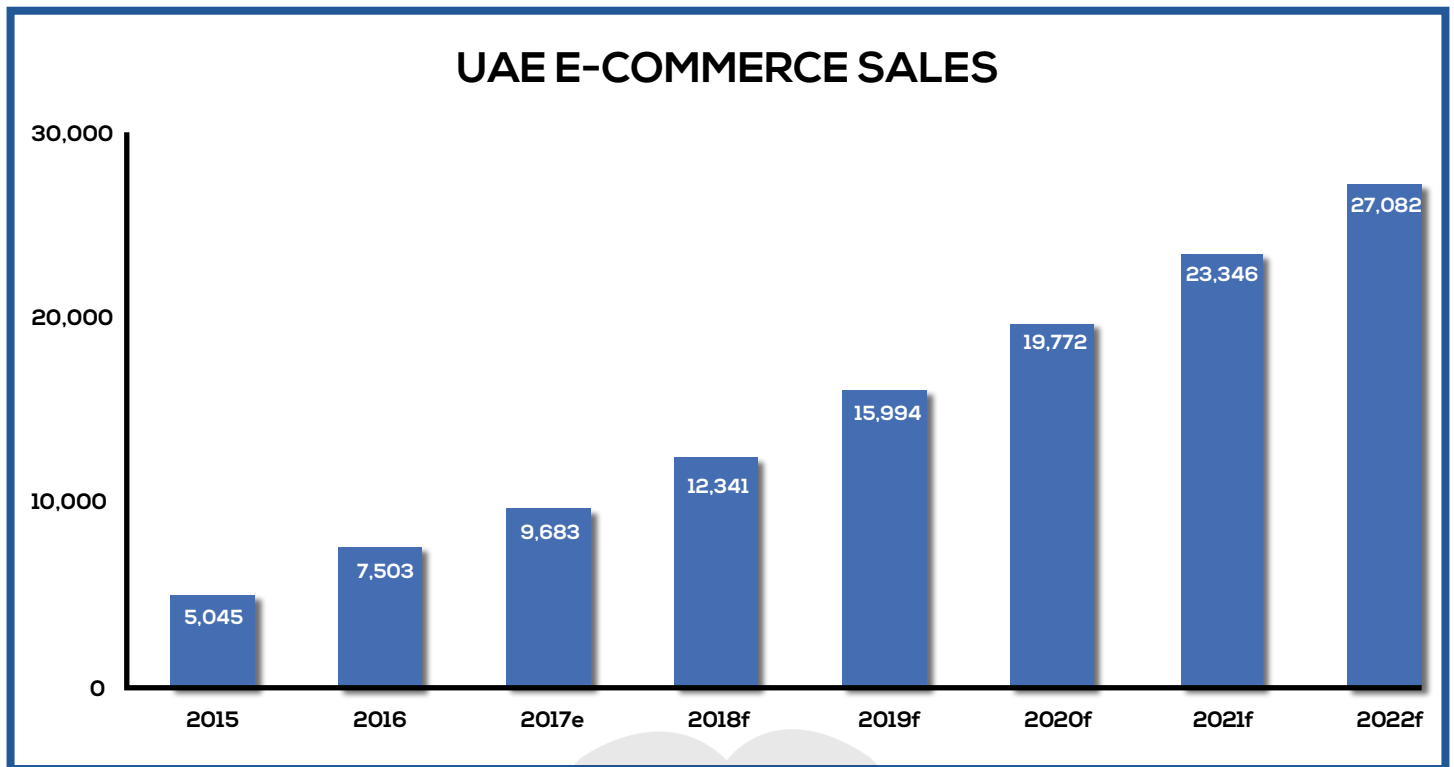


### 3. E-Commerce

The e-commerce industry is the next booming industry that has been ruling the UAE market. At a global level, the eCommerce sales will be amounted to \$3.563 trillion in 2019 and is expected to hit \$4.135 trillion by 2020. When it comes to the UAE market, the e-commerce industry is estimated to hold a worth of \$16 billion in 2019 and \$48.6 billion by 2022.

RETAIL E-COMMERCE SALES WORLDWIDE, 2016-2021





The penetration of the e-com industry in UAE stands considerably more advanced as compared to the other neighbouring nations, which paves out enormous business opportunities for business professionals looking forward to gearing up in the e-com domain. The online shopping in the Middle East has grown by 1500%, which ultimately projects the interest of the population getting inclined towards e-shopping. The e-commerce concept is getting infused with multiple business industries in the UAE market. Also, the consumers have been upgrading themselves from brick store to click store.

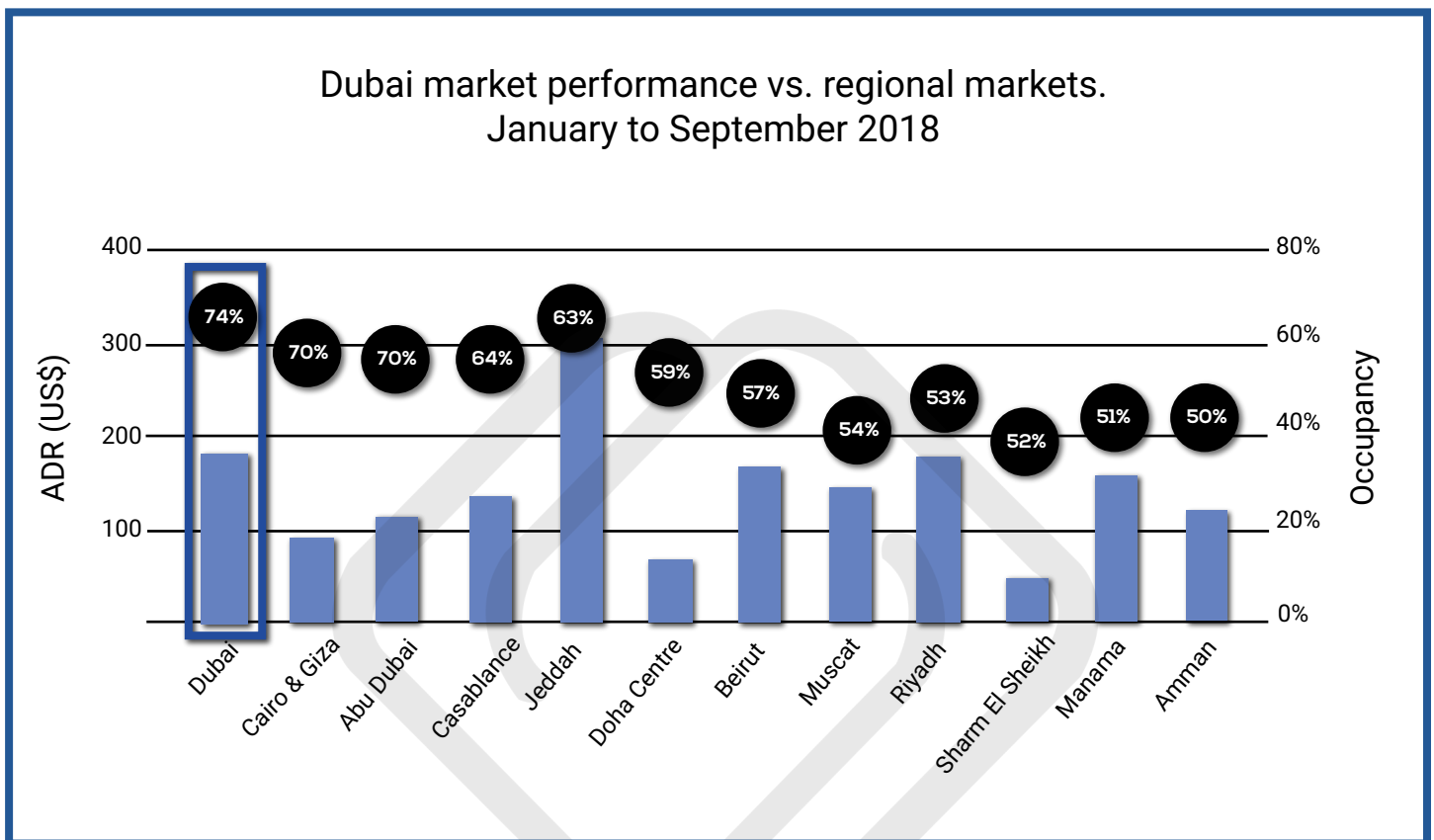
## 4. Real Estate & Construction

The real estate market has made its mark in the grounds of UAE, which stands as another dominating business segment in the region. The sector has witnessed substantial developments that include new laws, initiatives and numerous projects. Recently, the new 10-year residency visa has been introduced that gives eligibility to the residents to reside for a more-extended period. This law gets applicable to talented people, investors, real estate investors, entrepreneurs, researchers, innovators, and outstanding students. On the holistic view, the real estate market has been categorised into different sectors.



## 1. Hospitality Market

Real estate plays a significant role when it comes to the hospitality business. UAE being a tourist destination attracts millions of visitors every year which has played a vital role in boosting the hospitality segment. Business investors find the hospitality sector as one of the growing and profitable markets in the region.



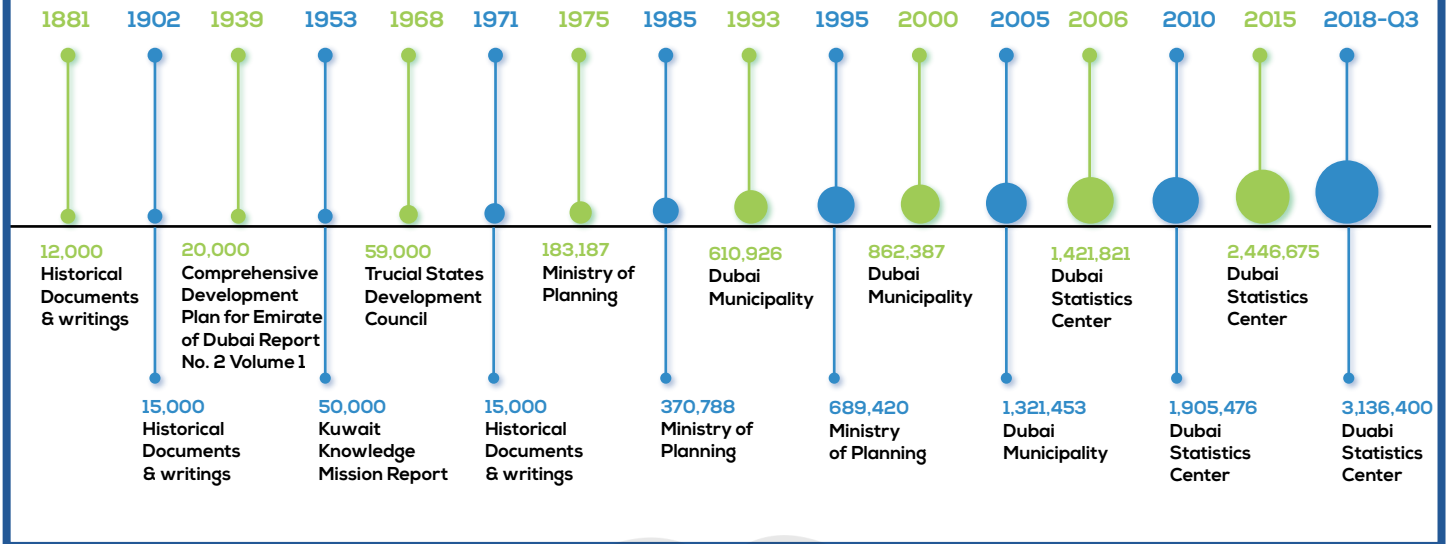
## 2. Residential Market

The inhabitants in the region of UAE has been spiking with a tremendous pace. According to the World Bank report, the region of UAE currently holds a population count of 9.6 Million, which is expected to grow more in the upcoming years. This increase in the population reflects a more excellent opportunity in the residential market.





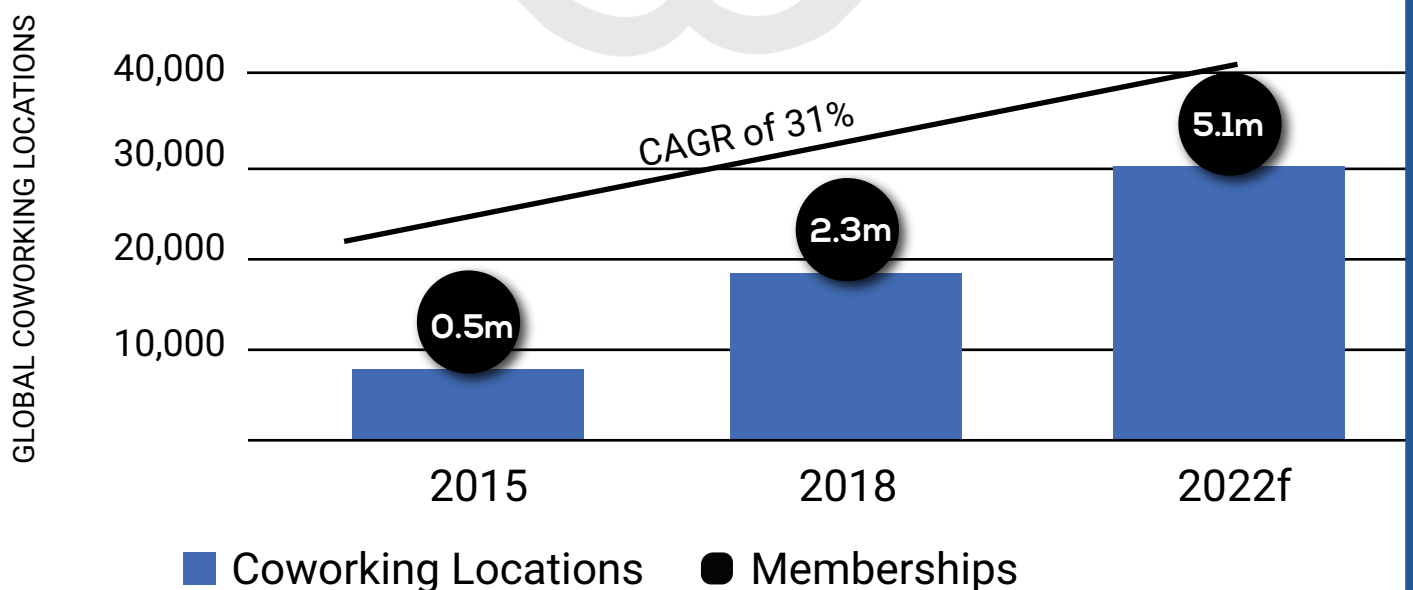
## Dubai population through history since 1881



### 3. Office Market

The increasing business opportunities in the UAE has led to an increase in office space availability. Business owners and investors prefer to go ahead with the office availability options at the time of company formation itself. The illustration below highlights the growth of office space in the upcoming years.

