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Mission leader Foreword

The Dubai-India Business Forum is a strategic platform designed to strengthen the deep-rooted ties between two of the world's most dynamic economies. India has always been one of Dubai's most significant partners, with bilateral trade and investment flows steadily expanding over the decades.

Today, India ranks among Dubai's largest trading partners. Non-oil trade between our markets increased by 23.7% to reach a value of US\$ 190 billion during the five-year period from 2019 to 2023. This upward trajectory is continuing, with bilateral trade achieving year-over-year growth of 19% to reach a value of US\$ 38.7 billion between Q1-Q3 2024. These impressive figures reflect a relationship built on strategic collaboration and a mutual commitment to growth.

The signing of the UAE-India Comprehensive Economic Partnership Agreement (CEPA) three years ago has further strengthened this foundation, creating a more seamless and competitive business environment. By eliminating barriers to trade, enhancing market access, and fostering investment-friendly policies, this landmark agreement has unlocked new opportunities for businesses in both economies to expand, innovate, and form long-term partnerships.

For Dubai's business leaders, India represents a market of huge scale and potential. Its rapidly expanding economy and sectorial opportunities in technology, infrastructure, energy, financial services, and digital transformation position it as a key destination for investment and strategic alliances. India's focus on economic development and innovation is opening doors for forward-thinking investors, multinational corporations, and institutional players looking to capitalise on high-growth sectors.

Meanwhile, Dubai continues to serve as the preferred global gateway for the international expansion of Indian enterprises. Our world-class financial ecosystem, advanced trade infrastructure, and favourable business environment position Dubai as an unrivalled hub for companies seeking to scale into new markets across the Middle East, Africa, and beyond. Indian companies now form the largest foreign business community in Dubai, with more than 70,600 registered as active members of Dubai Chamber of Commerce at the end of 2024. A total of 16,623 new companies from India joined the chamber last year, underlining the strong and growing connections between our markets.

Dubai Chambers remains committed to fostering these high-value partnerships. Our Mumbai office, established in 2018, provides Dubai-based businesses and investors with comprehensive support in navigating the Indian ecosystem, offering access to timely market intelligence and connections to key public and private sector stakeholders.

The Dubai-India Business Forum is an opportunity to engage with decision-makers, identify transformational business opportunities, and build lasting partnerships that will shape the future of economic relations between our markets. I encourage you to take full advantage of this strategic gathering and explore synergies that will drive sustainable growth and lasting impact.

We look forward to a successful forum that will further strengthen collaboration between the business communities in India and Dubai and contribute to our shared prosperity.

*H.E. Eng. Sultan Bin Saeed Al Mansoori
Chairman, Dubai Chambers*

About Dubai Chambers

Dubai Chambers is the engine of Dubai's economic development and business growth. As the umbrella organisation of Dubai Chamber of Commerce, Dubai International Chamber, and Dubai Chamber of Digital Economy, the organisation empowers the local business community, builds and reinforces international partnerships, and accelerates the growth of the digital economy to cement the emirate's position as a leading global hub for business, trade, and investments. Each of the three chambers has its own distinct strategies and objectives while also working together as a unified chamber dedicated to achieving the ambitions of the Dubai Economic Agenda (D33), which seeks to double the size of the emirate's economy by 2033 and establish Dubai among the top three global cities.

Dubai Chamber of Commerce

Established in 1965, Dubai Chamber of Commerce is dedicated to ensuring an enabling environment where business can flourish. The chamber provides a comprehensive range of smart services and innovative solutions to facilitate and improve the ease of doing business in Dubai while serving as a bridge between the government and the emirate's dynamic business community. As a powerful advocate for the interests of companies across all sectors, the chamber is committed to fostering effective public-private sector cooperation to drive sustainable economic growth.

Dubai International Chamber

Dubai International Chamber was established to promote Dubai as a global business hub, attract multinational companies, and expand trade ties with priority markets. The chamber enables Dubai-based businesses to expand successfully into global markets while ensuring the emirate remains a magnet for foreign direct investment and is supported by a powerful network of international representative offices across five continents. These offices connect companies with trusted stakeholders to help them access new markets, in addition to attracting international MNCs, SMEs, investors, and talent to Dubai by showcasing the emirate's competitive advantages, sharing investment intelligence, and enhancing bilateral engagement.

Dubai Chamber of Digital Economy

Dubai Chamber of Digital Economy was launched to strengthen Dubai's position at the heart of the digital economy by attracting global companies and talent to the emirate and ensuring they can thrive. The chamber pioneers programmes and initiatives aimed at building the economy of the future and offering world-class digital infrastructure to support Dubai's dynamic startup ecosystem. Dubai Chamber of Digital Economy is committed to transforming the emirate into a leading global hub for advanced technologies, as well as supporting the interests of technology companies and strengthening the contribution of the digital industries to Dubai's remarkable economic success story.

Dubai Chambers Leadership Profiles



H.E. Eng. Sultan Bin Saeed Al Mansoori
Chairman
Dubai Chambers

His Excellency Eng. Sultan bin Saeed Al Mansoori is the Chairman of Dubai Chambers and Chairman of Dubai Chamber of Commerce.

In addition to his roles at Dubai Chambers, H.E. Al Mansoori serves as Chairman of the Emirati Human Resources Development Council in Dubai, Chairman of the Postal Sector Regulation Committee, Chairman of the Supreme Committee for Hosting the 28th UPU Congress in Dubai 2025 and member of board of the Investment Corporation of Dubai (ICD). Prior to joining Dubai Chambers, H.E. Al Mansoori held a number of key ministerial roles in the UAE government. Between 2008 and 2020, His Excellency served as Minister of the Economy. Previously, he held the posts of Minister of Governmental Sector Development and Minister of Transport and Communications.

Throughout his career, His Excellency has held senior leadership roles at high-profile public and private organisations, as well as driving the success of impactful national initiatives. He has served as Chairman of the Supreme Committee for Consumer Protection, the UAE international Investors Council, the UAE SME Council, the Board of Directors of the Securities and Commodities Authority, and the Insurance Authority.

In addition, H.E. Al Mansoori held the post of Chairman at the Federal Civil Aviation Authority, the Dubai Islamic Economy Development Centre, and the Emirates Authority for Standardisation and Metrology. He has also served as a member of the Education and Human Resources Council, the Board of Directors of the Emirates Investment Authority, and the Ministerial Committee for Legislation.

H.E. Al Mansoori held the role of Deputy Director General of Dubai Chamber of Commerce and Industry from 1996 and 1998. Other notable previous posts include Group Managing Director of Saeed & Mohammed Al Naboodah Group, Vice President of Dubai Islamic Bank, and Chairman of Aman (Dubai Islamic Insurance Company).

His Excellency holds a bachelor's degree in industrial engineering and management systems from Arizona State University, USA. He also gained a diploma in computer system analysis from the Institute of Computer Technology in Los Angeles, California.

Dubai Chambers Leadership Profiles



H.E. Ahmad Bin Byat
Vice Chairman
Dubai Chambers

H.E. Ahmad bin Byat is a prominent Emirati leader known for his visionary contributions to Dubai's economic, technological, and academic advancement. Currently, he is the Founding Chairman and CEO of Zaina Investments LLC, a private family office, and Vice Chairman of the Dubai Chamber of Digital Economy. He also serves on key national committees, including the Higher Committee for Future Technologies and the Board of Trustees of Dubai National University, and was recently appointed Deputy Chairman of the Commercial Bank of Dubai.

Throughout his distinguished career, H.E. bin Byat has held influential leadership roles across government and private sectors. He was the Founding Chairman of du, CEO and Vice Chairman of Dubai Holding, Director General of the Dubai Creative Clusters Authority, and a board member of the Emirates Investment Authority, Museum of the Future, and Dubai 10x Council. His efforts have shaped vital initiatives such as Smart Dubai, Dubai Education Council, and The Consulting Office.

Passionate about empowering Emirati talent, he continues to support entrepreneurs and academic institutions. H.E. bin Byat's legacy reflects decades of dedicated service to Dubai's development and innovation across sectors.

