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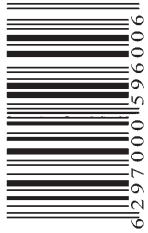


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# THE GULF TIME



## Mohammed bin Rashid issues Decree forming Board of Trustees of UAE Water Aid Foundation - Suqia

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to the Decree, the Managing Director and CEO of the Dubai Electricity and Water Authority (DEWA) will chair the Board.

The Board includes a representative each from the UAE Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Emirates Red Crescent, United Arab Emirates University and Khalifa University. Additionally, it includes three repre-

sentatives from the Dubai Electricity and Water Authority and the CEO of the UAE Water Aid Foundation.

As per the Decree, the representatives of these entities must be nominated by their executives and hold senior positions.

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ADNEC GROUP is actively contributing to the global effort to achieve net-zero emissions

## Adnec, Terrax to build 100% recycled flooring

The project is supported by an AED100 million R&D fund launched in 2022 by ADQ, an Abu Dhabi-based investment and holding company

ABU DHABI / WAM

Adnec Group has partnered with Terrax Environmental Limited at the World Future Energy Summit (WFES) to develop TerraTile, a 100 percent recycled modular flooring system for events.

Made from 100 percent waste and 100 percent recyclable, TerraTiles is a fully sustainable circular product. Each TerraTile is equivalent to over five kilograms of recycled waste and represents a breakthrough in event sustainability, offering a practical and sustainable alternative to conventional flooring solutions.

Crafted at Terrax's facility in Abu Dhabi, TerraTiles provides a durable and improved flooring design that actively contributes to environmental conservation. Additionally, when TerraTiles reach the end of their life cycle, they can be recycled to produce new ones.

The versatile TerraTile product, designed and manufactured in the UAE, was showcased at Adnec group's stand at the WFES, illustrating its potential to support sustainability in the events industry. Adnec Group will begin to implement TerraTiles at all their organised events at Adnec Centre Abu Dhabi, with Trident Trackway providing the option for exhibitors to rent on an ongoing basis, contributing to the Group's pledge of making its events



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At the signing of the contract, Humaid Al Dhaheri, Managing Director and Group CEO of Adnec Group, said, "TerraTile is a revolutionary product that underscores Adnec Group's commitment to sustainability in the events industry. By prioritising sustainability in our events, we not only reduce our ecological footprint but also inspire others to join us in building a greener future for the industry. This innovative product reinforces our ongoing efforts

to make events more sustainable while delivering exceptional experiences for our clients and attendees."

Theresa Wernery, General Manager at Terrax, said, "Terrax is delighted to have partnered with Adnec Group on this groundbreaking circular product. Through this collaboration, single-use exhibition carpets, along with other ordinarily non-recyclable waste, will be transformed into durable raised exhibition flooring. TerraTile will also significantly reduce the use of

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plywood at ADNEC Group and enable more efficient and less wasteful stand building."

The project is supported by an AED100 million R&D fund launched in 2022 by ADQ, an Abu Dhabi-based investment and holding company. The fund forms part of ADQ Growth Lab, a community of innovators across ADQ's portfolio that realises the company's commitment to accelerating innovation and R&D with a focus on unlocking growth opportunities and driving value creation and sustainability across priority sectors of the UAE's economy.

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## World Future Energy Summit 2024 kicks off in Abu Dhabi



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ABU DHABI / WAM

The World Future Energy Summit (WFES), taking place from April 16-18, has kicked off at the Adnec Centre Abu Dhabi.

Hosted by the Abu Dhabi Future Energy Company (Masdar), the three-day summit aims to promote innovation and investment to bring about a global transition to clean energy, and lay down plans to build a sustainable future by attracting investors and providers of advanced energy solutions.

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ergy transition and align the efforts of industry leaders, policymakers and startups, setting in motion a collaborative drive to secure a more environment-friendly future.