#### GLOBAL COWORKING FORECAST, 2015-2022F

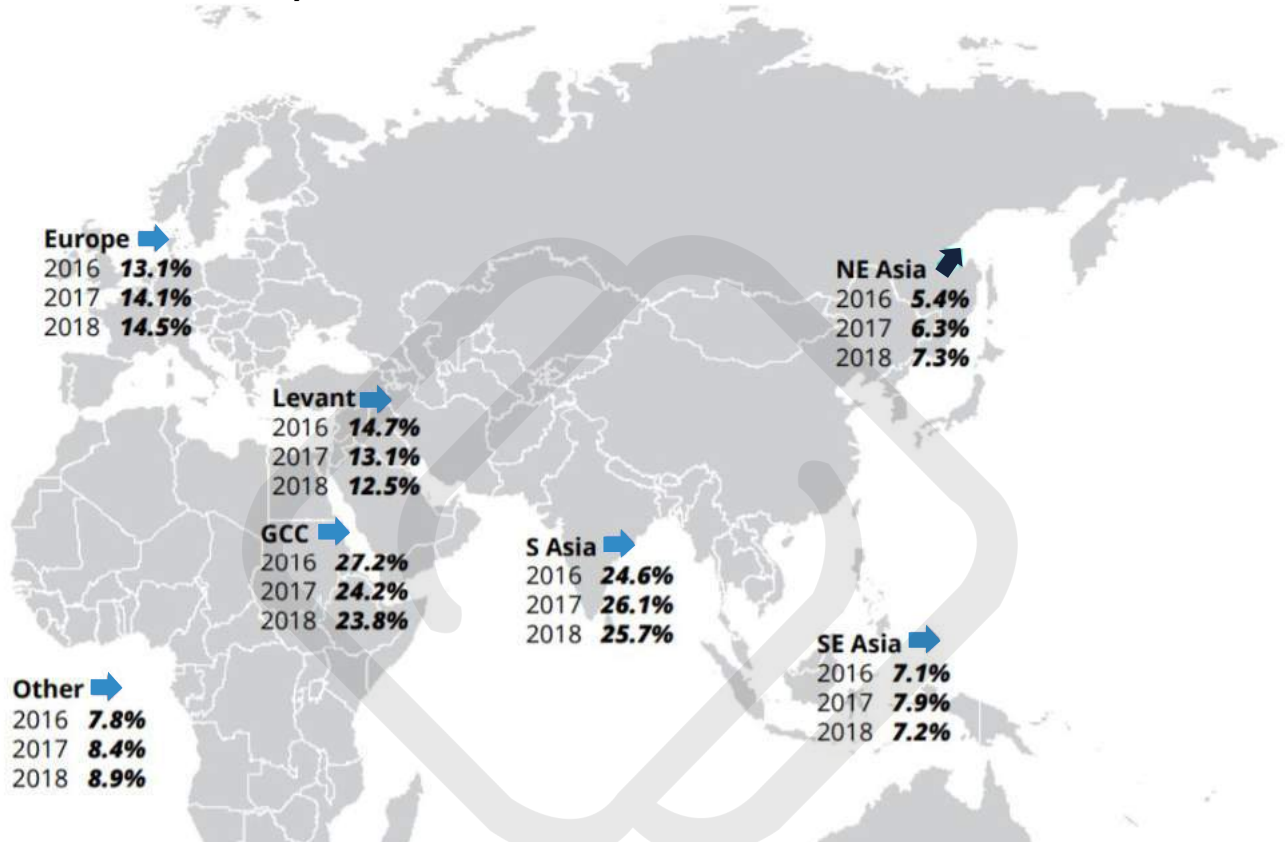




## 4. Retail Market

Retail market stands as another booming segment when it comes to the real estate and market. Numerous shopping complex and retail outlets are in progress targeting different markets.

Dubai key retail mall source markets, 2016 vs. 2017 vs. 2018



Year-on-year source market change key

↓ > 1-3%  
Change

↘ > 1-3%  
Change

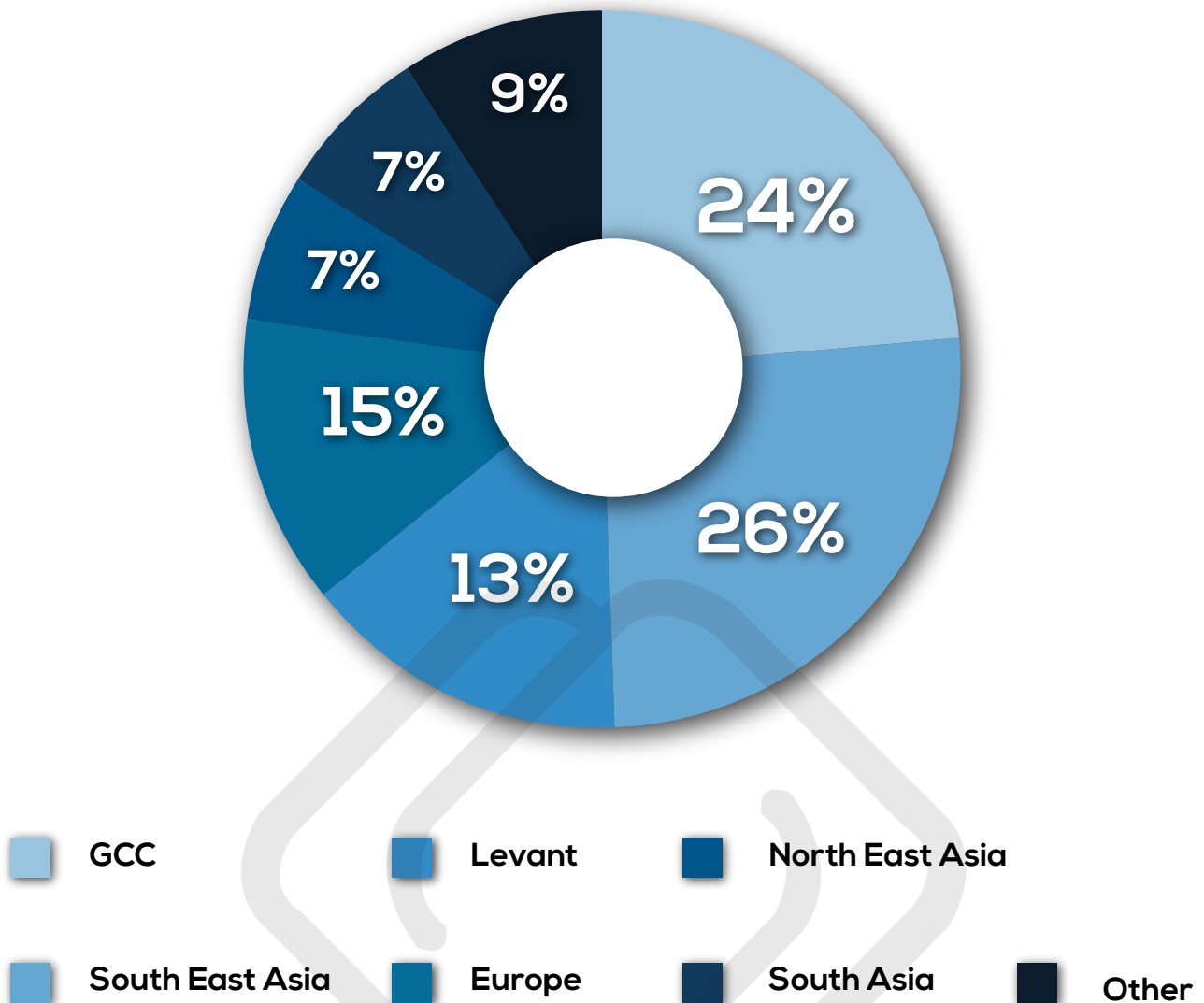
→ > 1%  
Change

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Rise

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Dubai retail mall source markets, 2018

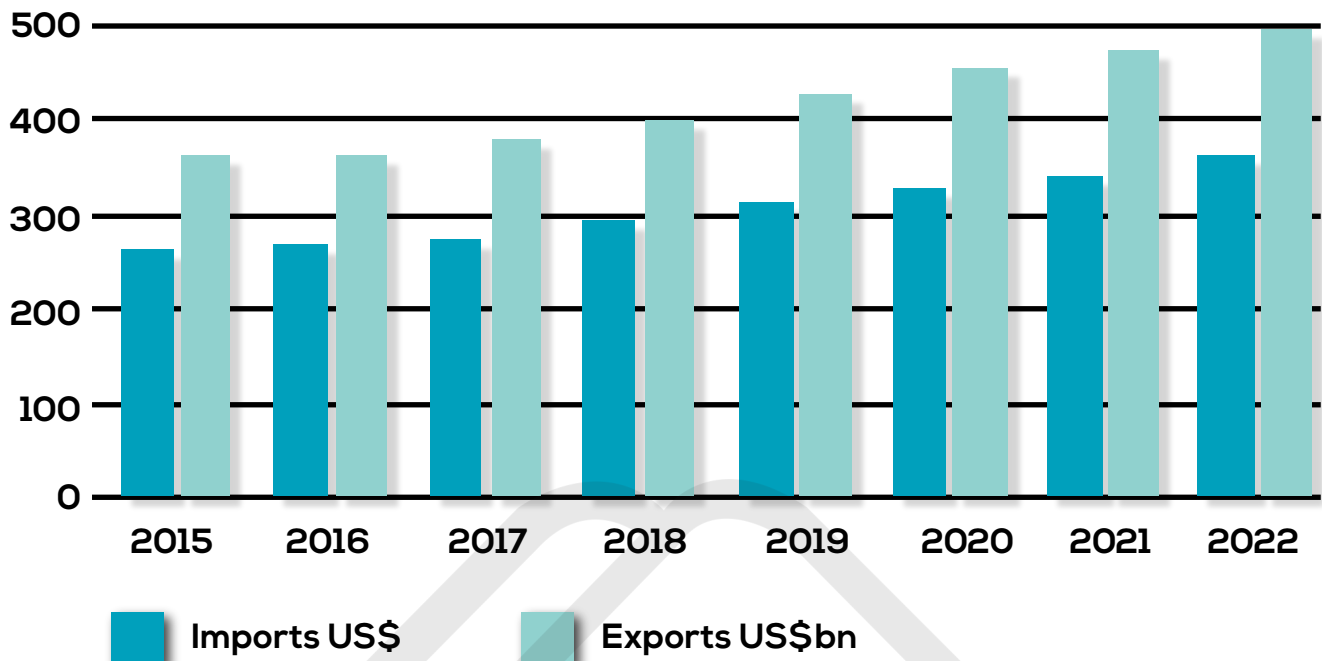


## 5. Industrial and Logistics Market

The logistics and industry setup stand as another bifurcation under the real estate sector, construction and space utilization. The import-export processes have given birth to numerous industries and have uplifted the logistics market. A large number of business industries are getting incorporated every year and is expected to hold a greater count shortly.



**UAE imports and exports, 2015 to 2022f**

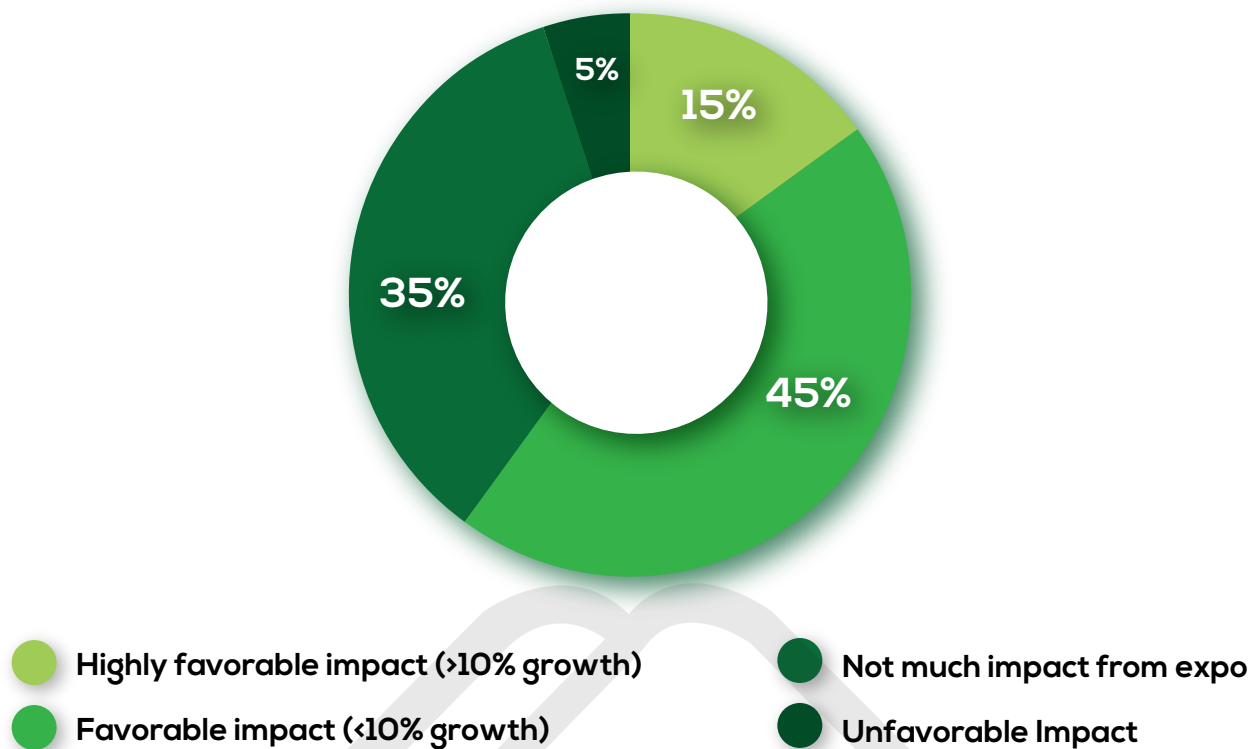


## 5. Food and Beverage

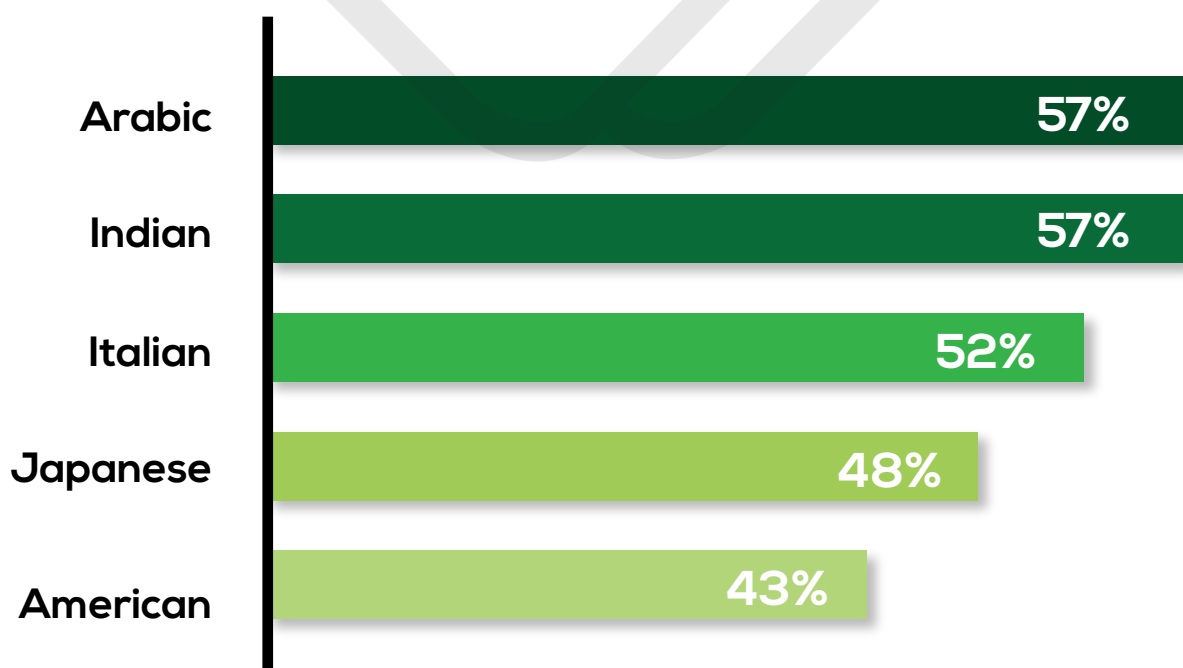
The food and beverage industry hold the rank of top-performing industry when it comes to the global level. The business sector has found a suitable ground in the land of UAE as the region stands as a multi-cultural hub serving as a home to a population of across 200 nationalities. The F&B industry has been considered as one of the six focused sectors of Dubai Strategy 2030. With the involvement of technology, the sales in the F&B industry has boosted up. Additionally, the Expo 2020 is going to have a significant impact in the segment as the event is expected to grab a count of 25 million visitors over a period of six months.



## How is Expo 2020 Dubai expected to impact your business?



## Popular cuisines according to operators





## Do you see value in food/delivery apps?

No, we are not listed on any of the food apps.

14%

Yes, we are already listed on food apps in the market.