Dubai Chambers Leadership Profiles



H.E. Mohammad Ali Rashed Lootah
President & CEO
Dubai Chambers

His Excellency Mohammad Ali Rashed Lootah is the President and CEO of Dubai Chambers, one of the largest economic development arms in Dubai. In his current role, he oversees the implementation of Dubai Chambers' strategic initiatives and plans, which aim to improve the ease of doing business in Dubai, support businesses expanding globally, attract foreign companies and investment, and advance the digital economy.

In addition to his current role at Dubai Chambers, His Excellency serves as a member of the board at the Dubai Free Zones Council and Emirati Human Resources Development Council and is a member of the University of Dubai Board of Trustees and a member of the board of Union Coop.

Previously, he served as CEO of the Commercial Compliance and Consumer Protection for Dubai's Department of Economy and Tourism, where he was responsible for overseeing consumer protection, business protection, intellectual property protection, and commercial compliance.

His Excellency also held several other leadership positions at the Department of Economic Development, namely Deputy CEO of the Commercial Compliance and Consumer Protection Sector, Deputy CEO of the Dubai Export Development Corporation, Executive Director of Corporate Quality and Excellence, and Deputy Director of the Information Technology Department at Dubai Land Department.

H.E. Lootah earned a bachelor's degree in computer systems engineering from Arizona State University in the United States and an executive MBA in strategic management from the Higher Colleges of Technology in Dubai.

List of Dubai Businesses

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Delegation List





Abdulla Al Hashmi



Company Name:
DP World – GCC Region

Sector:
Ports & Logistics

Company Profile:

DP World is a leading provider of smart logistics solutions, enabling the flow of trade across the globe. Its comprehensive range of products and services touches every aspect of life. It operates a global network of 560 business units in 75 countries across six continents. From marine services to industrial parks and technology-driven customer solutions.


DP World operates, integrates sustainability and responsible corporate citizenship, striving to contribute positively to the economies and communities where they live and work. Its dedicated, diverse, and professional team of more than 115,000 employees is committed to bringing every customer and partner unrivalled value. It does this by building and growing long-lasting relationships – with governments, shippers, traders, and other stakeholders along the global supply chain.


DP World thinks ahead, anticipates change, and deploys industry-leading technology to create the smartest, most efficient, innovative trade solutions while ensuring a positive and sustainable impact on economies, societies, and our planet.


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Delegate Bio:

Abdulla Al Hashmi leads DP World's Parks & Zones pillar in the Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) region. In this role, he oversees key assets including Jebel Ali Free Zone (Jafza), Dubai Auto Zone (DAZ), National Industries Park (NIP), Dubai Maritime City, the re-development of Mina Rashid and Jafza Enterprises. Joining DP World's commercial department in 2010, Abdulla has held numerous leadership roles, playing a key part in positioning the business as a global smart trade enabler. With more than 16 years of experience in finance and commerce, Abdulla has spearheaded the execution of large-scale mergers, acquisitions and greenfield deals. As a senior member of the Corporate Finance and Business Development team, he also informed investment strategies to support the group's transformation from a port operator to a global trade enabler. Abdulla previously held the position of Vice President of Business Intelligence, where he was responsible for implementing a data-driven approach to addressing supply chain disruptions, supporting DP World's business growth and enhancing the trade competitiveness of Jebel Ali and Dubai. A seasoned industry professional, Abdulla serves as Director on several DP World boards and other entities.

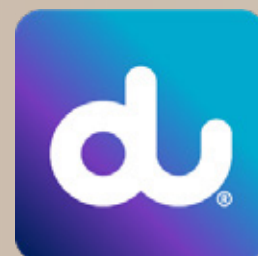
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H.E. Ahmad Abdulkarim Julfar



Company Name:
Emirates Integrated
Telecommunications
Company PJSC

Sector:
Telecommunications
& Information Technology (ICT)

Company Profile:

Emirates Integrated Telecommunications Company PJSC ('EITC') is a public joint stock company incorporated in Dubai according to Ministerial Resolution No. 479 of 2005 issued on 28 December 2005. Its shares are listed on Dubai Financial Market and is regulated by the Securities & Commodities Authority and the Telecommunications and Digital Government Regulatory Authority (TDRA) of the UAE. EITC's principal objectives are to provide fixed, mobile, wholesale, broadcasting and associated telecommunication services in the UAE. Since its inception in 2006, it has worked tirelessly to enhance and expand its services in an industry that's at the heart of economic and social transformation. From the very beginning, its mission has been to add life to life, offering mobile, fixed services, broadband connectivity, and IPTV solutions to homes and businesses across the UAE. Now, as we lead the way into a digitally enabled tomorrow, we offer an expansive range of innovative mobile, broadband, ICT, network infrastructure, and fintech services. Its digital-first approach, powered by ultra-reliable fibre and 5G technology and supported by a robust partner ecosystem, delivers exceptional customer experiences. Its commitment to our customers remains strong, with a focus on meeting their evolving needs. By doing so, it actively contributes to the UAE's digital transformation and the advancement of businesses and society, shaping a more interconnected and digitally advanced world.


Delegate Bio:

H.E. Ahmad Abdulkarim Julfar has a vast experience in diverse sectors including telecommunications, economy, banking and community development taking charge of several prominent leadership positions in the UAE. Previously, he held the position of Director General at the Community Development Authority, which is dedicated to creating a leading social sector in the UAE to reinforce sustainable developments. H.E. Ahmad Julfar also holds the following positions in several other leading entities in the UAE:

- Chairman of Knowledge Fund, Government of Dubai
- Chairman of Commercial Bank of Dubai PJSC
- Advisory Council Member of Dubai Chamber of Digital Economy
- Vice Chairman of Union Coop
- Chairman of Audit Committee of Dubai Holding

H.E. Ahmad Julfar holds a Bachelor's degree in Civil Engineering and Computer Science from Gonzaga University in Washington, USA, and took part in the Leaders Program of Sheikh Mohammed Bin Rashid Al Maktoum.

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Delegates Profiles



Ahmad Belyouha



Company Name:
Emirates Macaroni Factory L.L.C

Sector:
Food & Beverages

Company Profile:

VISION

Next generation global innovation nutrition provider, enabling and transforming the future of food in UAE and the region

MISSION

To add taste to life by providing superior quality and delightful nutritious food experiences inspired by our heritage and shared future.

Emirates Macaroni is the leading UAE food brand and a pioneer of nutrition production in the entire Middle East region, enriching consumers' lives daily by providing superior quality and delightful nutritious food experiences inspired by our heritage and shared future. With our joyful, wholesome, and mouthwatering taste, our products hold the largest percentage of local market share, market leadership, and brand loyalty. With more than 40 years of sustainable growth, EMF is built on the principle of nurturing the future and getting people together around the joy of tasty and nutritious food. EMF is certified firm in ISO: 9001:2015 and ISO 22000:2005. EMF products are presented well in more than 38 countries spreading over all the 6 continents.

Delegate Bio:


Ahmad Belyouha is an emirati businessman with 24 years of experience in manufacturing and chairman of Emirates Macaroni Factory – a leading pasta manufacturing company in the region and holds a large percent of local market share, market leadership and respected brand loyalty. He is also responsible in overseeing Belyouha Investments which includes areas related to food manufacturing, real estate, engineering, and consultancy. He is a vice chairman of the Board of Directors of the Dubai International Arbitration Centre (DIAC) and a member of Dubai Chamber Consultancy board.


Academic Background

Mr. Ahmad Saeed Majed Saeed Belyouha holds a degree in Business Administration from Ajman University.

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Ali Saeed Juma Albwardy



Company Name:
Albwardy Investment

Sector:
Investment, Retail & Hospitality

Company Profile:

Founded by Ali Albwardy in the mid-70s, has evolved from Albwardy Transport into a multinational conglomerate with operations in food retail, FMCG distribution, hospitality, shipbuilding, real estate, and logistics. As of 2024, the group maintains a multi-billion-dollar turnover and continues to expand globally.