## ADHA officially launches Iskan Abu Dhabi application

ABU DHABI / AD MEDIA OFFICE

Abu Dhabi Housing Authority has officially launched the Iskan Abu Dhabi application following the successful completion of the pilot phase to provide an interactive digital platform for Iskan Abu Dhabi's services, ensuring a seamless experience for customers throughout

the housing benefit claims process. The Iskan Abu Dhabi application provides diverse services including creation of a housing profile, loans, buying and exchanging land, integrating services from 25 public and private entities, and advances digital transformation in housing benefits services in Abu Dhabi.

## Ewec issues RFPs for 1,500MW Khazna solar project

The solar PV project alone will generate enough electricity for approximately 160,000 homes across the UAE

ABU DHABI / WAM

Emirates Water and Electricity Company (EWEC) has issued a Request for Proposals (RFP) to qualified developers and consortiums that have expressed interest in developing the 1,500-MW Khazna Solar Photovoltaic (PV) project, located in the Al Khazna area of Abu Dhabi.

The RFP is being issued to bidders who passed the qualification process following the Expression of Interest (EOI) stage in September 2023. A total of 27 companies and consortiums submitted EOIs, while 19 companies and consortiums qualified for the RFP stage after

Solar energy is integral to achieving EWEC's target of producing nearly 50 percent of its electricity from renewable and clean energy sources by 2030, given its low generation cost and its contribution to reducing carbon dioxide (CO2) emissions from the electricity generation process

submitting Statements of Qualification. The RFP provides detailed requirements and proposed technical parameters for the project to support companies and consortiums in developing their submissions.

Othman Al Ali, CEO of EWEC, said, "The development of solar PV is a strategic pillar in our mission to decarbonise electricity

supply in the UAE, given that it is one of the most cost-effective and low-carbon intensive solutions for electricity generation.

As our fourth utility-scale solar project, Khazna Solar PV is a significant milestone in our development of new solar PV capacity between 2027-2037 to lead the UAE's transition to a sustainable future in alignment with the na-



Khazna PV project will involve the development, financing, construction, operation, maintenance, and ownership of the plant and associated infrastructure —WAM

tion's Net Zero by 2050 Strategic Initiative."

"We look forward to collaborating with best-in-class partners for this project, combining our

expertise and innovation to lay the foundation for a cleaner, greener, and more sustainable energy landscape in Abu Dhabi and the UAE."

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Khazna alone will generate enough electricity for approximately 160,000 homes across the UAE and is expected to reduce CO2 emissions by more than 2.4 million metric tonnes per year, equivalent to removing approximately 470,000 cars from the road.

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The Decree is effective from its date of issuance and will be published in the Official Gazette.

Established in 2015 under the umbrella of the Mohammed Bin Rashid Al Maktoum Global Initiatives, Suqia is a non-profit organisation dedicated to providing humanitarian aid globally. It focuses on assisting communities afflicted by water scarcity by supplying them with potable water. Suqia's efforts have had a profoundly positive impact on the lives of millions of people across multiple countries worldwide.

ADH-ADQ pact will solidify ADCH's position as an industry leader and an engine of Abu Dhabi's growth

## Alpha Dhabi Holding enters into strategic partnership with ADQ

ADH will retain a 51 percent shareholding in ADCH, continuing its commitment to the construction sector in strategic pact with ADQ

ABU DHABI / WAM

Alpha Dhabi Holding has announced that it will divest 49% of its subsidiary Alpha Dhabi Construction Holding (ADCH) to ADQ, an Abu Dhabi-based investment and holding company.

ADH will retain a 51% shareholding in ADCH, continuing its commitment to the construction sector in strategic partnership with ADQ.

The partnership will combine the expertise and capabilities of ADCH and ADQ, solidifying ADCH's position as an industry leader and an engine of the emirate's growth. The transaction is subject to customary closing conditions, including regulatory approvals.

Hamad Al Ameri, CEO and MD of ADH and the newly appointed Chairman of ADCH, commented, "Our partnership with ADQ is a transformative step for ADCH, marking a new era of strategic growth and innovation. With a shared vision for excellence, this collaboration allows us to deepen our commitment to national development, enabling us to tackle complex, large-scale projects with a keen focus on safety, quality, and timely delivery. Together, we are poised to set new benchmarks in the dynamic construction industry, driving progress and prosperity in our region."