86%

## How are delivery apps affecting your business?

68%

we see reasonable volumes of bookings and orders

27%

Delivery orders do not contribute much to our business

5%

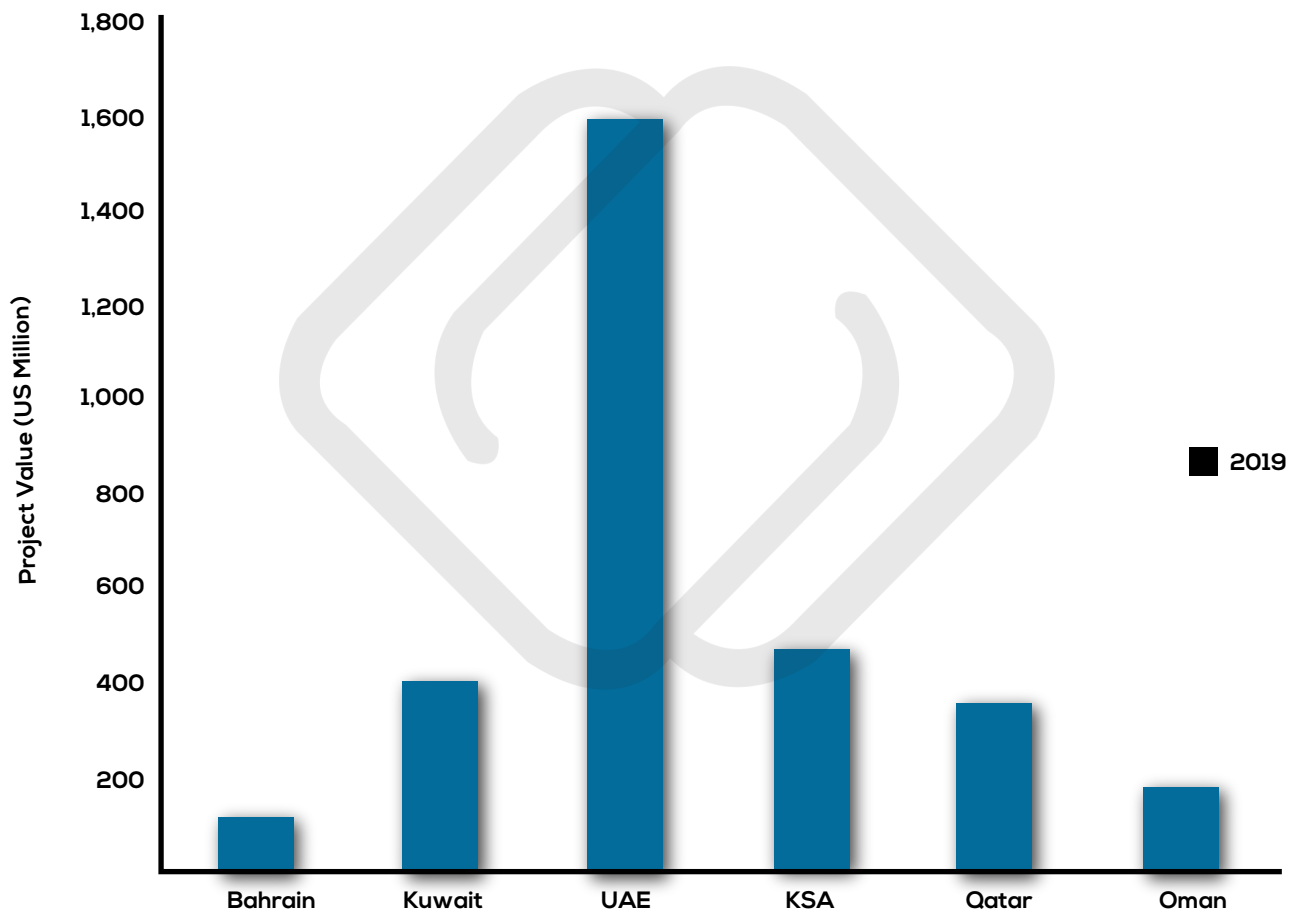
we do not track the volumes from the delivery orders



## 6. Retail

Retail is considered as one of the most popular sectors and best performing sector in UAE. With a high growing population, the retail market stands as one of the active contributors when it comes to the nation's GDP contribution and growth. When it comes to the GCC countries, the UAE holds the highest project value.

GCC Retail Projects Expected to be Completed in 2019 (US\$ Million)

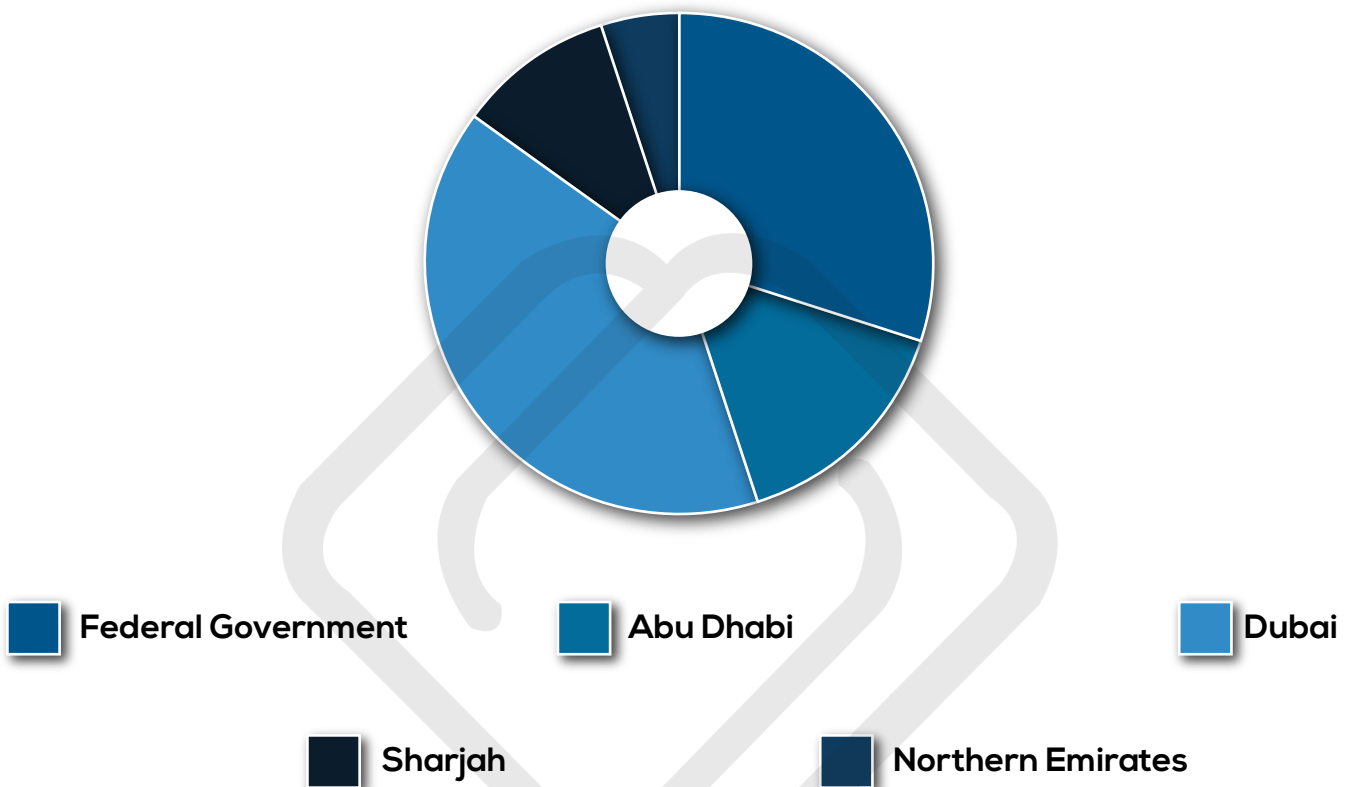






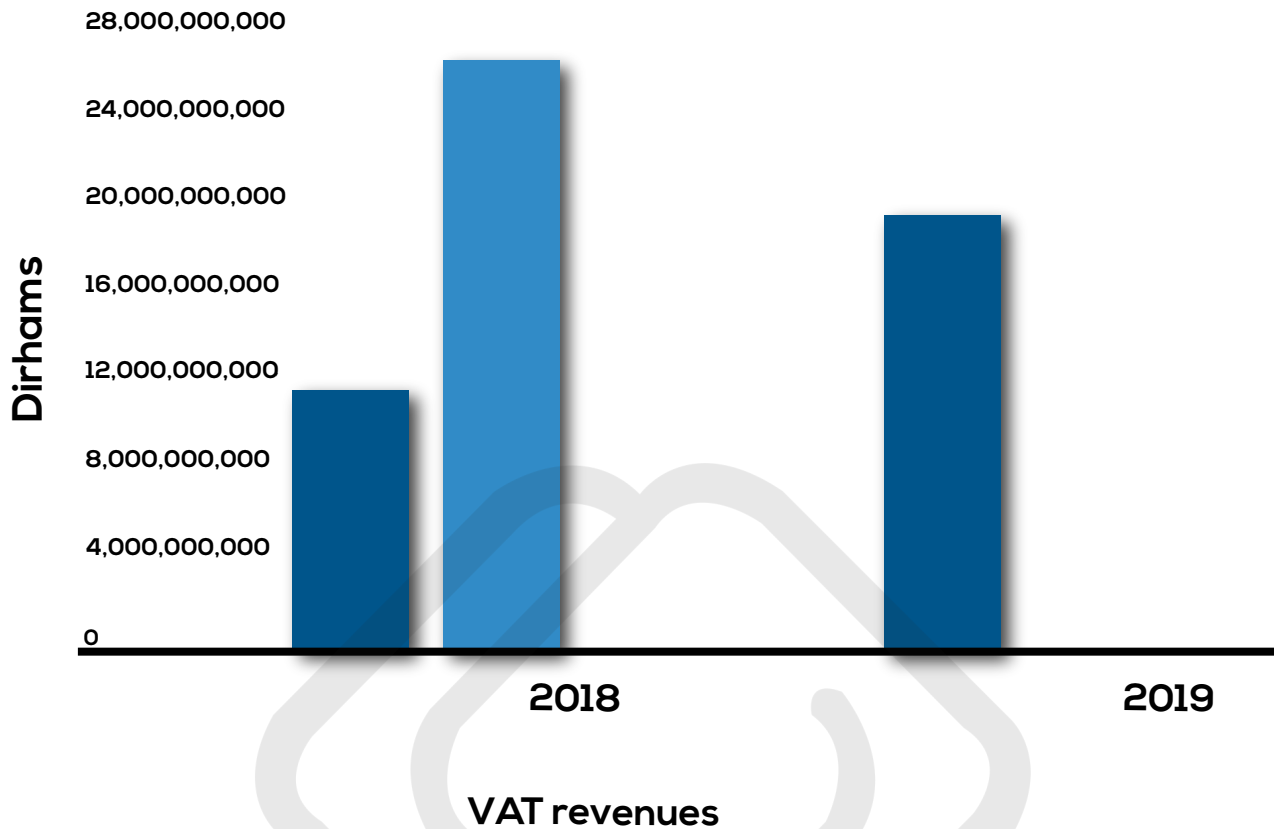
Recently, the nation has experienced the introduction of VAT in 2018, which has a positive impact on the region. Dubai received around 60 per cent of the shares of revenue generated from the tourism sector.

### VAT receipts % of Dh27bn total in 2018





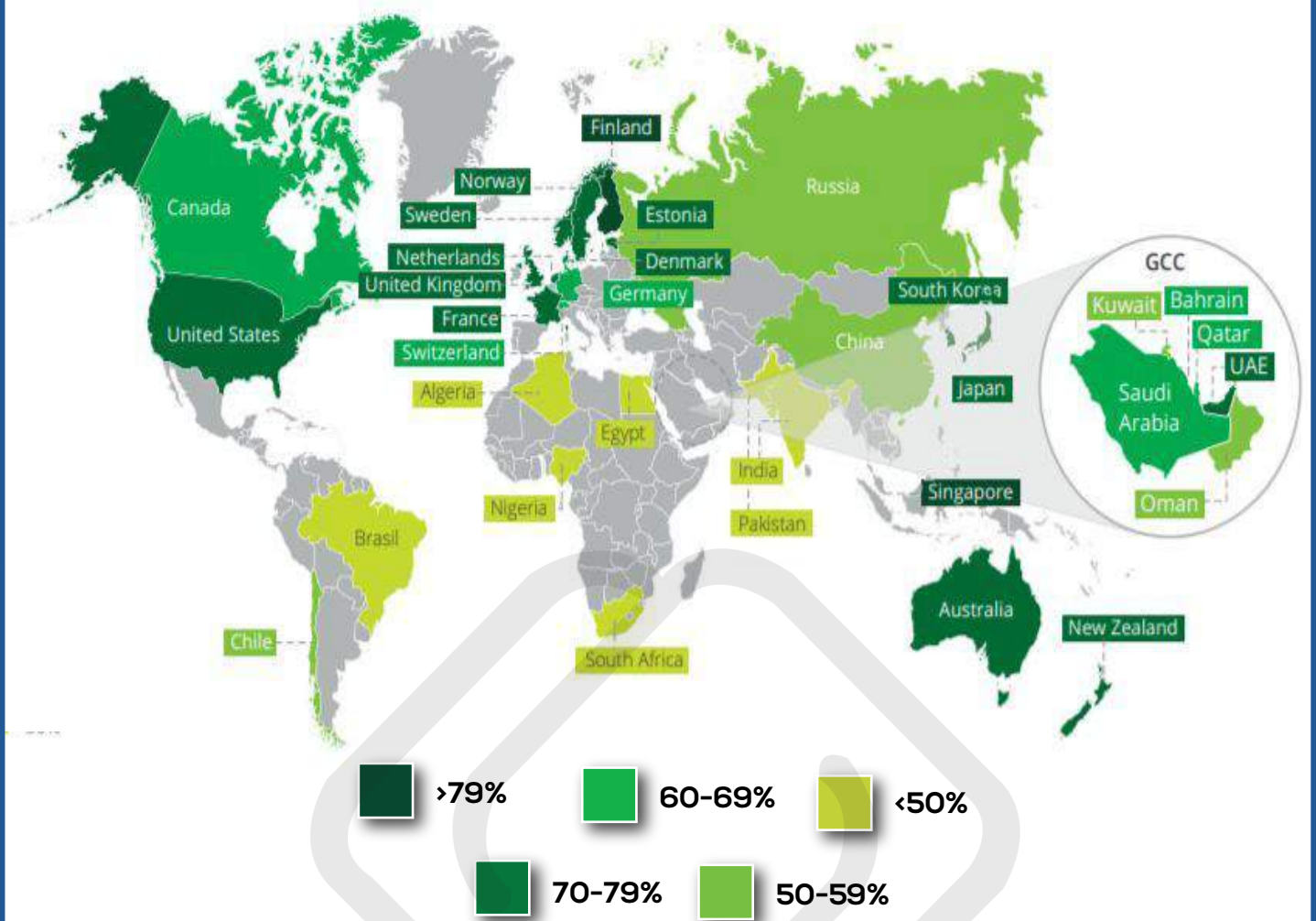
## UAE VAT revenues Projected and Actual



## 7. Information Communication Technology (ICT)

Information technology and digitalisation have turned out to be a complete game-changer in the global market. Every country is accepting digital evolution and has been smartly performing the operations. A National ICT Index gets assigned that reflects the accessibility of digital platforms in the nation.

## Map of countries assessed against National ICT index



The region of UAE is projected as a perfect ground for the IT industry. The Economic diversification efforts in the area mapped in the UAE's Vision 2021 to boost the demand and equally produce enough measures to match the supply. UAE based ICT companies are well-positioned at a global level and is expected to fetch-in about US\$225 billion by the end of 2020. Dubai Internet City (DIC) and Dubai Outsource Zone (DOZ) has become the most significant ICT hub with more than 1,600 companies holding a count of 15,000 employees.



## CLOUD NINE

**MENA CLOUD  
INFRASTRUCTURE  
SERVICES MARKET  
EXPECTED TO GROW**

FROM  
**\$2.66B**   
in 2017  
to  
**\$8.79B**  
in 2022

while cloud traffic  
in the Middle East and  
Africa region is expected to  
**quadruple by the  
end of 2019**

**BIG DATA AND  
ANALYTICS MARKET  
WILL TOUCH**

**\$2.4B**  
in 2018

**INTERNET OF THINGS  
(IoT) SPENDING IS  
EXPECTED TO SURPASS**





**\$10B**  
in 2020

with **manufacturing,  
utilities, healthcare and  
transport industries**  
forming the key industry  
markets.