Key Sectors:

- **Retail:** Operates 60+ supermarkets in the UAE and Oman under Spinneys and Al Fair, with exclusive Waitrose franchises in the GCC. In 2024, Spinneys went public, enhancing its regional footprint.
- **FMCG Distribution:** Presence in the UAE and Oman, a joint venture partner with Nestlé, distributing global brands like Clorox, Heinz, Ferrero Rocher, Reckitt Benckiser, Fonterra, American Garden, and more.
- **Hospitality:** Operated under ASB Hospitality, managing and partnering with brands like Four Seasons, Hyatt and Melia Hotels. The group owns properties across Europe, the Middle East, Africa, and the Indian Ocean.
- **Shipbuilding:** Through Albwardy Damen, offers shipbuilding, repair, and conversion services, specializing in commercial and military marine projects.
- **Real Estate:** Owns premium commercial and lifestyle properties, including Desert Palm Dubai, a luxurious polo estate.

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Delegate Bio:


Ali Saeed Juma Albwardy is a prominent Emirati entrepreneur, investor, and philanthropist. As the founder and chairman of Albwardy Investment LLC, he leads a diverse portfolio of over 100 companies globally, spanning sectors such as Retail, FMCG distribution, hospitality, shipbuilding, Real estate, and logistics.


Albwardy's career began after his graduation from the Police Academy in Jordan in 1975. He chaired Dubai Shipbuilding at Al Jadaf before founding Albwardy Investment. The company evolved from Albwardy Transport into a multinational conglomerate, with billions in turnover and expanding global operations.

Key business sectors include:

- **Retail:** Operates 60+ Spinneys supermarkets in the UAE and Oman, and holds the GCC franchise for Waitrose.
- **FMCG Distribution:** Partners with major brands like Nestlé, Colgate, and Ferrero. Distributes leading global brands including: Clorox, Colgate-Palmolive, Ferrero Rocher, Heinz, Henkel, Kimberly-Clark, Reckitt Benckiser, Fonterra, American Garden, and more.
- **Hospitality:** ASB Hospitality operates across the world and partnering with brands like Four Seasons, Hyatt and Melia. The group owns properties across Europe, the Middle East, Africa, and the Indian Ocean.
- **Shipbuilding:** Albwardy is a pioneer in the UAE's marine engineering sector through Albwardy Damen, a long-standing joint venture with Damen Shipyards (Netherlands), one of the world's leading maritime engineering groups.
- **Real Estate:** Notable properties include the Desert Palm Dubai estate, a luxury development. A lush, 100-villa estate featuring four championship polo fields, a riding academy, and a luxury boutique hotel—considered one of the crown jewels in Dubai real estate.
- **Personal Interests:** Ali Albwardy is a passionate polo player; Polo is not just a hobby but a lifelong passion. Ali Albwardy is a celebrated figure in the international polo community winning prestigious tournaments such as The Gold Cup, The Queen's Cup, The Prince of Wales Cup, more recently, champion of the Bulgari Gold Cup at Santa María Polo Club, Spain and the US Open.

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Amit Kaushal



Company Name:
Dubai Holding

Sector:
Diversified Conglomerate

Company Profile:

A diversified global investment company with investments in over 30 countries and a combined workforce of more than 45,000 people. Established in 2004, the Group supports Dubai's sustainable economic growth through a portfolio of assets exceeding AED 280 billion across 10 key sectors.

Its portfolio comprises:

- **Dubai Holding Real Estate**, one of Dubai's largest integrated master developers, offering innovative residential solutions across development, project management and district management.
- **Dubai Holding Asset Management**, operating 20+ residential communities, 15 lifestyle destinations, 10 malls and 19 community centres. It is also the majority shareholder in TECOM Group PJSC, which manages 10 specialised business districts.
- **Dubai Holding Hospitality**, managing 53 hotels and globally recognised hospitality brands, notably Jumeirah's 31 luxury properties and award-winning F&B concepts.
- **Dubai Holding Entertainment**, the region's largest diversified leisure and media business, operating iconic attractions such as Global Village, Ain Dubai, Dubai Parks and Resorts, and venues including Coca-Cola Arena and Roxy Cinemas.
- **Dubai Holding Investments**, managing strategic financial investments in entities like Emirates NBD, Du and Azadea, alongside partnerships with Brookfield, Emaar and Aldar.
- **Dubai Holding Land Estates**, optimising the Group's extensive land bank to support sustainable urban development.
- **Dubai Holding Community Management**, serving over 1.2 million residents across 53 vibrant, integrated communities.

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Delegate Bio:


Amit Kaushal has held the position of Group Chief Executive Officer at Dubai Holding since 2018, during which he has overseen the Group's strategic transformation and substantial growth. Under his stewardship, Dubai Holding has significantly broadened its investment portfolio across more than 30 countries, enhancing diversification in essential sectors including real estate, hospitality, media, and entertainment.


Amit has effectively managed the integration of Meraas, Nakheel, and Meydan into Dubai Holding, optimizing operations and promoting synergies within the Group. His leadership was also instrumental in the public listings of TECOM Group PJSC and Emirates Central Cooling Systems Corporation PJSC on the Dubai Financial Market in 2022.

Amit has cultivated strategic partnerships with prominent global and regional entities such as Brookfield Asset Management, Aldar Properties, and Emaar Properties, thereby fortifying Dubai Holding's status as a key stakeholder in significant listed companies. Moreover, he has enhanced the Group's luxury hospitality portfolio through flagship acquisitions, including such as The Westin Paris Vendôme, Le Richemond in Switzerland, and Capri Palace in Italy. Amit also serves on several boards, including those of TECOM and Empower, while also chairing committees at Shamal Holding LLC.

Amit holds a Master of Philosophy in Finance from the University of Cambridge and a First-Class BSc in Mathematics, Operational Research, Statistics, and Economics from the University of Warwick. His prior experience includes over a decade in financial services with leading investment banks, such as Goldman Sachs, UBS, and Deutsche Bank.

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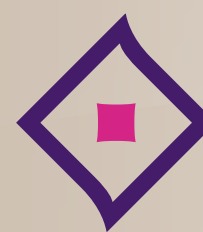
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H.E. Badr Al Ghurair

Al Ghurair



Company Name:
Al Ghurair

Sector:
Investment, Retail & Hospitality


Company Profile:


Al Ghurair is one of the largest diversified family business groups in the Middle East, with operations in five distinct strategic sectors: Foods, Mobility, Development, Infrastructure and Asset Management. Established in 1960 as a trading business, Al Ghurair was one of the first pillars of industry and commerce in the emerging United Arab Emirates. From modest beginnings, and with a proud history of innovation and entrepreneurship, the Al Ghurair family name has become synonymous with the heritage, evolution, and vision of the prestigious country itself.


Headquartered in Dubai, the business' diversified operations span more than 50 countries across the globe, employing approximately 28,000 people. Today, Al Ghurair continues to build on its enduring 60+ year legacy, guided by its purpose: 'In pursuit of better', as it strives to facilitate meaningful and sustainable change across the communities within which it operates.

Delegate Bio:

H.E. Badr Al Ghurair is the CEO of Al Ghurair's Mobility Transport division which include Kabi and Zed. Badr Al Ghurair is the dynamic and visionary CEO of Kabi, one of the UAE's largest and most innovative taxi fleets. He is also the CEO of the cutting-edge ride-hailing app, Zed, which empowers passengers to customise their journeys to their preferences. In addition, Badr serves as the CEO of Ventures, where he plays a critical role in the strategic direction and leadership of a portfolio of businesses spanning Printing & Publishing, Retail, Education, Travel and emerging sectors. Under Badr's leadership, Kabi has been at the forefront of shaping the future of mobility in the region. Established in 2000, Kabi became the first-ever franchise taxi operation in the UAE. Thanks to Badr's strategic vision, the company now boasts a fleet of over 4,000 vehicles. Additionally, Kabi made history as the first taxi company in the UAE to introduce a fully Hybrid/Compressed Natural Gas (CNG) fleet, underscoring its unwavering commitment to sustainability in public transportation. Badr also serves as Chairman of Sukoon Insurance, Chairman of AG MELCO and a board member in National Cement company. Previously he has held the position of CEO of Construction at Al Ghurair. Before joining Al Ghurair in 2006, Badr garnered extensive experience in senior roles at Dubai Holding. Badr earned a Bachelor's degree in Economics from Boston University, USA.

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Butti Saeed AlGhandi



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AL GHANDI GROUP ENTERPRISES

Company Name:
Al Ghandi Group Enterprises

Sector:
Investment & Automotive

Company Profile:

The Al Ghandi Group, founded in 1961 by Saeed Mohammed Al Ghandi, represents leading global franchises and business concepts. Aligned with the UAE's vision, the Group delivers world-class products and services to a dynamic market.