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Deputy Chief Executive Officer of ADQ, said, "With a longstanding focus on investing in infrastructure assets in line with our mandate, we welcome the opportunity to invest in ADCH as it enters the next phase of its impressive journey in spearheading the development of landmarks and coveted real estate developments in the UAE. We are confident that

ADCH will benefit from being part of our diverse portfolio and leverage the opportunities this will unlock."

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## 'Spinneys' to open IPO on Dubai Financial Market

DUBAI / WAM

Spinneys Holding plc on Tuesday announced its intention to proceed with an initial public offering (IPO) and to list its ordinary shares for trading on the DFM. In its statement, the company said that 900,000,000 shares each with a nominal value of AED0.01 will be made avail-

able in the Offering, representing 25% of the company's total issued share capital.

All shares to be offered are existing shares held by Al Seer Group LLC as the selling shareholder who reserves the right to amend the size of the Offering at any time prior to the end of the subscription period at

its sole discretion, subject to applicable laws and the approval of the Securities and Commodities Authority (SCA) in the UAE.

The Offering will be made available to UAE Retail Investors and other investors as part of the UAE Retail Offering or First Tranche as well as to Professional Investors outside the United

States, including the UAE, as part of the Qualified Investor Offering or Second Tranche.

The subscription period will open on April 23 and end on April 29 for UAE Retail Investors and on April 30 for Professional Investors.

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## UAE names Mohamed Abushahab as new ambassador to UN



Ambassador Mohamed Abushahab, the newly-appointed Permanent Representative of the United Arab Emirates to the United Nations, with UN Secretary-General António Guterres during the credentials presenting ceremony in New York

—WAM

NEW YORK / WAM

Ambassador Mohamed Abushahab, the newly-appointed Permanent Representative of the United Arab Emirates to the United Nations, presented his credentials to UN Secretary-General António Guterres, succeeding Lana Nusseibeh in this role.

In their meeting following the credentials ceremony, Ambassador Abushahab and Secretary-General Guterres discussed common priorities and ways to enhance cooperation between the UAE and the UN across various areas of shared interest. They also discussed concerning developments in various regions around the world, including escalating tensions in the Middle East.

The Secretary-General welcomed the close relationship between the UAE and UN and the importance of the UAE's role as a consensus builder across the UN, including during its tenure on the UN Security Council in 2022-2023. He also praised the UAE's efforts at the regional and international levels. During the ceremony, Ambassador Abushahab conveyed the greetings of President His Highness Sheikh Mohamed bin Zayed Al Nahyan, His Highness Sheikh Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum, Vice President, Prime Minister and Ruler of Dubai, His Highness Sheikh Mansour bin Zayed Al Nahyan, Vice President, Deputy Prime Minister and Chairman of the Presidential Court, and H.H. Sheikh Abdullah bin Zayed Al Nahyan, Minister of Foreign Affairs. Following his meeting with the

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Secretary-General, Ambassador Mohamed Abushahab, said, "The United Nations is vital for an international arena facing an array of global challenges. I am deeply honoured to take up this role at a critical time for the UN system and the UAE's participation in it. The UAE works tirelessly to find common ground on consequential international issues, and I am deeply committed to continue doing so at the UN. Our Mission in New York looks forward to building on the historic achievements from the UAE's terms as an elected member of the UN Security Council and President of COP28 to carry on building bridges between nations and communities around the world."

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## AIM to prepare participants for 2024 AIM Congress

The investment platform serves as a catalyst for positive transformation, bringing together global leaders and investors

ABU DHABI / WAM

As anticipation builds for the highly anticipated AIM Congress 2024, AIM Startup, in collaboration with Bloom, announced an exclusive workshop tailored to empower visionary tech entrepreneurs to seize the full potential of this premier global investment platform.

AIM Congress, scheduled for May 7-9, in Abu Dhabi, is poised to convene industry leaders, policymakers, investors, and entrepreneurs from around the world under the theme, "Adapting to a Shifting Investment Landscape: Harnessing New Potential for Global Economic Development". AIM Startup, a cornerstone ini-

tiative of AIM Congress, is dedicated to nurturing and propelling groundbreaking tech startups through its MINE framework: offering Mentorship, Investment, Networking, and Exposure.