**\$6.07B**  
Total IoT spend  
stood in 2017

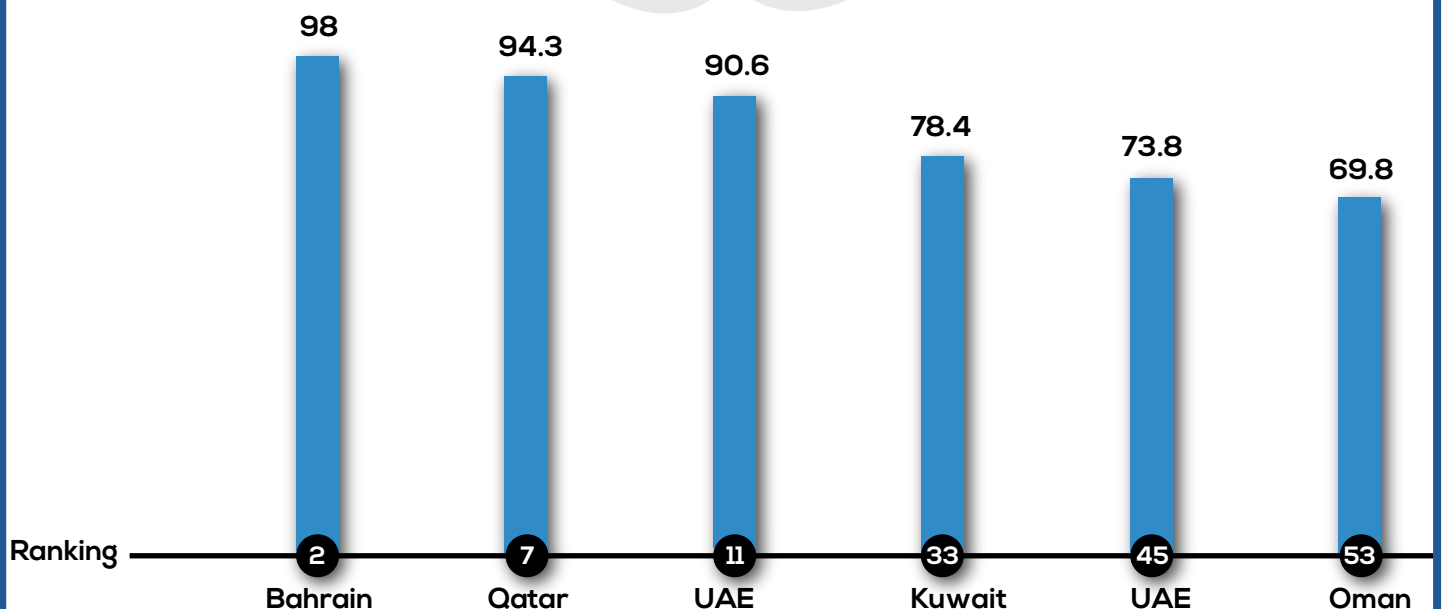
## GROWTH EXPECTED TO HAPPEN

by 2021

**6%**   
IT services sector  
|  
**4.8%**   
software  
|  
**2.3%**   
server, storage and  
networks  
|  
**2.2%**   
mobile devices

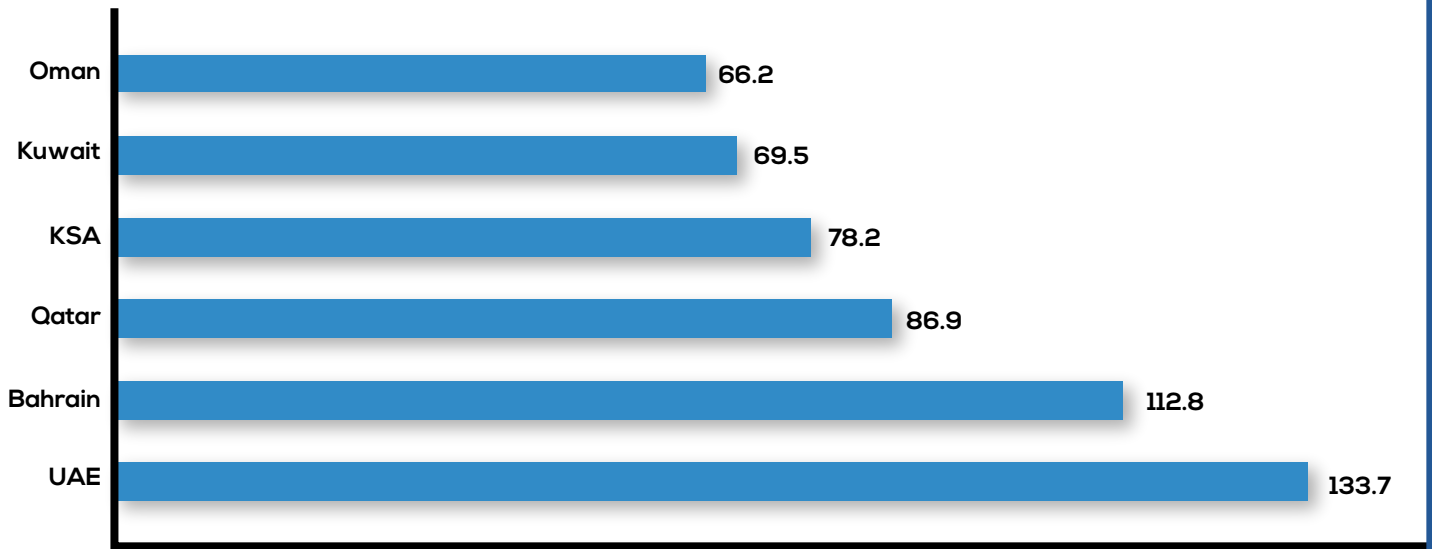
The internet has been widely used in every possible business sector, and thus, it projects out multiple opportunities for the business owners to invest in the same.

## Percentage of Internet users





**Size of converted data in kilobytes/ sec per internet users**



ICT has been mapping in all possible business directions infusing the Government sectors as well.

The UAE aims to excel in the field of IT since the very beginning. The IT market was worth of AED 17billion in 2015, which is now expected to reach a count of AED 22billion in 2019. The nearing of Expo 2020 is expected to bring more opportunities for the IT Sector, and transforming Dubai, as one of the smartest cities of the world.

## 8. Healthcare

The healthcare industry in UAE contributes a significant portion to the nation's GDP and is expected to contribute around 3.6% by 2028, as per Business Monitor International report. The government has been taking multiple initiatives to grab the attention and interest of international investors. Projects like Dubai Health Strategy 2016-2021 and Dubai Clinical Services.



## **GCC HEALTHCARE PREDICTIONS FOR 2022**

- **61.6 Million People**
- **Average health inflation to remain at around 4.0%**
- **Healthcare expenditure projected to reach US\$ 104.6 billion.**
- **Outpatient market size to grow to US\$ 32.0 billion**
- **Inpatient market projected to contribute 43.4% of healthcare expenditure**
- **The region is expected to require 12,358 new hospital beds**

Capacity Plan 2015-2025 has been initiated which aims at positioning the nation as a global medical destination and will add on over 3,800 beds, 8,300 physicians and 8,800 nurses over the period. Investment in the healthcare sector stands as a profitable option for investors. The Healthcare market in the GCC sector has got a significant role to play.



# DHA Strategy 2016-2021

Founded on the four key pillars of service delivery (quality, efficiency, patients and staff), DHA aims to ensure the availability of quality medical insurance programmes, improve medical services according to the highest international standards, contribute to provide attractive infrastructure for investments, boost Dubai's position as a global hub for medical tourism and medical education, encourage innovation in the healthcare sector and improve preventive healthcare measures.

## VISION

"Towards a healthier and happier community."

## MISSION

"Transforming Dubai into a leading healthcare destination by fostering innovative and integrated care models, and by enhancing community engagement."

As part of this new strategy, DHA has defined eight objectives enabling it to build a new era in its healthcare sector:

**Boost Dubai's position as a global hub for medical education.**



**Provide attractive infrastructure for investments**



**Achieve highest international standards in medical services**



**Enhance the quality of medical insurance**



**Disease prevention and promotion of health.**

**Encourage innovation in the healthcare sector**

**Improve preventive healthcare measures.**

**Boost Dubai's position as a global hub for medical tourism**







# Drivers for Health Investment in Dubai

## 1 A growing population entails a greater need for health services



Dubai's population is estimated to reach between 4.6 and 5.5 million inhabitants by 2030

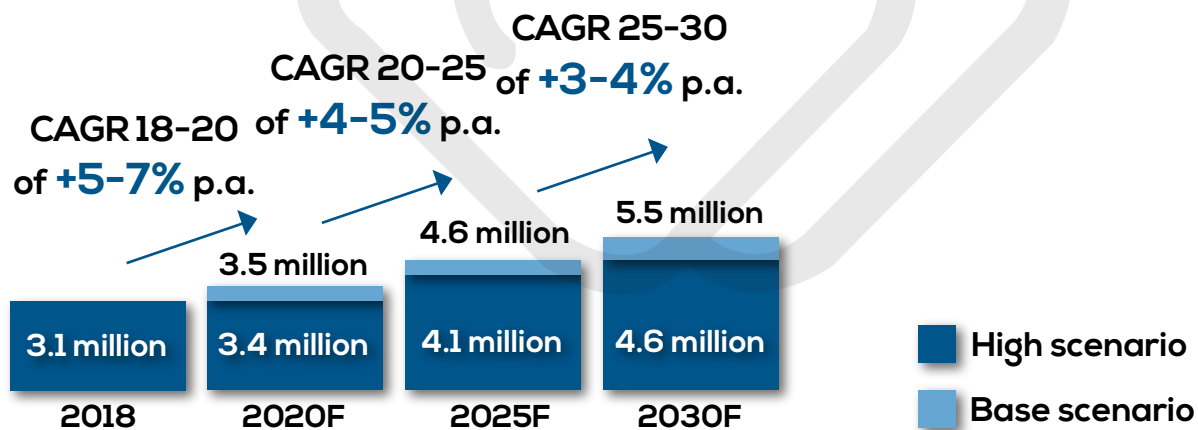


The share of UAE Nationals aged 60 y.o. and over is expected to reach 8.0% in 2030



Dubai's population is expected to grow of about 4-5% p.a. between 2020 and 2025 and of about 3-4% p.a. between 2025 and 2030

### Growth of Dubai's population, per type (2018-2030, in inhabitants)





2

Landmark projects and infrastructure support the development and growth of the healthcare sector

Dubai Expo 2020 is set to host 25 million visitors from all around the world

Major touristic and leisure attractions will be completed over the coming years

Dubai International Airport (DXB) welcomes 90 million passengers annually, and Al Maktoum International Airport (DWC) is expected to handle 240 million passengers annually

Numerous and diverse upcoming residential communities from affordable housing to upscale complexes, villas and exclusive penthouses



## Health Investment Needs and Opportunities

1 Base Case: Gaps for Outpatients Visit Rooms (2020-2030)

Gap analysis by speciality, in no. of outpatient rooms required (base case, 2020-2030)

Specialty	Gaps(base case)			Specialty	Gaps(base case)		
	2020	2025	2030		2020	2025	2030
Primary Care	198	501	726	Allied Health	120	194	262
Paediatrics	60	76	228	General Medicine	276	61	213
Respiratory Medicine	100	145	209	Endocrinology	46	110	189
Neurology	75	116	157	Gastroenterology	8	67	151
Oncology & Haematology	35	63	99	Orthopaedics & Rheumatology	113	34	70
Immunology & Infections	20	32	45	Urology	39	5	40
Trauma and Injury	20	28	34	Renal Medicine	3	12	27
Dentistry	15	2	25	Vascular Surgery	2	9	17
Neonatology	4	6	8	Psychiatry	57	29	2
Neurosurgery	30	26	22	ENT; Head & Neck	93	67	34
Obstetrics	164	128	45	General Surgery	115	90	59
Cardiology & Cardiothoracic	132	102	62	Ophthalmology	156	128	78
Plastic Surgery	181	174	168	Gynaecology	401	345	268
Dermatology	304	292	280				

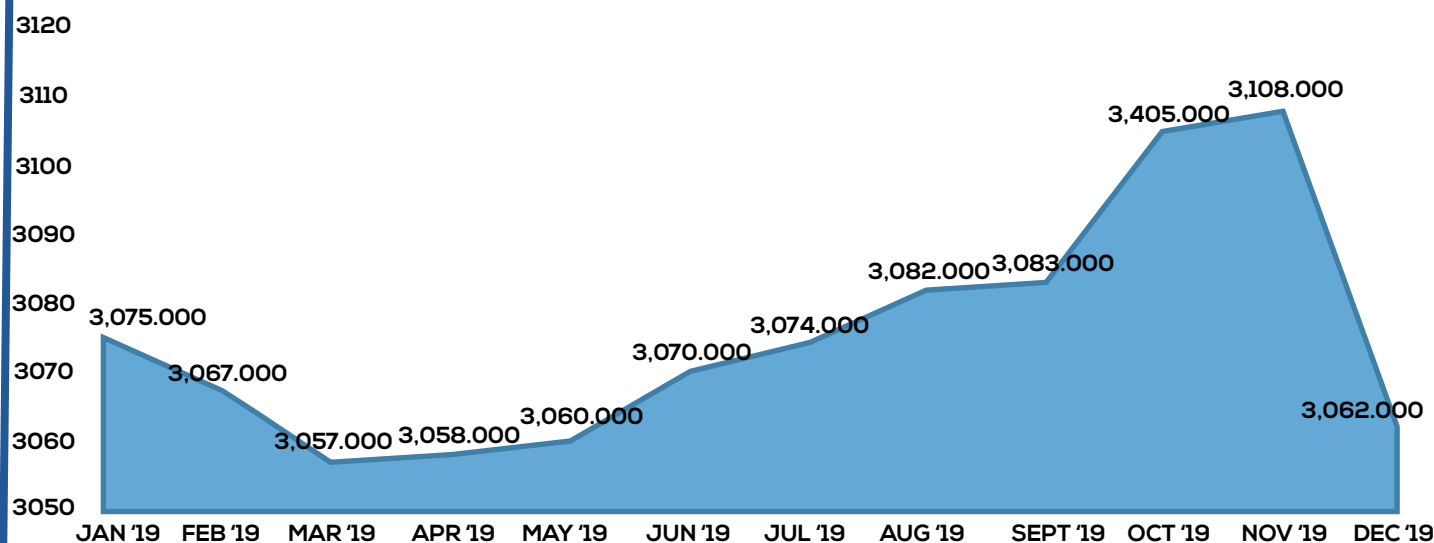


## 9. Oil and Gas

UAE stands as the seventh-largest crude oil producer, oil and natural gas holding an estimated count of 97.8 million barrels and 215 trillion cubic feet. When it comes to the global count, the region holds almost 4% of the world's oil reserves and 3.5% of gas reserves. The Government has taken multiple steps to fetch-in revenue through the non-oil sectors, yet the oil industry has contributed significantly to the nation's GDP. According to the International Trade Administration's (ITA), the UAE grew by 13.9% when it comes to petroleum exports amounting to \$66.2 billion (AED 243.1 billion). The current year production is highlighted below:



## Crude Oil Production



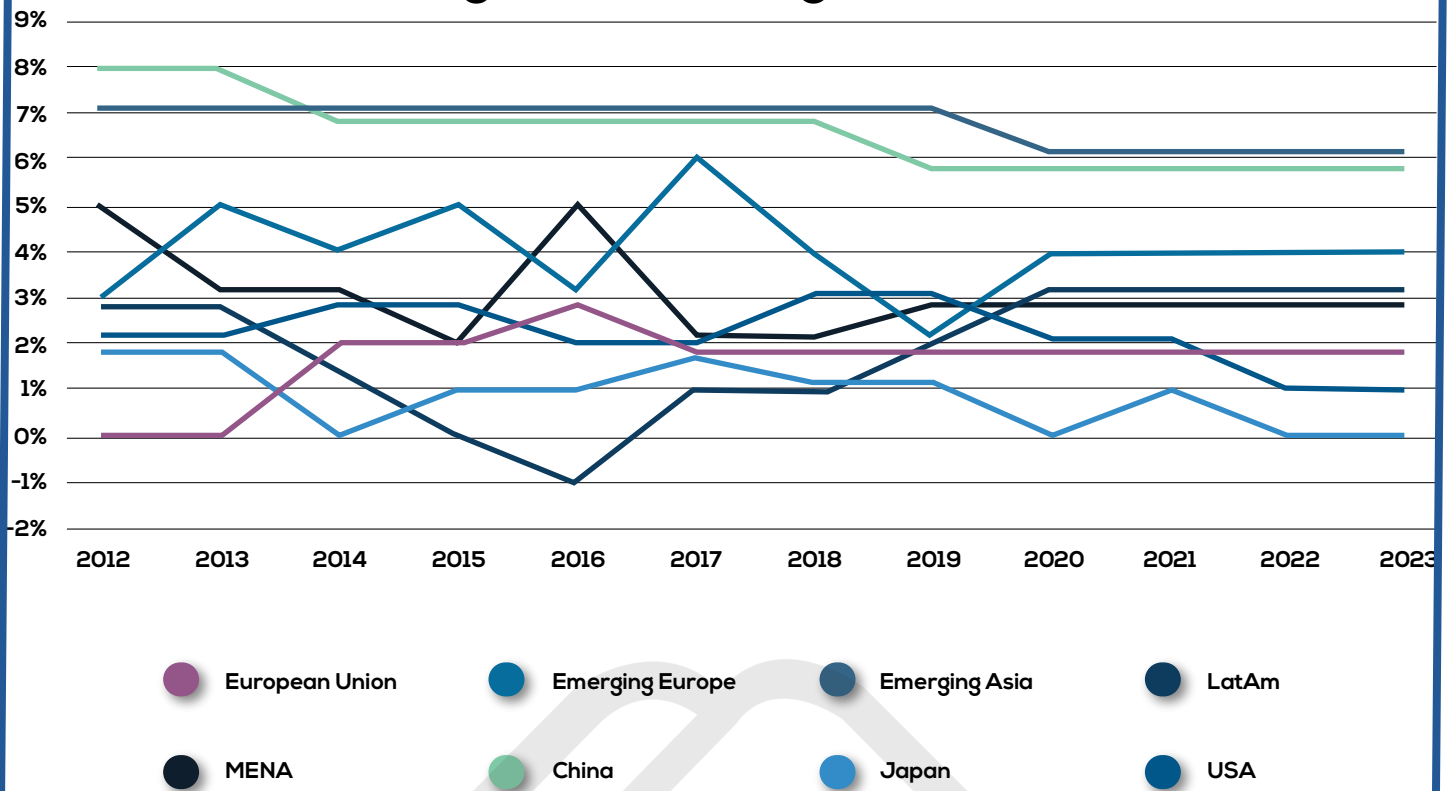
The production has been continuously increasing and is expected to reach a count of 4 million barrels per day by the end of 2020 and 5 million b/d by the end of 2030.