Our mission is to empower people, enhance connectivity, and improve lives through exceptional products, services, and support. We value transparency with our personnel, associates, suppliers, and customers—key to our success.


The Al Ghandi Auto Group operates 14 companies across the GCC, India, and East Africa, offering automotive, industrial machinery, car rental, leasing, and RTA vehicle testing services. Committed to innovation, service excellence, and customer satisfaction, we continually evolve to meet market demands.

Today, the Group stands as one of the largest automotive organizations in MENA, with seven divisions and over 1,700 highly trained employees, driving growth and excellence across the region.

Delegate Bio:

Mr. Buti Saeed Al Ghandi is an entrepreneur, visionary and social philanthropist . he is the Head of Al Ghandi Group Enterprises, one of the most prominent group of companies in Dubai, UAE. In this capacity, he has acquired equity stakes in a diverse portfolio of businesses, with interests in FMCG, Transport, Manufacturing, Telecom and IT, Real Estate, Power and Utilities. Additionally, he is the Chairman of the Emirates Investment and Development Company PSC and serves on the Board of a number of prominent organizations including his role as the Vice Chairman of the Dubai World Trade Centre, Board Member of Dubai Chamber, Chancellor of the Canadian University Dubai, and Board Member of Commercial Bank of Dubai

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H.E. Essa Abdulla Ahmad Al Ghurair



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Essa Al-Ghurair

Company Name:

Essa Al Ghurair Investment LLC

Sector:

Investments & Asset Management

Company Profile:

EGI was founded by H.E. Essa Abdulla Al Ghurair in 2012, forming a board of directors comprising his sons, bringing a wealth of experience from three generations of family enterprises. The EGI family members play a cohesive role, each with his own strengths, to manage the group's diversity. Under EGI, Karam Foods Industries Co. LLC (KFIC) was established in 2013 and the first project launched was a state-of-the-art Coffee Roaster, which can roast and grind more than 7,000 tons of Coffee annually and is one of the largest plants in the MENA region. We have a large in-house coffee storage area, complemented with other in-house facilities, it aims to be at the pinnacle of Coffee Industry. The recently introduced gluten-free brands Ojao® Pasta and Flocons® Gluten-Free Products add to the healthy lifestyle product range envisaged by the group. EGI also has interest in Dubai Real Estate and Property Market and is open to viable property investments. The privatization of Flour Milling Industry in Saudi Arabia presented a unique investment opportunity for EGI in line with its proven expertise and technical proficiency.

Delegate Bio:

H.E. Essa Abdulla Al Ghurair is one of the leading business entrepreneurs in the region due to his extensive experience in industrial manufacturing and commodities trading in international markets. His vision and business strategies have resulted in the growth of various companies, e.g. Dubai Oil Mills (one of the largest canola and soya crushing plants in the MENA region), National Flour Mills and Al Ghurair Resources, (which are of the largest business entities in the greater Al Ghurair Family and a major supplier in the field of agricultural commodities). H.E. Essa Abdulla Al Ghurair, Chairman of Essa Al Ghurair Investment, also serves as the General Manager of Karam Foods Industries. In addition, H.E. Essa Al Ghurair is a major shareholder in Prime HealthCare Group, one of the leading healthcare providers in the UAE, which aims to be the most respected healthcare provider in the region. His team is also involved in a vertical farming research project in Dubai.

H.E. Essa is also:

- Chairman of AWQAF Dubai.
- Chairman of Board Member of Binladin Contracting Group.
- Chairman of Tharawat Family Business Forum.
- Board Member of Canada UAE Business Council.
- Board Member of First Mills Company, Jeddah, Saudi Arabia.

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Delegates Profiles



Fardan Ali Alfardan



Company Name:
Alfardan Group LLC

Sector:
Finance


Delegate Bio:

Fardan Ali Alfardan worked for a decade at Emirates NBD. Currently, he serves as the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of the Alfardan Group and its subsidiaries, a diversified conglomerate with significant interests in Real Estate and Hospitality. In his role as CEO, Mr. Alfardan is responsible for overseeing the group's expansive investment portfolio, driving growth and diversification strategies that enhance the group's market position.

In addition to his role at the Alfardan Group, Mr. Alfardan is the founder and Senior Executive Officer of Embassy Capital Limited, a multi-family asset management company based in the Dubai International Financial Center. With over a decade of comprehensive experience in the real estate industry, he possesses extensive valuation expertise and valuable market insights on a global scale. His active involvement in the creation of Real Estate Investment Trusts (REITs) and real estate funds across the region has significantly contributed to the investment landscape, providing opportunities for both local and international investors. Educationally, Mr. Alfardan holds a Bachelor's Degree in Business Management from the American University in Dubai and a Certified Diploma in Real Estate Management from the Dubai Real Estate Institute. Mr. Alfardan successfully passed the Level 2 exam of the CFA program. He has also participated in the Dubai Family Business Management Programme, launched in collaboration with the Mohammed bin Rashid Center for Leadership Development, the Dubai Chamber, and other certifications from universities.

Mr. Alfardan also serves on several boards for both public and private companies. He remains a key figure in the real estate and investment sectors, driving innovation and strategic growth in his endeavors.

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Hamad Obaidalla

flydubai

Company Name:
Flydubai

Sector:
Aviation

Company Profile:


From its home in Dubai, flydubai has created a network of more than 130 destinations served by a fleet of 88 aircraft. Since commencing operations in June 2009, flydubai has been committed to removing barriers to travel, creating free flows of trade and tourism and enhancing connectivity between different cultures across its ever-expanding network.


Flydubai has marked its journey with a number of milestones:

- **An expanding network:** Created a network of more than 130 destinations in 55 countries across Africa, Central Asia, the Caucasus, Central and South-East Europe, the GCC and the Middle East, South Asia and South-East Asia.
- **Serving underserved markets:** Opened more than 97 new routes that did not previously have direct air links to Dubai or were not served by a UAE national carrier from Dubai.
- **An efficient single fleet-type:** Operates a single fleet-type of 88 Boeing 737 aircraft and includes: 29 Next-Generation Boeing 737-800, 56 Boeing 737 MAX 8 and 03 Boeing 737 MAX 9 aircraft.
- **Enhancing connectivity:** Carried more than 120 million passengers since it began operations in 2009.

Delegate Bio:

Hamad sits on a 34-year Aviation career with flydubai and Emirates Airlines respectively. During his over 3-decade long career, he has held several Senior Executive Management positions across different countries. He currently serves as Chief Commercial Officer of flydubai since 2009. Prior to flydubai, he held the position of Divisional Senior Vice President, Network Operations in his 18-year career with Emirates Airlines. Obaidalla began his aviation career with Emirates Airlines as a Management Trainee in September 1991. He was appointed Commercial Manager in April 1993, Regional Manager for Saudi Arabia in 1998, and General Manager for the GCC, Yemen and Iran in November 2000. He became Vice President, Commercial Operations, GCC, Yemen and Iran in July 2003, Senior Vice President for the same region in November 2004, and Divisional Senior Vice President, Network Operations in July 2007. A UAE national born in 1965, Hamad holds a bachelor's degree in Electronics Engineering from Wentworth Institute of Technology, Boston MA, USA.

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Ismail Mohammed AlSharif

فرزانه
Farzana

Company Name:
Farzana Trading

Sector:
Food & Beverages

Company Profile:


Established in 1966, Farzana Trading has grown into the largest importer and distributor of fresh fruits and vegetables in the GCC, supplying premium-quality produce to leading hotels, restaurants, hypermarkets, and foodservice providers. With a global sourcing network spanning Africa, Asia, Europe, and North America, Farzana ensures the finest selection of fresh, frozen, and dry goods tailored to market demands.


Under the leadership of Mohammed Al Sharif, the company remains committed to quality, sustainability, and innovation. "Our vision is to set industry benchmarks by ensuring the highest standards of food safety and customer satisfaction," says Mr. Al Sharif. With over 58 years of expertise, Farzana operates with HACCP and ISO 22000:2018 certifications, ensuring top-tier food safety and logistics efficiency. Beyond business, Farzana is dedicated to global hunger relief efforts and ethical sourcing, reinforcing its commitment to a sustainable and responsible future.