The startup competition attracted participants from 53 countries around the world, all looking to attract investment, expand into new markets, or establish business and investment relationships in those countries, notably China, Latin America, many African countries, and others. It provides a perfect platform for participants to showcase their innovations and a chance to win cash prizes totalling up to \$60,000.

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with Bloom, which helps individuals, enterprises, and accelerators boost their impact and

growth through tools and programs, is offering participating startups an exclusive opportu-

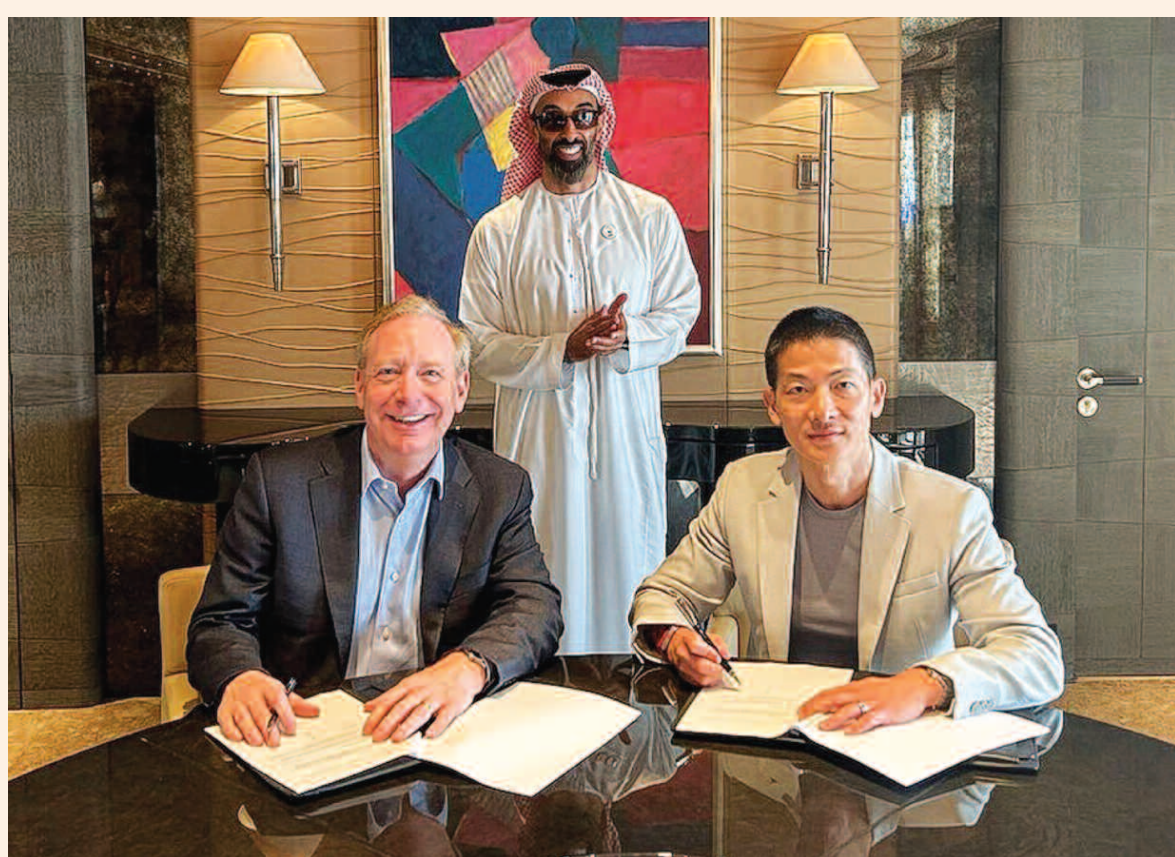
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nity to refine their pitches and enhance their readiness for the event through a two-step process. First, the startups are invited to complete a short assessment on the Bloom platform, enabling them to reflect on their preparedness for AIM Congress and prioritise key focus areas to maximise their experience.