## 10. Financial Services

The finance industry has got a favourable field when it comes to the ground of the United Arab Emirates. Dubai International Finance Centre (DIFC) stands as a lucrative investment ground when it comes to investment in the finance sector. Currently, the DIFC holds 250 new companies, with a total count of 2,289 registered firms. The government has taken numerous steps to smoothen the flow of finance in the region of UAE, to ease the process of company formation for business professionals, investors, entrepreneurs. Investors have got multiple options to invest in banks, micro-credit institutions, exchanges. The growth of the institutions has been rapidly increasing over a few years and is expected to grow further.



## Real GDP growth by region, 2013-2023

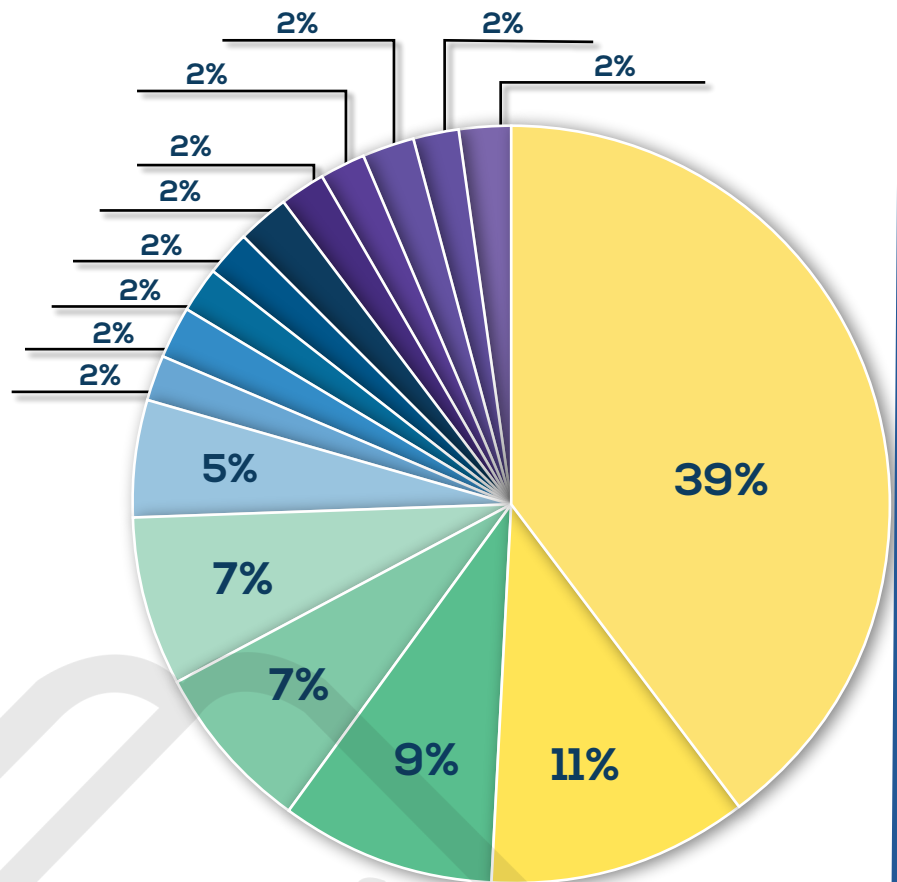


## 11. Logistics

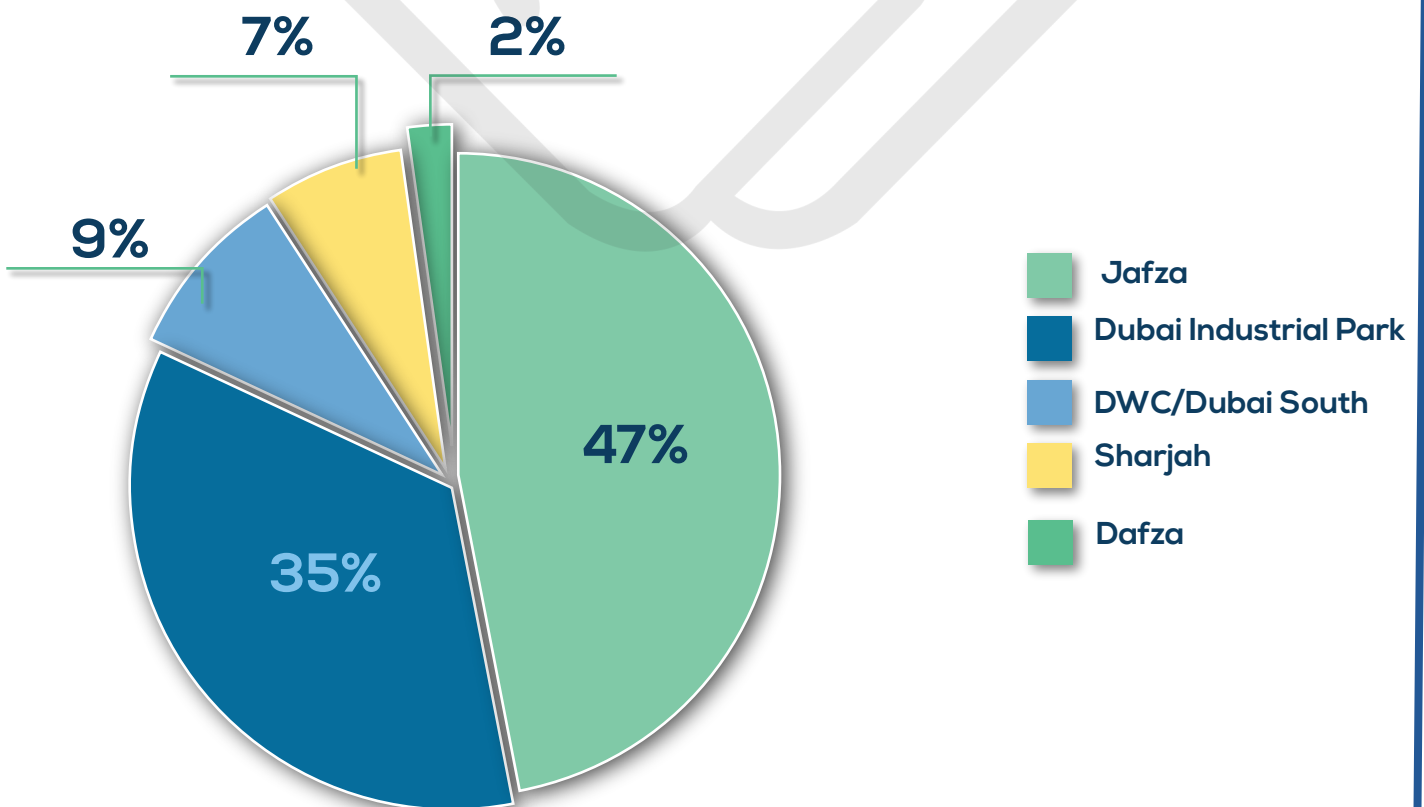
The logistics sector is another flourishing factor when it comes to the region of the UAE. According to the research projections by Business Monitor International (BMI) Research, the UAE's air freight market will expand by a CAGR OF 4.8% from 2017 to 2021. To drive the sector to its next level, massive investments have been made towards increasing the capacity of Jebel Ali Port, Khalifa Port. The demand for logistics has been continuously growing based on business sectors and locality. Here's a glance.



## Demand by Business Sectors



## Demand by Location





## 12. Manufacturing

The manufacturing industry is no exception when it comes to business operations in the region of UAE. According to a report published by Gulf Today, the manufacturing industry in UAE contributes Dh 122billion to the UAE non-oil GDP. The major manufacturing sectors of the UAE include:

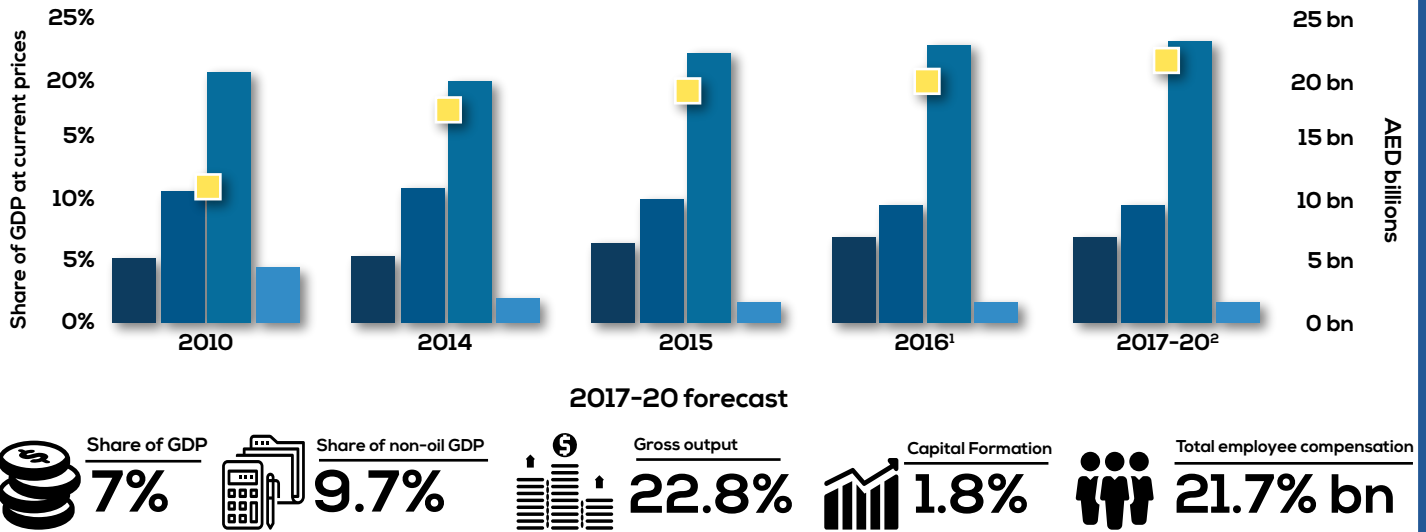
- Aluminium Metals
- Ceramics
- Crystals and Glass
- Electronics and Electrical
- Marble and Stones
- Packaging
- Paints and Coating
- Plastics
- Textiles
- Building Materials and Non-Metallic Mineral Products
- Petrochemicals and Chemicals
- Pharmaceuticals
- Food and Beverage
- Consumer Goods
- Aerospace and Defense Equipment
- Industrial Equipment

The sector is expected to contribute around 25 per cent towards the nation's GDP by 2025. The Emirati government has initiated the Dubai Industrial Strategy, which targets to boost the country and establish it as one of the world's top manufacturing hub. The sector is expected to increase export procedures by AED 16 billion.





### Manufacturing sector key statistics in Abu Dhabi



## 13. Import Export Business

The import-export business is another segment that has been booming in the land of UAE every year. With the government's focus on expanding and generating revenue from the non-oil sector, there are considerable industries that deals with the import-export process. This contributes a significant amount to the GDP of the nation. The business operations can be carried out after obtaining the import-export license from the respective Government Authorities.

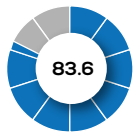
Investment in the import-export business in UAE stands as a desirable option, and the global investors are seeking forward to invest in the same.

To carry out the business operations, specific documents are to be presented to the relevant authorities.

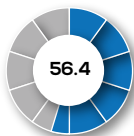
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Commercial License	Commercial Invoice
Packaging List	Packaging List
Certificate of Origin	Bill of Lading
SOLAS Certificate	Certificate of Origin
Bill of Lading	Technical Standard Certificate (from the ESMA)
	Delivery Advise
	SOLAS Certificate



## Trading across Borders in United Arab Emirates - Score



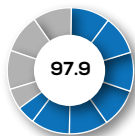
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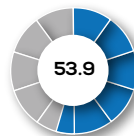
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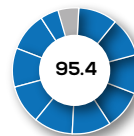
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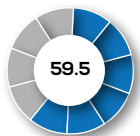
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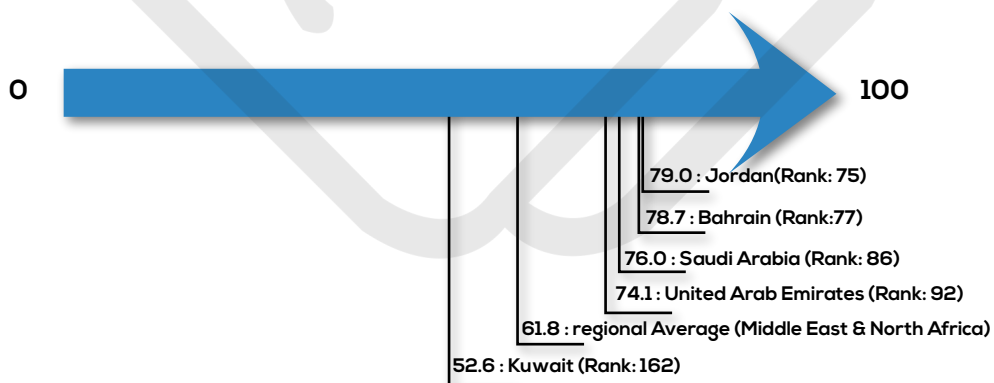
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## Trading across Borders in United Arab Emirates and comparator economics - Ranking and score