Delegate Bio:

Ismail Al Sharif is a seasoned business leader and public policy expert with a diverse career spanning banking, government service, entrepreneurship, and family business leadership. He began his professional journey in the banking sector, where he developed strong financial expertise before transitioning into public service. For 14 years, Ismail served in the Prime Minister's Office of the UAE and the Dubai Future Foundation, where he played a key role in the government service sector, focusing on process re-engineering and operational efficiency. At Dubai Future Foundation, he led the Accelerator Program, fostering groundbreaking startups and industry advancements.

Currently, Ismail is the Deputy CEO of Farzana, the UAE's leading fresh food importer and distributor, where he is driving the company's strategic growth and operational excellence as a second-generation leader. Alongside this, he is a successful F&B entrepreneur, managing multiple hospitality ventures. He is also an active member of the Dubai Chamber Family Business Program, contributing to the sustainability and growth of family enterprises in the region. He holds a Finance & Management degree from the University of San Diego and a Master's in Public Policy from SOAS, University of London.

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Issa Khoory

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Ghitha

Company Name:
Ghitha Holding PJSC

Sector:
Agribusiness

Company Profile:

Ghitha Holding PJSC is a private joint stock company incorporated in the Emirate of Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates. It operates as a subsidiary of International Holding Company (ADX: IHC). Ghitha emerged as an investment holding company; with its portfolio of subsidiaries, associates and joint ventures consisting of: NRTC Group, Mirak, Al Ain Farms, Marmum Dairy Farm, Al Ajban Poultry, Alliance Food Company (Asmak), Al Jaraf Fisheries, Abu Dhabi Vegetable Oil Company (ADVOC), International Food Industries (IFI), Al Hashemeya, Royal Horizon Holding, Zee Stores, Invictus Investments (ADX: INVICTUS), Anina Culinary, and Harv Est.

Ghitha Group, diversified conglomerate spanning agriculture, food production and distribution, is collectively engaged in dairy, poultry, fish, agriculture, food commodities, edible oils, trading.

The Group remains committed to enhancing both its financial performance and operational efficiency, aligning with its vision of becoming a leading regional food powerhouse.


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Delegate Bio:


Issa Khoory is a seasoned executive with a diverse leadership portfolio spanning agriculture, investments, real estate, and international trade. His current roles include:

- Board Member, Al Ain Farms (since October 2023): Serving on the board of the UAE's first integrated dairy and poultry company, established in 1981.
- Managing Director, Mirak Group (since October 2010): Steering one of the region's leading companies in agriculture, food production, distribution, and international trade.
- Deputy CEO, Ghitha Holding PJSC (since August 2023): Leading operations at a key trading and distribution subsidiary of IHC Abu Dhabi, publicly listed on the ADX.
- Board Member, Apex Investments PJSC (March 2022-January 2024): Served as Chairman of the Investment Committee
- Managing Partner, Ripe Markets & Event Management (since 2018): Applying deep expertise in event production and management to drive the venture's growth and innovation.
- Managing Director, INK Investments (since March 2017): Heading a personal investment firm focused on SME acquisitions and equity investments.
- Board Member, Dubai Fruits & Vegetables Trader Group (since April 2015): Appointed by the Dubai Chamber of Commerce to support industry representation and growth.
- Managing Director, Al Sultana Investments (since 2013): Overseeing a significant real estate portfolio across the UAE and the United Kingdom.

Issa Khoory holds a BBA and a Master's degree from the American University in Dubai.

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Khalid Essa Bhumaid



Company Name:
Emirates Global Aluminium

Sector:
Manufacturing

Company Profile:


Emirates Global Aluminium is the world's largest 'premium aluminium' producer and the biggest industrial company in the United Arab Emirates outside oil and gas. EGA is owned by Mubadala Investment Company of Abu Dhabi and Investment Corporation of Dubai, and is the largest company jointly owned by the two Emirates. As a team of more than 7,000 people around the world, we share a drive to fulfil our purpose and achieve our mission, while living our values. Aluminium is among the world's most versatile metals, and our global customers transform it into products that make modern life possible. Our aluminium is the biggest made-in-the-UAE export after oil and gas. We produce one-in-every 25 tonnes of aluminium made worldwide - four per cent of the world's total production and almost half of the aluminium produced in the Gulf. EGA is an integrated aluminium producer, with operations from bauxite mining to the production of cast metal and recycling. EGA's operations include an aluminium smelter and an alumina refinery in Abu Dhabi, an aluminium smelter in Dubai, and a bauxite mine in the Republic of Guinea and a specialty foundry in Germany, and an aluminium recycling plant in the United States.


Delegate Bio:

Mr. Bhumaid has been in charge of Government Relations at the Company since 2014. He has over 25 years of experience working in the EGA Group having joined the HR Organizational Effectiveness Department of DUBAL in 1992.

Mr. Bhumaid rose up through the ranks at DUBAL, holding several management positions including General Manager of Public Relations before being promoted to Vice President of Corporate Relations & International Affairs in 2008 and currently Senior Vice President of Government Relations Department. Over the years, Mr. Bhumaid has developed a strong reputation for his expertise in international relations, foreign trade, international lobbying and representation, trade policy advisory, strategic management, bilateral agreements, public relations and event management. In addition, Mr. Bhumaid is a member of the UAE Negotiating Team, the GCC Negotiating Team responsible for the Primary Aluminium portfolio and the International Aluminium Institute Communication Committee. He is a member of the Government of Dubai Trade Review Team.

Mr. Bhumaid won the Sheikh Rashid Excellence Educational Award and holds a Masters degree in Education and National Development from George Washington University in the USA. He also holds a Bachelor's degree in Geography from the UAE University in Al Ain.

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H.E. Khalid Juma Al Majid



Company Name:
Juma Al Majid Holding Group

Sector:
Automotive, Real Estate & Retail

Company Profile:


Founded in 1950 by H.E. Juma Al Majid, the Juma Al Majid Holding Group has grown from humble beginnings into a leading conglomerate headquartered in Dubai, United Arab Emirates. With a diverse portfolio of approximately 35 companies and 150 branches, the Group operates across the UAE and the wider GCC region, employing over 7,500 individuals. The Group's business interests span multiple sectors, including Automotive & Heavy Equipment, Fast-Moving Consumer Goods, Real Estate, Contracting & Services, Hospitality & Travel, and Investments. This strategic diversification reflects its commitment to delivering high-quality products and services that meet the evolving needs of businesses and consumers. A key driver of the Group's success lies in its strong partnerships with globally renowned brands. These alliances enable it to introduce cutting-edge solutions, ensuring innovation and excellence across its industries while fostering trust and long-term relationships with customers. Guided by the founding principles of simplicity, honesty, and integrity, the Juma Al Majid Holding Group remains dedicated to sustainable growth and meaningful contributions to society. Its legacy of business excellence and social responsibility continues to shape its future, reinforcing its position as a trusted leader in the region.


Delegate Bio:

H.E. Khalid Juma Al Majid is a driving force behind the Juma Al Majid Holding Group since 1998, leading its expansion and diversification as Vice Chairman. Upholding the vision of his father, H.E. Juma Al Majid, he has played a key role in strengthening the Group's presence across contracting, commercial, travel, real estate, and investment sectors. Beyond his leadership within the Group, H.E. Al Majid has held significant roles in the UAE's financial and economic landscape. He served as Vice Chairman of the UAE Central Bank (2010–2019), contributing to financial stability and policy development. He was also a Board Member of Emirates NBD (2009–2017) and has been part of Dubai Chambers' Board since 2021.

A dedicated advocate for national development, he served on the Board of Trustees for the Emirates Nationals Development Programme in 2005. His contributions to the Dubai Chamber of Commerce & Industry span two terms (2000–2013, 2021–present).

H.E. Al Majid holds a Bachelor's degree in Business Administration from Arizona, USA (1989). H.E. Khaled Al Majed's strategic vision and leadership continue to shape the Group's success and the UAE's economic growth.