Second, the participating startups will join a dynamic 2-hour workshop on April 18, designed

to address their top priority preparation items, provide constructive feedback, and facilitate connections with fellow entrepreneurs.

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His Highness Sheikh Tahnoun bin Zayed Al Nahyan, Deputy Ruler of Abu Dhabi and Chairman of G42, during the signing of a new partnership between G42 and Microsoft in Abu Dhabi on Tuesday —AD MEDIA OFFICE

## In the presence of Tahnoun bin Zayed, Microsoft invests \$1.5bn in Abu Dhabi's G42 to accelerate AI development, global expansion

ABU DHABI / WAM

G42, the leading UAE-based artificial intelligence (AI) technology holding company, and Microsoft on Tuesday announced a \$1.5 billion strategic investment by Microsoft in G42.

The investment will strengthen the two companies' collaboration on bringing the latest Microsoft AI technologies and skilling initiatives to the UAE and other countries around the world. As part of this expanded partnership Brad Smith, Vice Chair and President of Microsoft, will join the G42 Board of Directors.

This expanded collaboration will empower organisations of all sizes in new markets to harness the benefits

of AI and the cloud while ensuring they are adopting AI that adheres to world-leading standards in safety and security.

Building on the two organisations' long-standing collaboration in AI and digital transformation initiatives, Microsoft's investment deepens the reciprocal commitment to this strategic partnership. G42 will run its AI applications and services on Microsoft Azure and partner to deliver advanced AI solutions to global public sector clients and large enterprises.

G42 and Microsoft will also work together to bring advanced AI and digital infrastructure to countries in the Middle East, Central Asia, and Africa, providing these nations with

equitable access to services to address important governmental and business concerns while ensuring the highest standards of security and privacy.

HH Sheikh Tahnoun bin Zayed Al Nahyan, Chairman of G42, said, "Microsoft's investment in G42 marks a pivotal moment in our company's journey of growth and innovation, signifying a strategic alignment of vision and execution between the two organisations. This partnership is a testament to the shared values and aspirations for progress, fostering greater cooperation and synergy globally."

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## National Centre of Meteorology issues weather condition update

ABU DHABI / WAM

The National Centre of Meteorology (NCM) has issued a weather advisory regarding the weather condition across the country over the coming days.

NCM announced that the country will experience convective clouds over coastal areas moving towards Eastern and Western regions associated with rainfall of different intensities, accompanied by lightning and thunder, and a probability of hail in some areas.

NCM stated that another wave will begin from Western areas and spread across scattered areas of the country, where the amounts of convective clouds will increase, associated with rainfall of different intensities, lightning, thunder, and a probability of hail in some areas.

The centre added that, from Wednesday morning to afternoon, some convective clouds will form over coastal areas associated with rainfall and then will concentrate over Eastern and Northern regions, with the clouds gradually decreasing by Wednesday noon.

NCM urged residents to take all the precautions and follow the safety measures during rainfall and



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to stay away from areas of flooding and water accumulation.



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## Abu Dhabi Police ready to tackle adverse weather conditions

ABU DHABI / WAM

Abu Dhabi Police are fully prepared to handle the challenging weather conditions expected in the emirate until April 17. They will be working closely with all relevant authorities to ensure public safety.

Abu Dhabi Police and relevant entities, including the Abu Dhabi Civil Defence Authority (ADCDA), Department of Municipalities and Transport (DMT), Al Ain Municipality, Al Dhafra Municipality, and Abu Dhabi Department of Energy (DoE), will ensure to maintain the safety of the community and protect lives and property, Abu Dhabi Police General Command said in a statement.

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The Abu Dhabi Police Command and Abu Dhabi Civil Defence Authority are urging the public to take all necessary precautions and follow the updates from the National Center of Meteorology and other official sources.

The two entities are also emphasising the importance of safe driving and following safety measures, including avoiding distractions while driving, adhering to speed limits during the implementation of the speed reduction system on the roads, maintaining a safe distance between vehicles, avoiding sudden braking, and slowing down when turning to prevent the vehicle from skidding.

