



# How is UAE Becoming A Global Digital Hub

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"We are in a race to the Day of Judgment with the whole world. We can advance with two things: with knowledge, and with the distinguished national cadres that will lead this country in the twenty-first and twenty-second century, with capabilities that seek the help of God, artificial intelligence and technology."

- HH Sheikh Mohammed Bin Zayed Al Nahyan, President of the United Arab Emirates

# **Drivers for Digitalization**

- Resilience, efficiency and Sustainability
- Digitalizing economies
  - Hyperconnected devices, data and people
- Rise of tech focused young consumers
  - Rising expectations
- Customer Experience economy
  - Wining hearts, minds and pockets of customers
- Digital government and smart city initiatives
  - High demand for interconnection and greater bandwidth
- Post COVID-19 digital acceleration
  - Remote working and online learning
  - Rapid shift from on-premise to the cloud



- Our priorities are the development of the digital economy that will contribute to our national economy, reinforce the country's smart infrastructure, ensure our digital readiness and maintain the continuity of business of the UAE Government under all circumstances
- The digital economy is a key driver in the growth and development of many new national economic sectors, and will help reinforce our competitiveness in the global market and future economy

### HH Sheikh Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum

UAE Vice President, Prime Minister and Ruler of Dubai



# UAE competitiveness in numbers

- ullet  $1^{st}$  regionally and  $13^{th}$  globally in digital competitiveness. IMD GDCI 2022
- ullet 1st regionally and  $13^{th}$  globally in e-Gov. UN e-Gov Survey 2022
- 4<sup>th</sup> globally in legal frameworks adaptability to digital business
- 17<sup>th</sup> globally in human capital and research. GII 2022
- ullet  $1^{st}$  regionally and  $19^{th}$  globally in its ability to attract FDI. UNCTAD WIR 2022
- $^{ullet}\,2^{nd}\,$  globally in mobile internet and  $3^{rd}\,$  in fixed broadband internet quality. DQL index 2022
- UAE digital economy doubled from 4.3% in 2019 to 9.7% in 2021 to over 20% by 2031
- Dubai  $\mathbf{1}^{st}$  regionally and  $\mathbf{5}^{th}$  globally in the LOSI. UN e-Gov Survey 2022

# UAE as world's most Covid-resilient country

- COVID-19: A test for countries and governments resilience
- UAE ranked 1st globally in Bloomberg's Covid resilience ranking
  - World's highest vaccination rate (100% for eligible vaccinated)
  - advanced technology, healthcare system, governance model and leadership
  - Extensive COVID-19 testing program and 2<sup>nd</sup> lab facility in the world
  - World leading role: top provider of humanitarian aid during the pandemic
- UAE ranked among the top 10 countries worldwide for its leadership and proactive approach during the COVID-19 pandemic. Global Response to Infectious Diseases (GRID) Index.







## The story of the UAE is only just beginning

► It's been a challenging 12 months - but we have laid the foundation for a more vibra writes Abdullah bin Zayed Al Nahyan



Falcon training in the Liwa desert in the Emirate of Abu Dhabi. AFP



Abdullah bin Zayed Al Nahyan January 17, 2021











# UAE strategies for the digital economy





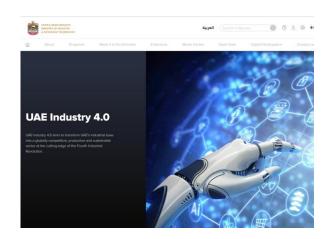












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Attracting 300 digital startups in 2 years



### Dubai Chamber of Digital Economy Debuts Roadshow Series To Attract Global Scaleups To Dubai

Dubai Chamber of Digital Economy, one of the three chambers operating under the umbrella of Dubai Chambers, has kicked off a new roadshow series in a bid to entice global scaleups to Dubai and support the development of the Emirate's digital economy.