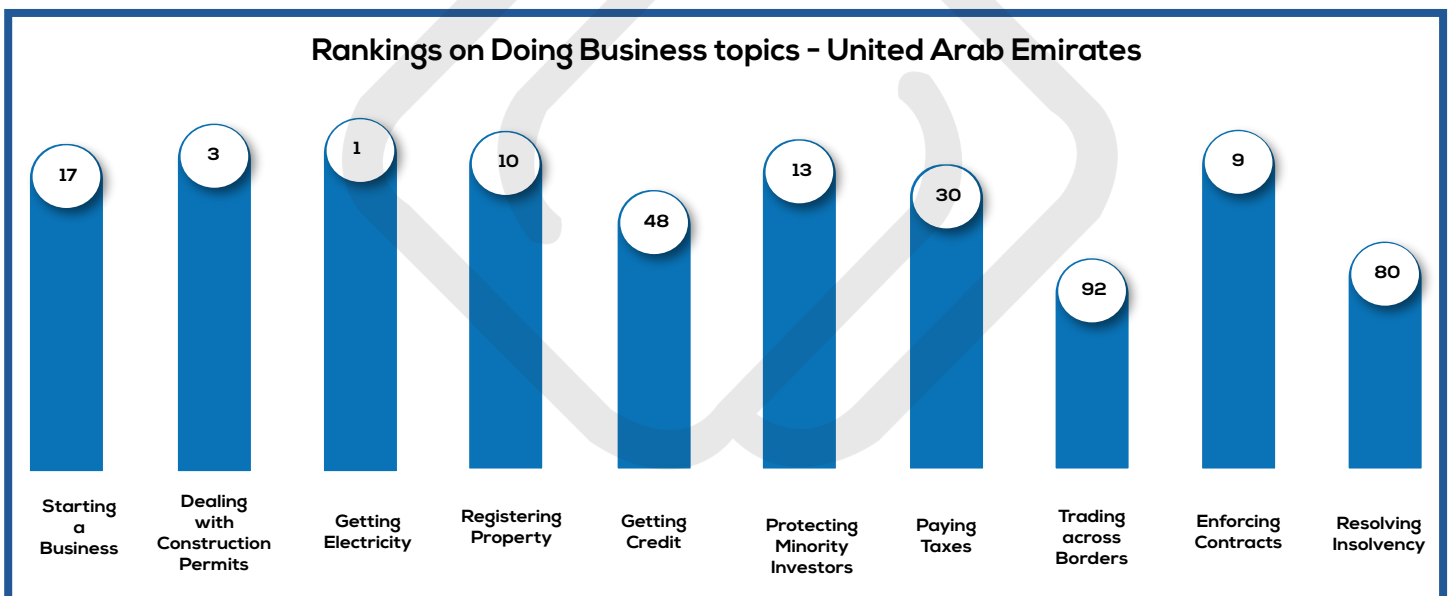
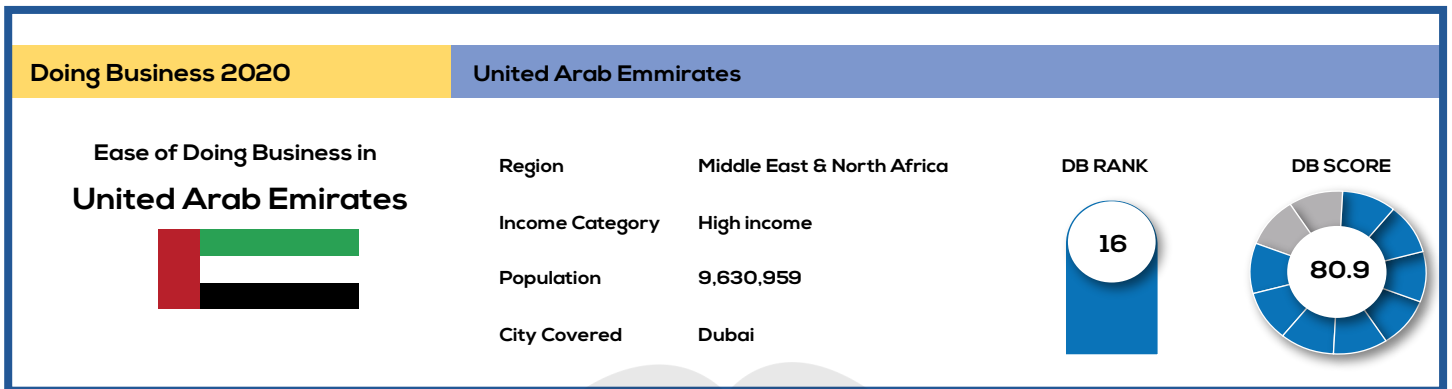
### DB-2020 trading Across Borders Score





## UAE Facts and Figures

Due to immense business opportunities, the region of UAE holds a better rank in the list of global economics. Doing Business, an international index that compares, analyses, and assigns a grade/rank to 190 countries, has ranked UAE the following rank.





# Legal Business Structures of Commercial Companies

Before starting a company in the region of the UAE, one must decide on the business structure or a legal entity. Listed below are the commercial entities available for business setup in the UAE.

## 1. Sole Proprietorship

A sole proprietorship company stands as a single-owned business entity by an individual wherein he is completely liable for the profits earned and the liabilities/debts to be paid. The business owners own every single asset of the company. When it comes to registration, the business owner needs to register the business with the appropriate local authorities. Once registered, the license needs to be obtained to start a sole proprietorship firm. The UAE and GCC nationals have the right to own a sole proprietorship firm fully. In the case of foreign nations, a local sponsor needs to be appointed for the same. To know more on single proprietorship, [click here](#).

## 2. Joint Venture

A joint venture stands as a collation of two or more business parties to enter the UAE market. According to the Commercial Company Law, the foreign partners can't own more than 49% of the company shares. The contracts are not required to be notarized and can stand as oral or written. To know more about Joint Venture business in UAE, [click here](#).

## 3. Limited Liability Company (LLC)

LLC is one of the most common types of business entity in the UAE. An LLC can be formed with a minimum of 2 shareholders wherein the maximum limit is 50. It is important to hold an Emirati local sponsor who is required to hold 51% of the company shares. The company profits and losses are shared in the ratio of share capital contribution. It is important to appoint one to five managers that can be elected as legal partners. In case, the number of partners increases more than 7, then three shareholders will be erected for supervision. To know more on LLC, [click here](#).



## 4. General Partnership

A General Partnership Company gets incorporated with a minimum of 2 partners who are held responsible for bearing unlimited liability. The business entity incorporated is restricted to UAE Nationals only. The relevant business partners have got the right to take the relevant decisions and control the business. To know more on General Partnership business, [click here](#).

## 5. Private Share Holding Company

Private Shareholding company is also referred to as Private Joint-Stock Company and is a formed partnership which requires a minimum count of 3 shareholders. It is important to appoint a local sponsor who needs to hold 51% of the company shares, and the entity can be converted to a Public Shareholding Company, but the stocks are restricted for the public. To know more about Private Shareholding Company, [click here](#).

## 6. Public Share Holding Company

A Public Share Holding Company stands as another legal entity that can be incorporated with a minimum investment of AED 10,000,000. The UAE Company law allows that the jurisdiction can allow less than ten investors. The shares of the company are comprised of equal shares. However, each of the shares shouldn't be less than AED 1, to standby the rights and obligations. To know more about Public Shareholding company, [click here](#).

## 7. Branch of GCC Company

The UAE allows the GCC companies to set up their branch office in the region. In case there are multiple branches for a company, they can get registered for multiple business licenses for the different business activities to be performed.



## 8. Professional Company

The professional business entity is dedicated to the professionals who want to go ahead with business incorporation relevant to their professional business activities. The company setup proceedings require the professional to hold a professional trade license to operate the business activities. To know more about the professional company, [click here](#).

## 9. Partnership-en-Commendam

This business entity refers to a partnership of one or more joint general partners, who agree to bear the unlimited liability. The partners must stand as UAE nationals and are answerable for the company's money owed. To know more about Partnership-en-Commendam, [click here](#).

## Business Set Up Locations & Trade Options for Nationals & Foreigner

**There exist three major jurisdictions when it comes to company formation in the United Arab Emirates, which are highlighted below:**

1. UAE Mainland
2. UAE Free Zones
3. UAE Offshore

### 1. UAE Mainland

Mainland turns out to be one of the most favourable options when it comes to company establishment in the United Arab Emirates, which is directed under Federal Law No. 2 of 2015. The mainland companies are regulated by the set of defined Government policies, wherein a UAE national needs to be appointed who would be holding 51% of the shares.



## ***Process of Starting a Company in UAE Mainland***

The set proceedings to incorporate a company in UAE Mainland are highlighted below:

1. Find a Local Sponsor
2. Get handy with the relevant documents
3. Obtain the approval from the Department of Economic Development
4. Decide the company name and get it registered
5. Figure out an Office Space
6. Apply for Trade License
7. Submit the necessary documents and pay the relevant fee
8. Obtain the Business License and start the Business Operations

To know more about company formation in UAE Mainland, [click here](#).

## **2. UAE Free Zones**

Free Zones turns out to be one of the suitable business destinations if you are planning to start your business with minimum capital. Free Zone Authority (FZA) stands as a government body that registers the business licenses and keeps a check on the Free Zones available in each Emirate. Here's a list of Free Zones.

- Jebel Ali Free Zone (JAFZA)
- Dubai Airport Free Zone (DAFZA)
- Dubai International Financial Centre (DIFC)
- Dubai Healthcare City (DHCC)
- Dubai World Trade Centre (DWTC)
- Dubai South Free Zone (DSFZ)
- Dubai Knowledge Village (DKV)
- Dubai Logistics City (DLC)
- Dubai Media City (DMC)
- Dubai Silicon Oasis City (DSO)
- Dubai Academic City (DAC)
- Dubai Biotechnology & Research Park (DuBioTech)
- Dubai Car and Automotive City Free Zone (DUCAMZ)
- Dubai Design District (DDD)



- Dubai Gold and Diamond Park
- Dubai Industrial City (DIC)
- Dubai International Academic City (DIAC)
- Dubai Internet City (DIC)
- Dubai Multi Commodities Centre (DMCC)
- Dubai Outsource Zone
- Dubai Studio City
- Dubai Techno Park
- Dubai Technology and Media Free Zone
- International Media Production Zone
- Economic Zones World
- Dubai Flower Centre
- Meydan Free Zone
- International Humanitarian City

## **Abu Dhabi Free Zones**

- Abu Dhabi Airport Free Zone (ADAFZ)
- Abu Dhabi Global Markets (ADGM)
- Khalifa Industrial Zone Abu Dhabi (KIZAD)
- Twofour54
- Abu Dhabi Ports Company (ADPC)- Khalifa Port and Industrial Zone (KPIZ)
- Industrial City of Abu Dhabi
- Higher Corporation for Specialized Economic Zones (Zone-sCorp)
- Masdar City Free Zone

## **Sharjah Free Zones**

- Hamriyah Free Zone
- Sharjah Airport International Free (SAIF) Zone
- U.S.A. Regional Trade Centre (USARTC) Free Zone
- Sharjah Publishing City Free Zone
- Sharjah Media City Free Zone

## **Ajman Free Zones**

- Ajman Free Zone





## Fujairah Free Zones

- Fujairah Free Zone
- International Free Zone Authority (IFZA)

## Ras-Al-Khaimah Free Zones

- Ras Al Khaimah Investment Authority (RAKIA)
- Ras Al Khaimah Economic Zone (RAKEZ)
- Ras Al Khaimah Media Free Zone
- RAK Maritime City

## Umm-Al-Quwain Free Zone

- Umm-Al-Quwain Free Trade Zone (UAQFTZ)

## ***Process of Starting a Company in UAE Mainland***

The set proceedings to incorporate a company in UAE Mainland are highlighted below:

1. Decide the legal structure
2. Choose a trade name
3. Apply for the respective business license
4. Select an office space
5. Obtain the respective approvals
6. Grab the License and Obtain the permit

To know more about company formation in UAE Free Zone, [click here](#).

## **3. UAE Offshore**

Selecting an offshore company formation turns out to be one of the best choices if the company is aiming only for expansion. In simple terms, an offshore company can be owned by an individual or corporate body and the company doesn't carry out the business operations in the country of origin. The region of UAE has got the following offshore options available.



1. JAFZA
2. RAK Offshore
3. Ajman Offshore

## Taxation Scenario in the UAE

The Tax Regime in the UAE is highlighted below:

Personal income tax for U.A.E. Nationals and non-U.A.E. Nationals	0%
Capital gains tax on individual's capital gains	0%
Withholding tax	0%
Tax on corporate earnings (in practice, generally only oilproducing companies and branches of foreign banks are required to pay this type of corporate tax)	<55%
Capital gains tax from real estate	0%
Income tax on rental income	0%
Stamp duty on real estate purchases	0%
Sale registration fee (generally imposed on the transfer of any real estate; other tax percentages are applicable on other transactions such as Mustaha or Usufruct)	4%
Municipal property taxes (imposed by various emirates, generally as a percentage of the annual rental value. Separate fees may be payable by both tenants and property owners – for example, in Dubai, tenants pay a 'housing fee/municipality tax' of 5 percent of the annual rent, which is collected via the Dubai Electricity and Water Authority's billing system)	Varies
Statutory pension contribution (payable by U.A.E. national employees)	5% of salary



## **VAT Scenario in the UAE**

On 1st July 2018, the Government of United Arab Emirates agreed to the implementation of VAT Scenario in the UAE that would have a great impact on the business entities involved in the complete business chain. According to the Federal Law No. 8 of 2017, the VAT rate of five percent gets applied on most of the goods and services available. The initiative was made to diversify the revenue generation streams for the nation. The VAT treatment on some of the focused industries are highlighted below:

## **Excise Tax in the UAE**

The excise tax gets imposed on harmful goods like tobacco, alcohol, fast food etc. The core aim behind imposing excise tax on such products are to reduce the consumption rate. In UAE, the excise tax rate is 50% on carbonated drinks, 100% on tobacco products, 100% for energy drinks. Business entities dealing with these goods needs to register for excise tax online at the Federal Tax Authority (FTA) website.

## **Future of UAE**

The government of the United Arab Emirates projects the nation to stand as an ultimate business investment destination. The Government has been tirelessly working on the following grounds:

### **Dubai Expo 2020**

Dubai is on the edge of inaugurating the much-awaited World Expo 2020 which is going to get organised for a period of six months. The event is seen as a business collaboration podium and is expected to grab the attention of 25 million visitors, fetching out a revenue of Dh.122.6 Billion. The event is expected to be a game-changer for the UAE as well as the world. To know more about how Expo 2020 is going to change the world, [click here](#).



## Education 2020 Strategy

Education stands as one of the strongest pillars when it comes to a nation's growth. To uplift the education sector, the Emirati Government has launched Education 2020 Strategy to foster the school's environment. The five-year plan is designed to improvise the education system and enhance its relevant domains like licensing and evaluation systems, curriculum revisions etc. To know more about the Education 2020 strategy, [click here](#).

## Dubai Tourism Strategy 2020

The Tourism Strategy has been designed effectively to attract 20 million visitors per year, which would enhance the tourism as well as the hotel industry. The strategy covers infrastructure development, destination marketing, product enhancement etc. drive in more tourists. Few highlights of Dubai Tourism Strategy 2020 are stated below:

- 1. \$9 Billion is being invested in the infrastructure development**
- 2. More than 277,000 employment opportunities are expected**
- 3. Expo 2020 is expected to involve 2 million hours of venue logistics activity**

The Dubai Corporation for Tourism and Commerce Marketing (DCTCM) has been promoting the City of Gold as an ultimate destination for business, leisure, and entertainment. To know how to start a travel business in Dubai, [click here](#).

## Masar 2020

Connectivity has got a vital role to play when it comes to enhancement of business entities. The Government of UAE has got a vision to provide a safe and smooth transport for all, by allocating 21% of the budget towards new projects to enhance the efficiency of existing infrastructure before Expo 2020. The Expo Station has got the capacity of 522,000 passengers per day, and the government has infused AED 10.6 billion in the extension of Red Line of Dubai Metro. To know more on the Masar 2020, [click here](#).



## Ajman 2021

Sheikh Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum along with Shaikh Ammar Bin Humaid Al Nuaimi, the Crown Prince of Ajman has taken a step to built-in a happy and green society for the Emirate of Ajman focusing on the following key points:

- 1. Happy Society**
- 2. Green Economy**
- 3. Distinctive Government and**
- 4. The Spirit of the Union**

The complete project involves 21 strategies that would be implemented across the points mentioned above. According to projections, the Emirate of Ajman will receive 800,000 hotel guests, 64 per cent increase, and the hotel occupancy rate would increase to 80 per cent. The percentage of skilled workers are about to spike up by 42 per cent by 2021. To know more about the Ajman 2021, [click here](#).

## Sharjah Tourism Vision 2021

The Emirate of Sharjah is working towards attracting more than 10 million tourists by the year of 2021 by adopting four strategic pillars that covers:

- 1. Promote the Emirate as a perfect family tourism destination**
- 2. Adopt innovative techniques**
- 3. Enhance partnership and collaborative actions**
- 4. Promote Sharjah as the international cultural hub**

To know more about the Sharjah Tourism Vision 2021, [click here](#).