The Department of Energy and energy sector companies have likewise raised their readiness of emergency and instructed urgent maintenance teams to respond quickly to all reports related to power outages resulting from weather fluctuations.

ABU DHABI'S HUB71 continues to attract a diverse range of international tech start-ups to the emirate

## Hub71 welcomes 25 global start-ups as part of 14th cohort

Abu Dhabi global tech ecosystem's latest cohort raised more than \$122mn in funding, with each start-up raising \$5mn on average

ABU DHABI / WAM

Hub71, Abu Dhabi's global tech ecosystem, has welcomed 25 new start-ups as part of its latest cohort.

The selected start-ups will enter Hub71's "Access" programme, and specialist ecosystems Hub71+ Digital Assets and Hub71+ ClimateTech, bringing the total number currently in Hub71's programmes to 223. Hub71's Cohort 14 has raised more than \$122 million in funding, with each start-up raising \$5 million on average.

Hub71 continues to attract a diverse range of international tech start-ups to Abu Dhabi, receiving over 1,200 applications, with more than 65 percent from international markets. The onboarded start-ups hail from countries across the region, including the UAE, Egypt, and Saudi Arabia, and ventures from the United States, the United Kingdom,



Start-ups will receive expert mentorship and tailored advice and will be able to tap into Hub71's growing network of market and capital partners to unlock growth opportunities —WAM

“As Abu Dhabi continues to empower innovative tech companies, Hub71's revamped programmes and specialist ecosystems provide start-ups with the resources they need to succeed in a market embracing transformation and visionary founders

Ahmad Ali Alwan, CEO of Hub71

Canada, Singapore, Sweden, New Zealand, Spain, and South Korea, reinforcing Abu Dhabi's global appeal as a leading tech hub and launchpad for startup growth.

In addition, 64 percent of the cohort are Seed and Series A, reflecting Hub71's ability to scale high-potential start-ups from the early stages of growth.

Operating in nine sectors, including FinTech, ClimateTech, HealthTech, EdTech, and Mobility and Logistics, the start-ups will play a vital role in future-proofing key sectors of Abu Dhabi's economy.

Five start-ups in the cohort will join Hub71+ ClimateTech, representing the first batch to join the specialist ecosystem dedicated to advancing technologies that drive decarbonisation and support a net-zero future. The start-ups will benefit from a broad network of leading regional and global corporations, investment partners, and Abu Dhabi's progressive regulatory environment to scale their climate technologies globally.

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## Trends organises symposium on Gulf-European relations in Paris

The symposium stressed the significance of GCC-French relations and the need to develop them in various fields

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Trends Research and Advisory organised an international symposium as part of its European research tour in France on "Gulf-European relations: opportunities and prospects for cooperation and partnership".

The event was held at the Napoleon Hotel in Paris in the presence of a number of French and Arab dignitaries. The participants discussed various aspects of relations between France and the Gulf Arab countries, including political, economic and cul-

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tural cooperation.

The symposium stressed the significance of GCC-French relations and the need to strengthen and develop them in various fields. The contributors recommended means to enhance economic and trade cooperation,

supporting the exchange of technical know-how and expertise in the field of artificial intelligence and advanced technology.

They called for the promotion of cultural dialogue and exchanges between Arab and European civilisations, and strengthening the UAE-European relations as a model for effective global partnerships.

Dr Mohammed Abdullah Al-Ali, CEO of Trends Research and Advisory, referred to the depth of relations between the Gulf States and France. He described these links as multidimensional and



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historical. Dr Al-Ali said that these relations have witnessed significant advancements at various levels in recent years.

Senator Nathalie Goulet, member of the Senate of France, stressed the depth of the bilateral relations between the UAE and France, describing them as "family bonds". Senator Goulet praised the outstanding economic achievements of the UAE over the past decades, and said the UAE has become a role model in the region and beyond.