By Entrepreneur Middle East Staff

June 9, 2022

# Digital transformation to reinvent government services

### **Mobile digital government**



### **UAE Pass single sign on**



### Big data & predicative analytics



### **Automating ports operations**



### **Education certificates on blockchain**



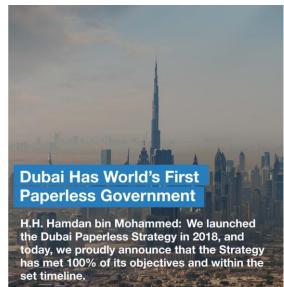
## **Robotics automation in hospitals**



Dubai Hospital's newest employee is a robot pharmacist



### **Paperless government**



### **Automating border control**



# UAE innovations using emerging technologies

Testing self-driving Taxi in Dubai



Bustanica: the world largest vertical farm



### Autonomous vessels are now tested in Abu Dhabi

REGION'S FIRST UNCREWED
SURFACE VESSEL SETS SAIL IN
ABU DHABI

Wednesday 26 October 2022 marks an important day for UAE the region's first class-built Uncrewed Surface Vessel (USV) er



1st 3D printed building in the world



ADNOC cashier-less store



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Abu Dhabi enters race to build a viable quantum computer

Sees as important as the advent of the internet.

2022: Emirates Lunar Mission - Rashid



# Building skilled national talent is a top priority for the UAE

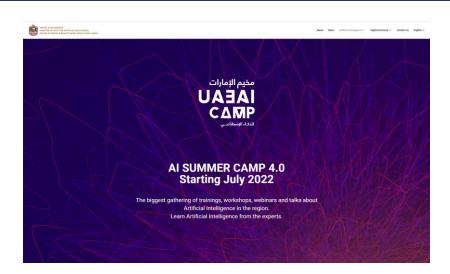


Year of Zayed national competitions for robotics, programming, and artificial intelligence





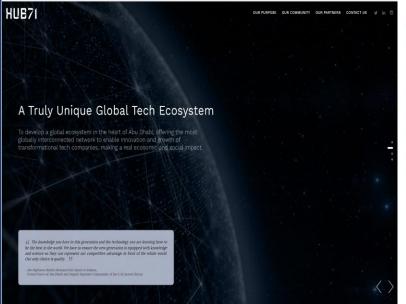






# UAE is the region leading Startup hub

- 55% of startups funding in the MENA from UAE
- Abu Dhabi Hub71
  - Ghadan Venture Fund: \$145 million by ADIO
  - MS, ADIO, ADGM, Softbank
- Dubai Startup hub
- AREA2071
- Sharjah Research, Technology & Innovation Park
  - A hub for several AI startups
  - Health tech, 3D printing
- Other accelerator programs
  - Dtec , Techstarts and Astrolabs ( DMCC)
- EBTIC
  - Etisalat, BT, Khalifa university and ICT Fund
- Crypt Lab Masdar City

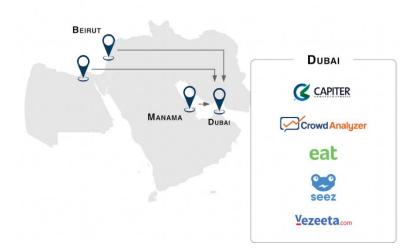




wsj.com
Dubai Emerges as Tech Hub of the Arab World
Tech startups in Dubai are attracting interest from venture firms including SoftBank Group and Sequoia Capital.

FIGURE 3
SCALEUP RELOCATION INSIDE MENA - TO DUBAI

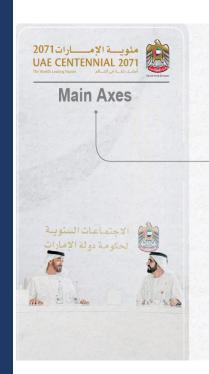
Source: Mind the Bridge with the support of Crunchbase





# Shaping the Future of the UAE

- UAE Centennial Plan 2071
  - Focus on building talents for the future
  - Focus on R & D
  - Project 5bn: A fund for Emirati startup projects in priority sectors
  - Unified investment platform
  - Tech Drive: AED 5bn fund to transform to industry 4.0
  - New regulations
- 2019: new initiatives
  - Ministry of Possibilities
  - UAE regulations Lab
- New approach for the government
  - Strategic Foresight approach to envision the future for the country



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



Flexible and under wise leadership, with a clear and stable happiness for the community, and present positive messages to the



### Economy

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



### Community

Consolidating the values of and respect in a safe, positive and happy society that invests in all it's social abilities.



### Education

Investing in education, to be world, focusing or science, advanced Nurturing ethics and values and producing graduates who are openminded, and on par with their peers in developed countries.



## UNITED ARAB EMIRATES MINISTRY OF POSSIBILITIES

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# Thank you