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Mohammad Abdulaziz Baker

GMG

Company Name:
GMG

Sector:
Retail

Company Profile:

GMG is a global well-being company retailing, distributing, and manufacturing a portfolio of leading international and home-grown brands across sports, everyday goods, health and beauty, properties, and logistics sectors. Its vision is to inspire people to win in ways that make the world better. GMG's investments span across six key verticals: GMG Sports, GMG Everyday Goods, GMG Health and Beauty, GMG Properties, GMG Logistics, and GMG Home. In line with its 'farm-to-fork' vision, GMG covers the entire food consumption chain with its state-of-the-art food manufacturing facilities, expanding food retail network, and distribution of popular international brands. The company entered the food retail industry by acquiring Géant operations in April 2022. In February 2023, GMG acquired aswaaq LLC, including its companies operating in retail, trading, and properties, positioning the group as one of the UAE's largest community mall operators. Under the ownership and management of the Baker family for over 47 years, GMG is a valued partner of choice for the world's most successful and respected brands in the well-being sector. Working across the Middle East, North Africa, and Asia, GMG has introduced more than 120 brands across 21 countries. These include notable home-grown brands such as Sun & Sand Sports, Dropkick, Supercare Pharmacy, Farm Fresh, Klassic, and international brands like Nike, Columbia, Converse, Timberland, Vans, Mama Sita's, and McCain.

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Delegate Bio:


Mohammad A. Baker is passionate about driving progress within the global business community and has an unwavering commitment to entrepreneurship. Despite the enormous strides GMG has made in recent decades, Mohammad insists on running the company as a large start-up -- one that ultimately believes that there is nothing that is not achievable. Building on a 47-year rich legacy, Mohammad transformed GMG into a global well-being company that touches millions of lives worldwide. Today, he is leading the company into a new era by inspiring people to win in all they do and live in ways that make the world a better place. That involves staying ahead of the curve while delivering strong investment returns for GMG's international partners. GMG's investments span across six key verticals: GMG Sports, GMG Everyday Goods, GMG Health and Beauty, GMG Properties, GMG Logistics, and GMG Home.

Mohammad has been instrumental in expanding GMG's global footprint, particularly in Southeast Asia and the Middle East. The company's ambitious plans for the Egyptian market include the introduction and growth of various brands in GMG's portfolio such as Sun & Sand Sports, Dropkick, Nu Athlete, and Nike. Additionally, GMG has also expanded the VF brands to Vietnam and the Philippines, helping generate new employment opportunities and fostering economic growth across these Asian markets. His strategic vision has led to successful partnerships with other global brands, including the 2023 franchise agreement with UK-based JD Sports, which saw its first store opening at Riyadh Park Mall in Saudi Arabia in 2024 and lately signing with UK-based retailer, Frasers Group.

In 2025 February, Mohammad has been appointed as a Board Member of the Dubai Chamber of Commerce by His Highness Sheikh Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum, Vice President, Prime Minister of the UAE and Ruler of Dubai.

As the Deputy Chairman and CEO of GMG, he has led the company to numerous prestigious recognitions, including Forbes' Top 100 Arab Family Businesses in the Middle East for four consecutive years (2021-2024). Mohammad himself has been honoured among Arabian Business' 100 Most Inspiring Leaders in 2024, was named one of Arabian Business' GREATEST CEOs in 2024 as well as featured on Arabian Business' Dubai 100 list 2025.

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Mohammad Bin Sulaiman



Company Name:
Moro Hub


Sector:
Tech



Company Profile:


As part of 10X, Dubai Electricity and Water Authority (PJSC) mobilised its innovation unit to create a new entity called Digital DEWA, which uses innovation in artificial intelligence and digital services to meet the current and future requirements brought about by the 4th industrial revolution. This entity required an innovative, agile data hub, and thus Moro Hub was established. Forming the backbone of Digital DEWA, Moro Hub was introduced to fulfil the need for an innovative and agile data centre. Through its purpose-built, industry-accredited data hub, Moro Hub uses its expertise, capabilities and alliances to contribute to the digital transformation of society. Trusted to secure, manage, and integrate data, Moro Hub is committed to providing value through customer-centric innovation, creating new opportunities now and in the future. Moro Hub has the world's largest solar-powered data centre, as certified by the Guinness World Records. We offer Data Centre Services, Cloud Services, Smart Cities & IoT, Cyber Security, Advanced Technologies and Professional & Managed Services.

Delegate Bio:

Mr. Mohammed Bin Sulaiman, the CEO of Data Hub Integrated Solutions Moro LLC (Moro Hub), is one of the key leaders who spearheaded the commencement of Moro Hub in 2018. In a very short period, Moro Hub was able to establish its global footprint in the fields of digital transformation and data innovation in line with the national strategies and the initiatives of Dubai Future Accelerators. Mr. Bin Sulaiman is a holder of EMBA from the UAE Higher Colleges of Technology. Graduated from Mohammed Bin Rashid Center for Leadership Development (Impactful Leaders Program -2019). He is recognized as inspiring and collaborative leader with influencing skills to motivate & lead people in diverse cultural environment. He has over 22 years of cross functional expertise in telecom, energy and digital solutions spectrum. He began his career in the Emirates Telecommunication Group Company (Etisalat) in 2003, served various positions in Telecom Carrier, SMB/ Channels and Govt & Enterprise Sales. Bin Sulaiman possesses high business acumen skills in leading B2B & B2C market segments. In 2016, he joined Dubai Electricity and Water Authority (DEWA) appointed as Chief Digital Solutions Officer to lead the digital innovation, customer happiness and transformations projects.

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Mohamed Jassim Al Rais



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AL RAIS TRAVEL GROUP

Company Name:

Al Rais Group

Sector:

Travel & Tourism


Company Profile:


Al Rais Group is a diversified Emirati business conglomerate with strategic interests across travel, logistics, real estate, technology, and investments. From humble beginnings in early seventies, the Al Rais Group has grown into one of the UAE's most respected and trusted business houses. The group owns a diversified portfolio of companies under the umbrella of Al Rais Investment Group, which also holds a significant ownership stake in Al Rais Travel Group which is renowned for its leadership in travel, tourism, and logistics. Al Rais Travel Group provides end-to-end solutions in airline GSA representation, corporate and leisure travel, MICE, destination management and cargo freight & logistics. Its seamless integration of travel and cargo services has played a pivotal role in positioning the UAE as a global tourism and logistics hub. The group's logistics division offers a wide range of services including cargo operations, air & sea freight, GCC haulage, and 3PL warehousing & distribution—connecting businesses to global markets with efficiency and reliability. Al Rais Group continues to expand its footprint through strategic decisions by Al Rais Investment Group, currently headed by Mohamed Jassim Al Rais, the group's chairman & CEO, into high-growth sectors such as real estate development, car rentals, technology, and strategic external investments, reinforcing its vision for long-term, sustainable growth. Driven by a commitment to excellence, innovation, and integrity, Al Rais Group is focused on delivering exceptional value across all its business verticals while contributing to the economic development of the UAE.


Delegate Bio:

Mohamed Jassim Al Rais is a dynamic Emirati business leader and a graduate of the American University of Sharjah (2006). In his capacity as the Chairman & CEO of Al Rais Investment Group, the parent investment and diversification arm of Al Rais Group, he leads the group's expansion into new sectors including real estate, technology, and high-potential external ventures. His journey with the Al Rais Group began in 2002 through a Management Development Programme, leading to key leadership roles in various roles across the group (such as Al Rais Holidays, Al Rais Rent A Car etc.) leading to the current role of Executive Director of Al Rais Travel Group, overseeing its strategy and operations, and guiding its growth into a market leader in the travel and logistics space.

Mohamed also serves as the Honorary Chairman of the Dubai Travel & Tour Agents Group (DTTAG) and is actively involved with the Department of Tourism & Commerce Marketing (DTCM). His leadership is characterized by a forward-thinking, globally-minded approach, with a focus on innovation, excellence, and national development.

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Mohamad Sarhan



Company Name:
Emirates Airline

Sector:
Aviation


Company Profile:



Emirates' 39 years in India have been defined by progressive investment, partnership, and growth. In October 1985, Emirates launched flights from Dubai to Delhi and Mumbai which formed the base of its initial route network. Since then, Emirates has grown its India operations to serve a total of nine destinations across India – Ahmedabad, Bengaluru, Chennai, Delhi, Hyderabad, Kochi, Kolkata, Mumbai, and Thiruvananthapuram. Emirates serves points in India with three aircraft types – the new A350 and the flagship A380, both offering customers a choice of four cabin classes, including the signature Premium Economy experience, in addition to the spacious Boeing 777. Emirates serves its nine points in India with 167 flights per week.