## Dubai Health Strategy 2021

The five-year plan stands as an excellent challenge for Dubai to transform itself into a global medical hub. Brilliant minds that include 11,000 employees of Dubai Healthcare Authority, directors and owners of pharmaceutical companies, insurance agencies have drafted the overall strategy to uplift the Health sector. To know more on the Dubai Health Strategy, [click here](#).

## Dubai Plan 2021

Sheikh Rashid bin Al Maktoum has been taking the possible measures to attract foreign investors at best and has come up with multiple initiatives. One such initiative is the Dubai Plan 2021, which includes the following themes:

1. The People: “A City of Happy, Creative & Empowered People”
2. The Society: “An Inclusive & Cohesive Society”
3. The Experience: “The Preferred Place to Live, Work and Visit”
4. The Place: “A Smart and Sustainable City”
5. The Economy: “A Pivotal Hub in the Global Economy”
6. The Government: “A Pioneering and Excellent Government”

To know more on the Dubai Plan 2021, [click here](#).

## Smart Dubai 2021

The initiative of Smart Dubai 2021 has been initiated infusing technology to shape the future of the city. The end-goals behind this move are outlined below:

1. Efficient: Integrate daily life services
2. Seamless: Optimised use of city resources
3. Safe: Anticipate risks and protect people and information
4. Personalized: Enriched life and business experiences for all



These goals will be implemented in the following areas:

1. City Experience
2. Smart City Governance
3. Data Exchange and Insights
4. Global Leadership
5. Smart City Planning
6. City Technology Efficiency
7. Emerging Technologies
8. Smart Ecosystem Enablement

To know more on the Smart Dubai 2021, [click here](#).

## National Innovation Strategy

The National Innovation Strategy is another cornerstone initiated by the UAE Government to sustain the leading position of UAE at a global level, and to transform the nation as one of the most innovative ground in the world.

### The Focused Sectors

1. Renewable and Clean Energy
2. Transportation
3. Technology
4. Education
5. Health
6. Water
7. Space

### The Innovative Champions

1. Innovative Individuals
2. Innovative Companies and Institutions
3. Innovative Government

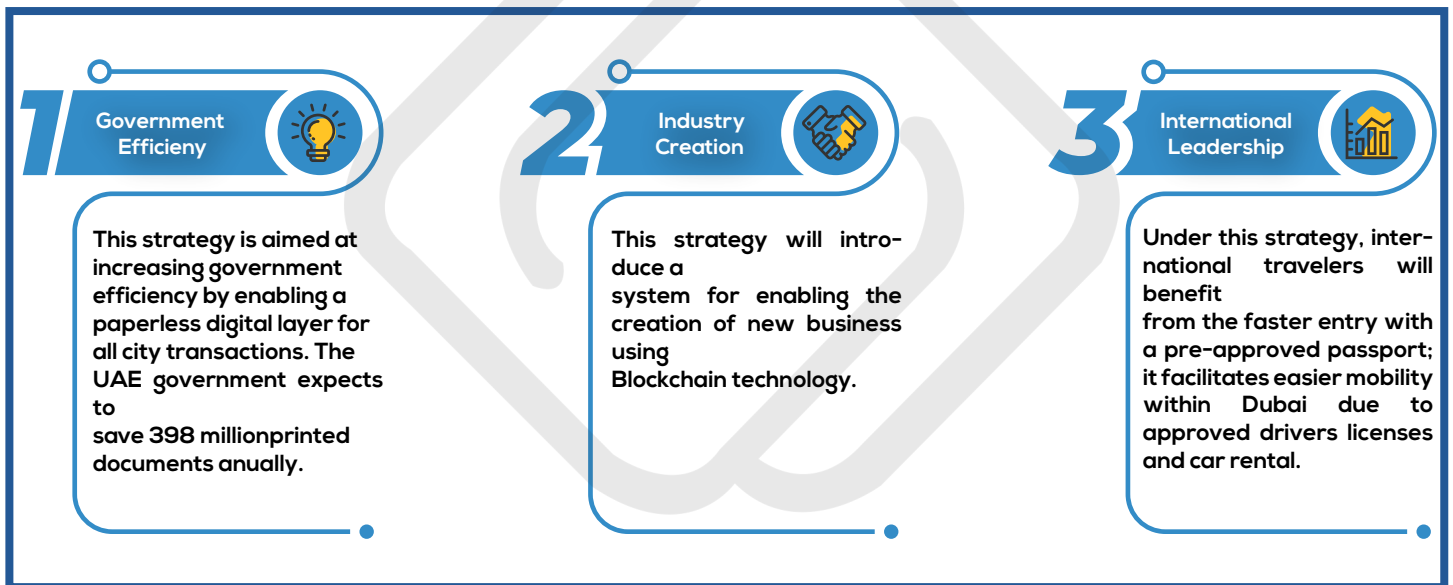


## Innovative-Enabling Environment

1. Innovation Regulatory Framework
2. Technology Infrastructure
3. Enabling Services
4. Investment and Incentives

## Emirates Blockchain Strategy 2021

The growth of blockchain technology will end up revolutionizing the business industries to a great extent. Dubai, one of the fastest-growing cities of the world, has understood the impact that it holds, and has taken the initiative to implement the blockchain technology by 2020, focusing on the strategies mentioned below:



To know more about the Emirates Blockchain Strategy, [click here](#).





## Vision 2021

Launched by H.H. Sheikh Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum, Vice-President and Prime Minister, and the Ruler of the UAE at the Cabinet Meeting in 2010. The implementation would boost the nation's growth as it would open up multiple ways to start a business in the UAE. The Vision focuses on:

1. Building a Competitive Knowledge-Economy
2. Sustainable Environment and Infrastructure
3. World-Class Healthcare
4. First-Rate Education System
5. Safe Public and Fair Judiciary

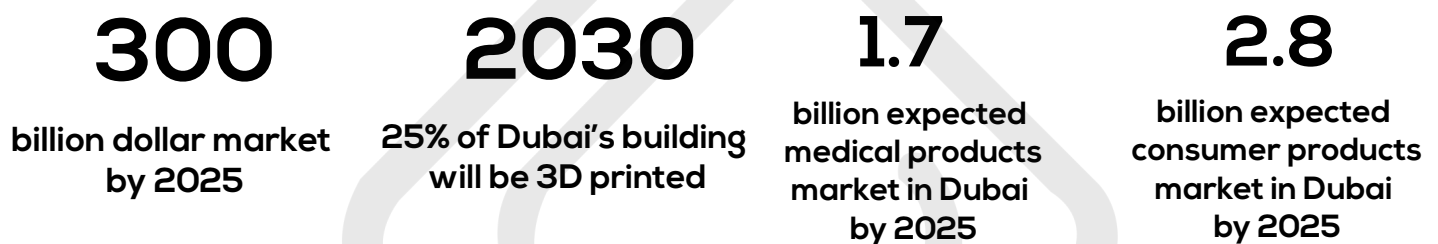




## Dubai 3D Printing Strategy

UAE has set its foothold to launch another move of 3D Printing that aims to build UAE as the leading hub of 3D Printing by the year 2030. The initiative has been initiated to cut down the unwanted costs especially in the medical and construction and consumer products sector, and would reconstruct the economics by redefining the productive. The core pillars in this strategy are:

1. Infrastructure
2. Legislative Infrastructure
3. Funding
4. Talent
5. Market Demand

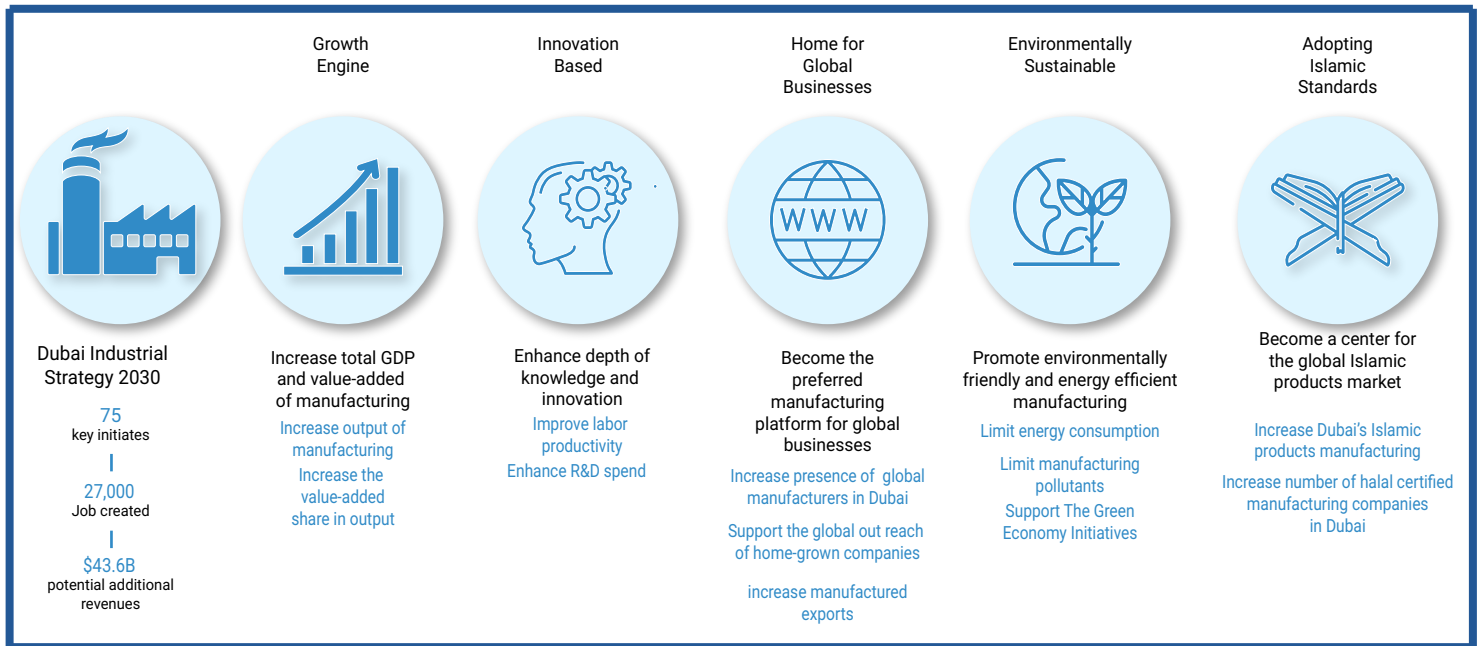


To know more about the Dubai 3D Printing 2030, [click here](#).

## Dubai Industrial Strategy 2030

Launched in the year 2016, the Dubai Industrial Strategy have been implemented by the Government to strengthen the industrial sector. The focused sectors include:

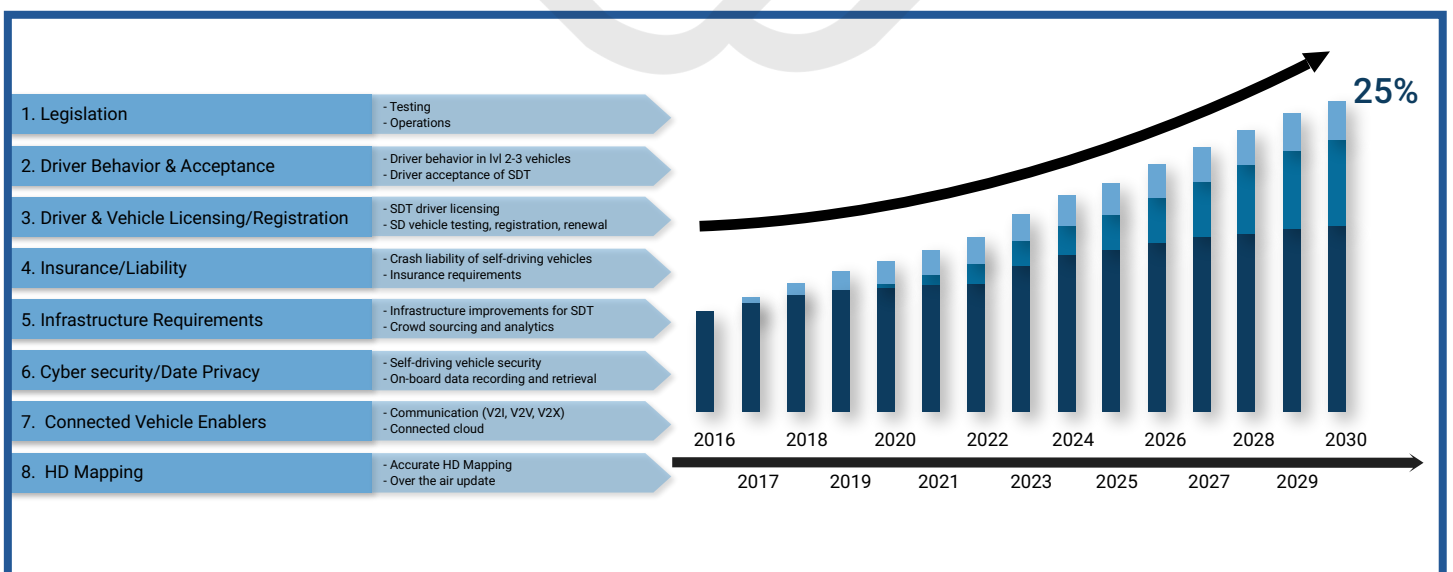
1. Aerospace
2. Maritime
3. Pharmaceutical and Medical Equipment
4. Aluminium and Fabricated Metals
5. Fast Moving Consumer Goods
6. Machinery and Equipment



To know more about the Dubai Industrial Strategy, [click here](#).













## Dubai Autonomous Transportation Strategy

Intending to transform 25 per cent of the total transportation to autonomous mode, the Government of UAE has stepped forward to initiate the Dubai Autonomous Transportation Strategy. The move is set with an expectation to fetch a count of AED 22 billion in the economy. According to the projections, the transportation cost is expected to get reduced by 44 percent, along with a reduction in the environmental pollution by 12 percent.

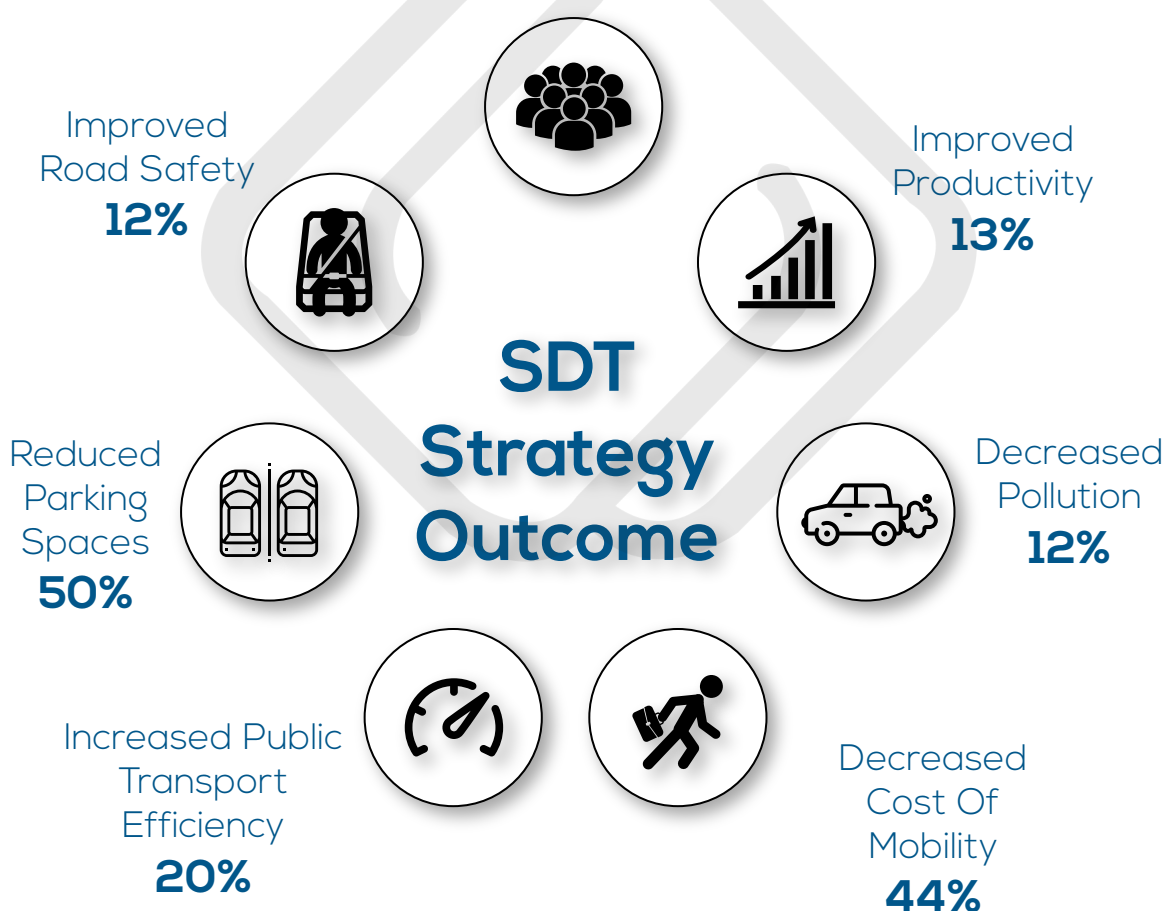




**2016** **2030**  
% of Total trips by SD mode % of Total trips by SD mode

 	<b>Metro</b>	<b>8.8%</b>	<b>12.2%</b>
 	<b>Tram</b>	<b>0%</b>	<b>0.2%</b>
 	<b>Shuttle &amp; Cable-cars</b>	<b>0%</b>	<b>2.5%</b>
 	<b>Marine Transport</b>	<b>0%</b>	<b>0.2%</b>
 	<b>Taxi / Rideshare</b>	<b>0%</b>	<b>3.5%</b>
 	<b>BRT, Rider &amp; Runner</b>	<b>0%</b>	<b>6.4%</b>

**Total Self-driving Public Transport 25%**





## Plan Abu Dhabi 2030

The Abu Dhabi Plan 2030 focuses on the upliftment of the urban structure for the evolution of the Emirate of Abu Dhabi. The Emirate's population is expected to grow by three million and might cross five million by 2030. An urban structure has been built to come up with conceptual solutions to diversify the growth perspectives for the region, and ease the business setup solutions for the investors.