For more information on Emirates' current operations, network, travel support, guidance, customer, and employee safety, visit www.emirates.com

Delegate Bio:

Mohammad Sarhan has been leading the Commercial Operations of Emirates in different countries for the past 19 years. In his current role as Emirates' Vice President Commercial Operations for India & Nepal, Mohammad is focused on expanding the airline's business across these markets and delivering its world-class products and services to customers in India. Mohammad is a graduate of Mechanical Engineering from the American University of Sharjah, with a master's degree in International Business from the University of Wollongong in Dubai.

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Murshed Mohamad



Company Name:
Drivu

Sector:
Mobility Tech

Company Profile:


It is the UAE's leading drive-thru ordering platform, revolutionizing how customers interact with cafes and restaurants from their cars. Launched in 2017, Drivu enables users to order ahead through the mobile app and pick up seamlessly from participating shops without leaving their vehicles – no waiting, no calling, no parking.


Drivu empowers F&B businesses that don't have traditional drive-thru infrastructure by giving them a "virtual lane" through software. Orders are sent directly to the shop's tablet, with real-time updates on the customer's location and ETA, allowing staff to deliver directly to the car window. The platform currently supports over 1,000 businesses across the UAE.

Delegate Bio:

Murshed Mohamad is an Emirati entrepreneur and co-founder of Drivu, a fast-growing tech platform that reimagines how people interact with more than 1000 businesses from their cars. With a strong background in business development and product innovation, Murshed is passionate about creating practical, tech-enabled solutions that fit seamlessly into everyday life.

Since launching Drivu in 2017, Murshed has led its transformation from a simple drive-thru ordering idea into a multi-vertical platform used by over 1,000 businesses across the UAE. He played a key role in product design, partner acquisition, and expanding into new sectors like smart parking – all with a vision to build the infrastructure for in-car commerce in the region. Murshed was recognized among the UAE's Future100 companies by the Ministry of Economy, reflecting his ability to lead high-impact, scalable ventures. He's also been featured by Dubai Chambers and other entities championing local innovation.

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Rabie Atieh



Company Name:
Transguard Group

Sector:
HR Solutions

Company Profile:

Transguard Group offers flexible solutions for all of the UAE's staffing needs since 2001, Transguard Group is the region's most trusted expert in security, facilities management, cash services and white-collar staffing, and more. With an annual turnover of AED 2.7 billion in FY23/24, Transguard's expertise is in supplying the right people for its clients, precisely when and where they're needed.


Delegate Bio:


In October 2023, UAE national, Rabie Atieh was chosen by Transguard Group's Board of Directors to lead the business solutions provider in the role of Chief Executive Officer. Rabie joins Transguard after more than 20 years with Emirates Group, where he served as Senior Vice President of Transguard Valuables and Emirates Group Security.


Rabie played a major role in the strategic and innovative transformation of the Cash Management industry in the UAE for all banks and financial institutions under the umbrella of the UAE Central Bank. In addition to his experience in the regional and global secured logistics industry, Rabie is a well-seasoned professional within the country's Facilities Management, Manpower Supply, Fraud Prevention and Commercial Security Services industries.

He has served as a member of multiple regulatory authority committees, such as the UAE Central Bank, Dubai Police, Ministry of Economy, General Directorate of Residency and Foreign Affairs and the IATA Control Authorities Working Group. In addition to these strategic relationships, he has also advised and collaborated with other government entities, including the Ministry of Interior and Federal Customs Authorities. Rabie's more than two decades of service to the nation have been regularly recognized and awarded by many of these same government bodies.

Before his tenure with Emirates Group, Rabie Atieh spent five years with Emirates NBD in its Electronic Banking/Fraud Prevention division. He holds a degree from Southeastern University in Washington, D.C.

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Saeed Humaid Al Zari



DP WORLD

Company Name:
DP World

Sector:
Ports & Logistics

Company Profile:

Trade is the lifeblood of the global economy, creating opportunities and improving the quality of life for people around the world. DP World exists to make the world's trade flow better, changing what's possible for the customers and communities we serve globally.

With a dedicated, diverse and professional team of more than 114,000 employees from 162 nationalities, spanning 78 countries on six continents, DP World is pushing trade further and faster towards a seamless supply chain that's fit for the future.


They are rapidly transforming and integrating our businesses – Ports and Terminals, Marine Services, Logistics and Technology – and uniting their global infrastructure with local expertise to create stronger, more efficient end-to-end supply chain solutions that can change the way the world trades.


What's more, they are reshaping the future by investing in innovation. From intelligent delivery systems to automated warehouse stacking, they are at the cutting edge of disruptive technology, pushing the sector towards better ways to trade, minimising disruptions from the factory floor to the customer's.

Delegate Bio:

Saeed Al Zari is the Group Vice President of the Government Affairs Department at DP World, where he leads the strategic direction, development, and management of the company's Government Relations and Public Affairs function. An Emirati national, Saeed has over 24 years of experience with DP World, having joined the company in 2000 and held various roles across departments such as Documentation, Customer Service, Sales, Account Management, and Government Affairs.

A graduate of the Mohammed bin Rashid Center for Leadership Development (MBRCLD), Saeed plays a crucial role in enhancing relationships with government bodies and VIP delegations at local, regional, and global levels to support DP World's commercial objectives. His focus is on managing high-level meetings and coordinating the activities of the chairman and other C-suite executives. Additionally, Saeed is responsible for building a sustainable department that adds value across all company divisions, ensuring effective representation of DP World's interests worldwide.

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Salah Sharaf



Company Name:
Sharaf Group

Sector:
Diversified Conglomerate

Company Profile:

Sharaf Group Samsara Shipping Agency:

- Provides comprehensive shipping services to customers/ Ship owners across 80+ locations in India since 1995.

Emirates Logistics:

- Warehousing and distribution facilities across India at 16+ location operating approx. 190000+ sqm.
- Invested in logistics parks & Rail siding depots of approx. 720000+ sqm across 5 locations along with Rail & Road transportation.

Hind Terminals:

- 17 + Multi-modal logistics infrastructure facilities of approx. 2 Mn sqm along with owned fleet of 850+ trucks & trailers for Road transportation, 35+ freight trains for rail transportation along with 80000+ sqm for dry & cold warehousing.

Information Technology:

- Development of inhouse end-to-end Supply Chain Management solutions.

Sharaf Cargo:

- General Sales & Service Agency for National and International carriers across 11+ locations in India.

Emarat Maritime:

- Crew manning & back-office operations setup in India.

Zodiac Tank Container Terminals:

- Cleaning all types of Tank Containers and Road Tankers.

Providing Direct Employment to 5000+ people across India.

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Delegate Bio:


The Vice-President to Sharaf Group, a dedicated professional in Shipping and Logistics, Mr. Salah embarked on his career journey with Sharaf Group, gradually assuming various roles across the UAE, Germany, and Hong Kong. This diverse experience has equipped him with a profound understanding of the Shipping Industry.


Mr. Salah's entrepreneurial mindset and strategic approach have empowered him to oversee diverse business ventures encompassing sea, air, and road transport, along with allied businesses. He has been instrumental in spearheading the development of fresh business avenues and growth strategies for numerous entities under the Sharaf Group umbrella.

Mr. Salah is highly esteemed for his leadership style, strategic insights, forward-thinking approach, business acumen, and profound understanding of the Shipping Industry, both Agency and Fleet Management businesses. Currently, he holds the positions of Group Vice President, Group Board member, and Chairman of Emirates Logistics.

As a respected figure and strategic visionary in the Shipping industry, Mr. Salah actively fosters collaborations with key stakeholders through his involvement with various organizations, including not-for-profit Boards. He currently serves as the Vice Chairman of the UAE Shipping Association and President of the Dubai Shipping Agents Association. Additionally, he represents the UAE International Investors Council as a Board Member and serves as Chairman of the China Classification UAE Committee.

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Major General (Rtd.) Sharafuddin Sharaf



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Sharaf Group

Sector:
Diversified Conglomerate

Company Profile:

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Delegate Bio:

Major General Sharafuddin Sharaf (Retd.) heads Sharaf Group as the Vice Chairman. The Sharaf Group was established in 1968 by Mr. Ibrahim Sharaf, the Chairman, and Major General (Retd.) Sharafuddin Sharaf, the Vice Chairman. The group started with shipping agency which grew steadily over time and diversified into different business sectors like Logistics, Supply Chain, Retail, Travel & Tourism, Information Technology, Financial Services, Hospitality, Real Estate, Education and Manufacturing.


The Group is headquartered in Dubai and operates in 54 countries across the Middle East, Africa, the Indian subcontinent and Asia. The Sharaf Group believes in inclusivity and diversity and has a talent pool of over 11,000 people from around the world.


The Sharaf Group vision & mission is to build a team of dedicated, committed stakeholders who believe in our system of good ethics and long-lasting trusted partnership.


The Group's value system centres around building "Trusted relationships which honour all commitments made on behalf of the business".

Major General (Retd.) Sharafuddin Sharaf is a former Dubai Police officer. He joined Dubai Police on 1 February 1970 and retired in January 2004 at the rank of 'Major General'.

On 13th April 2018, Mr. Sharaf was elected as Chairman of UAE – India Business Council (UIBC) which is the Official Joint Business Chamber set up by the Governments of UAE & India for promoting economic synergy between both the countries.

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Tariq Baker

**Company Name:**

Dubai Transport Company (DUTCO GROUP)

Sector:

Construction, Engineering & Hospitality

Company Profile:

Established in 1947 as Dubai Transport Company, Dutco Group has been integral to Dubai's transformation into a global metropolis. From its modest beginnings, Dutco has expanded into a multifaceted conglomerate, contributing significantly to various sectors.

In construction and dredging, Dutco has been pivotal in shaping Dubai's skyline and infrastructure.

The Group's ventures in hospitality and tourism include luxury establishments like JA Resorts and Hotels in Dubai and Indian Ocean, and Mar Hall in Scotland, setting new standards of service and excellence.

In the oil and gas sector, Dutco Energy Ltd and its affiliates play a crucial role in energy production and distribution.

Additionally, Dutco has strengthened the region's trading and logistics capabilities, and the Group's real estate initiatives further underscore its commitment to comprehensive development.

Under the guidance of Mr. Ahmed Baker, Chairman and Mr. Tariq Baker, Vice Chairman & Managing Director, Dutco Group has experienced substantial growth and diversification.

Dutco's unwavering dedication to quality, safety, and professionalism has earned it ISO certifications in Quality, Health & Safety, and Environment. This commitment ensures adherence to best practices and environmental stewardship across all projects.

Today, Dutco Group stands as a testament to visionary leadership and excellence, contributing profoundly to the UAE's growth and prosperity.

Delegates Profiles

Delegate Bio:

Tariq Baker is the Vice Chairman and Managing Director of DUTCO Group. Established in 1947, Dutco Group is a diversified large-scale organization specializing in civil, electrical, mechanical and pipeline engineering, tunnelling, dredging, information technology, manufacturing, telecommunications, shipping, trading, oil & gas, petrochemicals, renewables and green hydrogen and its derivatives.



DUTCO Group also owns and operates luxury hotels and resorts in the UAE and Overseas. The Dubai-based JA Resorts & Hotels owned by the Dutco Group, is an international hospitality company with over 30 years' experience in managing and operating resorts and hotels.



Mr. Baker received his initial education in the United Arab Emirates, and completed his studies in Civil Engineering at the University of Southern California, U.S.A.

In addition to his responsibilities as Vice Chairman and Managing Director of DUTCO Group, Mr. Baker also held Senior Positions as follows:

- The Executive Committee of the Dubai Economic Council
- Member of Board of the Dubai Sports Council
- Chairman of the UAE chapter of Young Arab Leaders
- Vice-Chairman of the UAE Golf Association

Currently Mr. Baker is a Board Member of Dubai Chambers and Dubai Chamber of Commerce.

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Tawhid Abdullah



Company Name:
Jawhara Jewellery

Sector:
Retail

Company Profile:

Jawhara Jewellery is a leading Emirati jewellery brand in the Middle East, renowned for its exquisite craftsmanship, innovative designs, and commitment to quality. With a legacy rooted in tradition and a vision for the future, Jawhara offers a diverse selection of fine jewellery, including gold, diamonds, pearls, and precious gemstones.

With over 300 branches across 12 countries, Jawhara Jewellery has established itself as a trusted name in the industry, blending modern elegance with heritage-inspired designs. The brand caters to a wide audience, offering collections that celebrate cultural richness while embracing contemporary trends.


Jawhara Jewellery is committed to delivering excellence through exceptional customer service, expert craftsmanship, and ethically sourced materials. From daily wear to bridal collections, each piece reflects sophistication and artistry.


In addition to its strong retail presence, Jawhara continues to innovate with its e-commerce platform, allowing customers to explore and purchase jewellery seamlessly online. With a focus on authenticity, affordability, and luxury, Jawhara Jewellery remains a symbol of prestige and elegance, making every moment special for its customers.


Delegate Bio:

Tawhid Abdullah is the Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer of Jawhara Jewellery Group, where his visionary leadership has set industry standards, shaping the future of the UAE jewellery market. Known for his forward-thinking nature, he has positioned Jawhara Jewellery as a leading name in the industry. In addition to his role at Jawhara, Mr. Abdullah serves as the Chairman of the Dubai Gold and Jewellery Group, contributing significantly to the growth and development of the jewellery sector in the region.

His excellence in business was recognized when he was awarded the "Best Entrepreneurial Mentor" by the Mohammed Bin Rashid Awards for Young Business Leaders in June 2007. Mr. Abdullah's professional approach has earned him accolades from suppliers, customers, media, banks, and government bodies. A strong believer in giving back, Mr. Abdullah supports several charitable causes and has been a major sponsor of many prestigious events, demonstrating his commitment to social responsibility and community development.

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H.E. Yahya Saeed Ahmed Lootah



Company Name:
S S Lootah Group

Sector:
Diversified Conglomerate

Company Profile:


H.E. Yahya Lootah is currently the Chairman of S.S. Lootah Group, a leading diversified business based in Dubai. Within the Group, he leads a broad portfolio of companies across key business sectors including education, healthcare, data infrastructure & associated information technologies, construction, real estate, oil & gas, retail, renewable energies, applied research and financial services.


H.E. Yahya Lootah conceived and established S.S. Lootah International Investment Group to facilitate partnerships and cooperation with leading international companies. Today, the company is active in India, Germany and Canada as well as project offices in South Africa, Tanzania, and other countries. Besides his personal corporate roles, H.E. Yahya Lootah is Vice Chairman of Dubai Islamic Bank, Vice Chairman of Dubai Chamber of Commerce Industry and Vice Chairman of Saeed Ahmed Lootah Charity Foundation which is one of the most prominent Charity Foundations in UAE providing support both domestically and internationally. He also serves on the Board of a number of other international and national companies. H.E. Yahya Lootah holds a degree in civil architectural engineering and a Master of Science in Engineering from University of Bridgeport, USA in 1996.

Delegate Bio:

S.S. Lootah Group is a leading diversified business conglomerate based in Dubai, United Arab Emirates. Commencing in 1956, the Group established the first contracting company in Dubai, the first Medical and Pharmacy Colleges for girls in the region and the first, as well as one of the world's largest, Islamic Bank. In addition, S.S. Lootah Group holds a portfolio of over 60 companies across key business sectors both domestically and worldwide. This includes leading companies in several sectors including education, healthcare, data infrastructure & associated information technologies, construction, real estate, oil & gas, retail, renewable energies, applied research and financial services. Under the S.S. Lootah Group umbrella are also many international Joint Ventures, Partnerships and other corporate holdings. The S.S. Lootah Group is active beyond the Middle Eastern Region, including in India, Germany and Canada as well as project offices in South Africa, Tanzania, and other countries. S.S. Lootah Group has received many prestigious performance, achievement, quality and environmental awards. One of the proudest achievements is the establishment and full funding of the Saeed Ahmed Lootah Charity Foundation, one of the most prominent Charity Foundations in UAE providing support for thousands of people both domestically and internationally.

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