### 2020

- 2.0 million residents
- 4.9 million annual tourist visits
- 411,000 residential units

	Office Space (million m <sup>2</sup> )	Retail Space (million m <sup>2</sup> )	Industry Space (million m <sup>2</sup> )	Hotel rooms	Global courses	Schools	Tertiary Institutions	Hospital beds
Emerging	3.0	2.0	1.8	--	15	374	14	5,454
Growing	4.5	4.7	11.6	--	20	597	25	9,850
Suggested	3.5	2.5	10.0	49,500	18	450	30	6,500

### 2030

- 3.1 million residents
- 7.9 million annual tourist visits
- 686,000 residential units

	Office Space (million m <sup>2</sup> )	Retail Space (million m <sup>2</sup> )	Industry Space (million m <sup>2</sup> )	Hotel rooms	Global courses	Schools	Tertiary Institutions	Hospital beds
Emerging	5.2	3.5	3.3	--	25	637	27	8,418
Growing	7.7	8.5	21.8	--	35	1,017	47	15,201
Suggested	7.5	4.0	15.0	74,500	25	650	40	10,000

To know more about the Plan Abu Dhabi 2030, [click here](#).

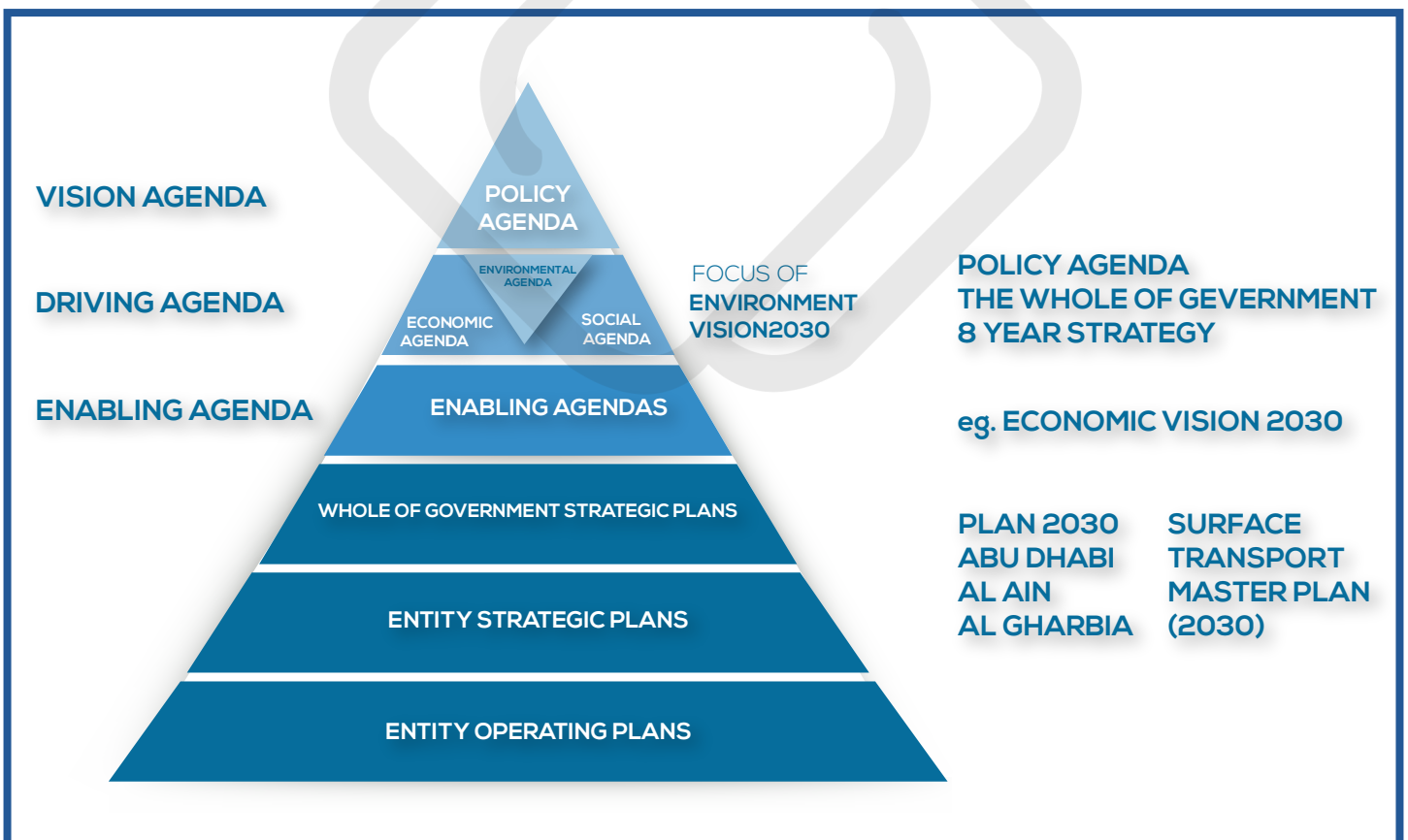


## Environment 2030

Environment 2030 stands as an extensive program which has been designed to protect the environment along with social agenda. Abu Dhabi, the capital of UAE, has initiated the process and holds dedication on the below-mentioned areas:

1. Climate Change
2. Clean Air and Noise Pollution
3. Water Resources
4. Biodiversity, Habitats and Cultural Heritage
5. Waste Management

The Government has planned to generate 24 per cent of electricity through clean energy sources, implement Artificial Intelligence to reduce the waste management.

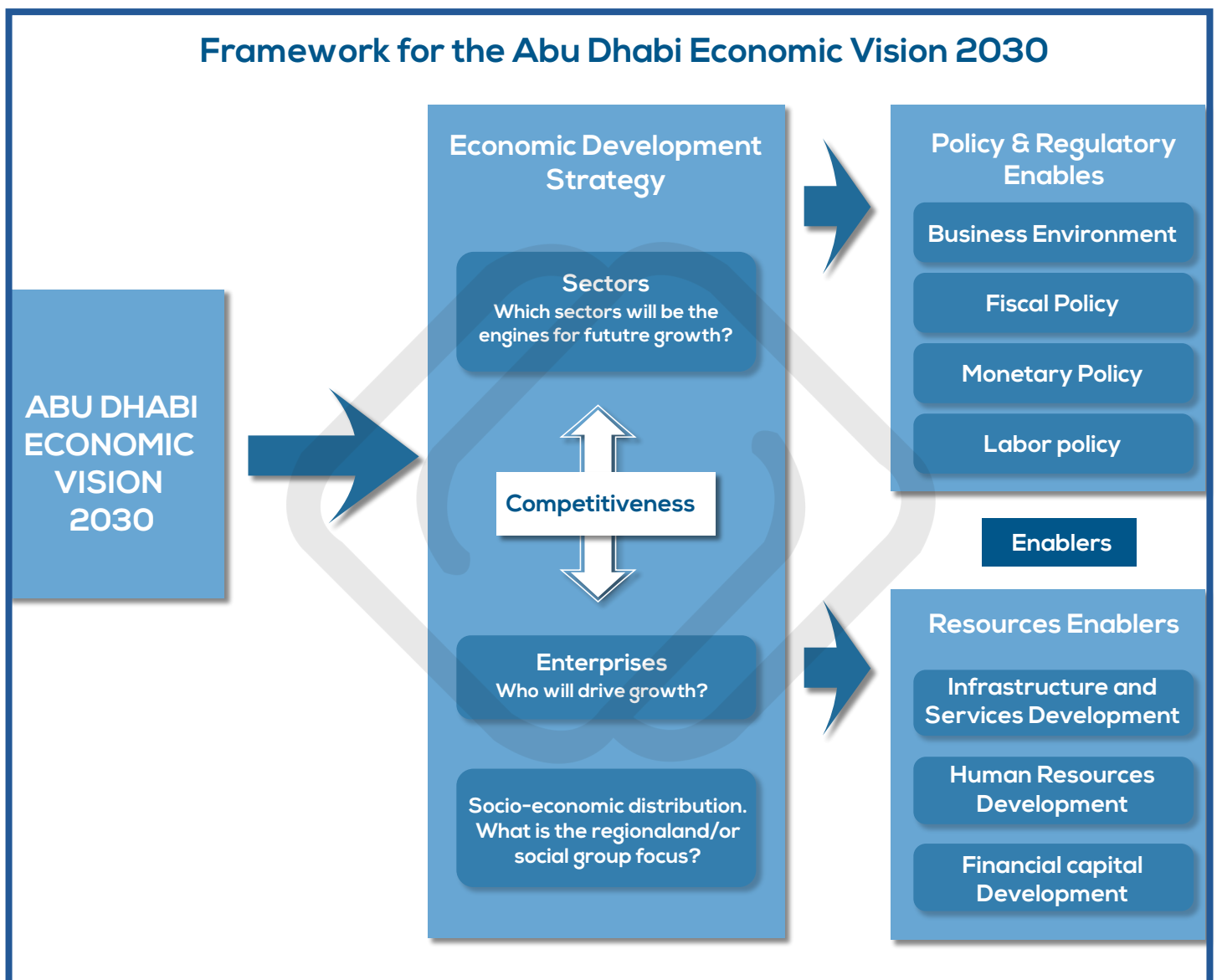


To know more about the Environment 2030, [click here](#).



## Abu Dhabi Economic Vision 2030

Another move has been initiated to strengthen and leverage the benefits available in the Emirate of Abu Dhabi, the capital of UAE. The strategy would drive the economy and bring a complete transformation. The illustration below highlights the complete framework of the strategy.



To know more about the Abu Dhabi Economic Vision 2030, [click here](#).



## Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum Solar Park

With an aim to enhance the solar projects, the Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum Solar Park initiative was announced in the year 2012 with an aim to accelerate the sustainable development of Dubai. Upon completion, the planned production capacity is expected to reach 5,000 MW by 2030.

## UAE Strategy for Artificial Intelligence 2031

Understanding the fact that artificial intelligence stands as a game-changer, the UAE is on the way to explore the AI segment and create a vital market with a high economic value. Recently, the region has already implemented AI to ease the media and retail sectors and is looking forward to infusing the same in other business domains and build an integrated system. The core areas include:

1. Traffic
2. Education
3. Water
4. Space
5. Environment
6. Technology
7. Energy
8. Health
9. Transport







## National Advanced Sciences Agenda 2031

Excelling in all possible dimension is the ultimate goal of UAE, and thus, the Government has launched the National Advanced Science Agenda 2031 along with Advanced Science Strategy, with an ultimate aim to utilize the advance science as a solution to future challenges. The strategy has the following focused areas:

1. National capacity-building
2. Promoting the sustainable energy sector
3. Enhancing water security using advanced and clean technology
4. Developing advanced scientific food system security
5. Addressing health challenges in the UAE through a national scientific system
6. Developing advanced industries sector
7. Building a system of logistical support based on scientific studies and data
8. Creating a strategic industries complex

To know more about the National Advanced Sciences Agenda 2031, [click here](#).

## Fujairah 2040

Fujairah, one of the growing destinations in the UAE, has been taken into consideration by the Government to uplift the Emirate by improving the transportation and infrastructure facilities. The aim is to extend the Fujairah seaport by building new terminals for oil and marine services. The 2040 framework will provide tailored solutions to the Government to integrate sustainable growth in the economic, social, urban, rural, infrastructure, environment, cultural heritage and sustainability of the Emirate. To know more about the Fujairah 2040, [click here](#).



# Dubai Clean Energy Strategy 2050

The region of UAE plans to attract investors and public-private partnerships to transform Dubai into a clean energy centre by the year 2050.

The core pillars included in the strategy covers five core pillars: Infrastructure, Legislation, Funding, Building Capacities and Skills, Environment-friendly energy mix. To know more about the Dubai Clean Energy Strategy 2050, [click here](#).

## Dubai Clean Energy Strategy 2050

Dubai plans to attract foreign investment and public-private partnership to make its clean energy strategy a reality. Dubai Clean Energy Strategy 2050 aims at transforming Dubai into a global clean energy centre by 2050.

### 1 AIM:

To reduce carbon emissions by 16% by 2021 and transform Dubai into a city with the world's smallest carbon footprint by 2050.

16% ↓

in carbon emissions by 2021

### 2 GOALS:

Reduce the share of natural gas in the energy mix to 61 per cent.

Increase the portion of clean and renewable energy in Dubai from:



### 3 Dubai Electricity and Water Authority (DEWA)'s Initiatives

Mohammad bin Rashid Al Maktoum Solar Energy Park

Shams Dubai Initiative

#### Dubai Green Mobility Initiatives

- To promote the use of electric and hybrid vehicles
- Reduce carbon emissions in the road transport sector
- In March 2017, DEWA announced an increase in the number of electric vehicle charging stations to over 200 stations throughout Dubai.



## **National Food Security Strategy 2051**

To wipe out hunger, the UAE Government has taken a step forward to launch the National Food Security Strategy, with an aim to:

1. Establish the UAE as the world's best in the Global Food Security Index by 2051
2. Stand as one among the top 10 countries by 2021
3. Use modern technologies to enhance the food production
4. Build more global partnerships to diversify food sources
5. Activate legislation and policies to improve nutrition
6. Activate legislation and policies towards waste management and reduction

To know more about the Food Security Strategy 2051, [click here](#).

## **Centennial Plan 2071**

UAE believes in visionary leadership, and thus another strong movement has been planned by the Government "UAE Centennial 2071", that highlights the national strategies planned to uplift the country's reputation and diversify the revenue sources.

This move is expected to create a clear path regarding the government's responsibilities to create a happy and safe environment for the inhabitants of the UAE. To know more about the Centennial Plan 2071, [click here](#).



The UAE Centennial 2071 program is based on four axes as follows:



### Government

Flexible and proactive government under wise leadership, with a clear and stable vision aimed at achieving happiness for the community, and present positive message to the world.



### Economy

Achieving economic diversification in industrial and service sectors, relying on advanced science and technology and innovation.



### Community

Consolidating the values of tolerance, unity and respect in a safe, positive and happy society that invests in all its social abilities.



### Education

Investing in education, to be ranked first in the world, focusing on science, advanced technology and engineering. Nurturing ethics and values and producing graduates who are open-minded, and on par with their peers in developed countries.



## How Can Commitbiz Help?

Commitbiz Management Consultants help you with strategic business inputs, handle all the legal documentation and give complete business advisory solutions to ensure hassle-free business incorporation.

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- » Strategize to accelerate your business growth
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- » Provide tailored business solutions
- » Helps you establish the business pillars with post-incorporation solutions like accounting, taxation etc.

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