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## Environment Agency – Abu Dhabi to tag 100,000 trees across the emirate

The initiative is a collaborative effort with the EAD's strategic partners aiming to bolster sustainability, safeguard natural heritage and reinforce the emirate's position as a leader in environmental endeavours

ABU DHABI / AD MEDIA OFFICE

The Environment Agency – Abu Dhabi (EAD) has expanded its native tree-tagging programme to encompass all naturally occurring native trees in Abu Dhabi's wild habitats and natural reserves. The initiative is a collaborative effort with the agency's strategic partners aiming to bolster sustainability, safeguard Abu Dhabi's natural heritage and reinforce the emirate's position as a leader in environmental endeavours.

The agency aims to tag 100,000 native trees as part of the programme, encompassing ghaf, samar, and sidr trees, all of which naturally thrive in wild habitats and protected areas. In collaboration with its strategic partners, EAD has formulated the standards for tree tagging activities, which will be executed in diverse regions across the emirate.

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- The tree-tagging programme will be expanded to encompass trees in city parks, urban areas and along roadsides through the tree-tagging initiative managed by the Department of Municipalities and Transport



The native tree-tagging programme will contribute to enhancing data quality and updating the knowledge repository of relevant authorities concerning the status of native trees. It will achieve this by gathering comprehensive information designed for utilisation in specialised data collection and geographic linking applications

encompass trees in city parks, urban areas and along roadsides through the tree-tagging initiative managed by the Department of Municipalities and Transport (DMT). Native trees situated in agricultural zones and tourist sites will also be included in the programme, with collaboration and coordination involving the Abu Dhabi Agriculture and Food Safety Authority (ADAFSA) and the Department of Cul-

ture and Tourism – Abu Dhabi (DCT). The programme entails collecting data on the status of trees, aligning with standards compatible with the databases of the Statistics Centre - Abu Dhabi (SCAD).

Her Excellency Dr Shaikha Salem Al Dhaheeri, Secretary-General of Environment Agency – Abu Dhabi, said: "The agency has developed this programme in alignment with the vision of His Highness Sheikh Mohamed bin Zayed Al Nahyan, President of the UAE, who emphasises the significance of fostering sustainability and safeguarding the country's environmental and natural systems. This commitment is evident through the extension of the Year of Sustainability initiative into 2024, reflecting the intention to build upon the successes of the previous year. This extension underscores the country's dedication to realising a prosperous and sustainable future for all."

Her Excellency also emphasised that the programme is among the most comprehensive initiatives globally. The agency aims to tag and number all native trees growing in wild areas and natural reserves within the emirate's Sheikh Zayed Protected Areas Network. This initiative, in collaboration with strategic partners, is poised to boost the chances of success, ensuring a comprehensive and integrated approach by applying unified standards in all areas where local trees thrive. This aligns with existing cooperation frameworks with partners and strengthens the overall effectiveness of the programme.

Ahmed Al Hashemi, Executive Director of the Terrestrial and Marine Biodiversity Sector at Environment Agency – Abu Dhabi, said: "The expansion of the programme underscores EAD's dedication to enhancing the preservation of our local native trees, esteemed as one of Abu Dhabi's abundant natural treasures."

"Within the initial three months since the program's initiation in November 2023, EAD successfully tagged over 17,000 trees. Native trees in Abu Dhabi are confronted with multiple challenges. Apart from the adversities induced by climate change, leading to a significant decline in rainfall across

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Secretary-General, Environment Agency – Abu Dhabi



In collaboration with its strategic partners, EAD has formulated the standards for tree tagging activities, which will be executed in diverse regions across Abu Dhabi

diverse habitats of the emirate, the tree cover encounters additional pressures stemming from unlawful encroachments. These include unauthorised firewood collection and unregulated overgrazing. These activities have a detrimental impact on the natural regeneration of native tree species."

According to Al Hashemi, EAD has shared community awareness messages regarding violations and the associated administrative fines as stipulated in EAD's Board Resolution No. (2) of 2021, addressing infringements on native trees both within and outside natural reserves. These messages have also been incorporated onto identification tree tags/signs, presented in Arabic, English, and Urdu, affixed to tree trunks. This measure is expected to bolster the

agency's efforts in enforcing approved environmental laws and legislation.

The programme will also contribute to enhancing data quality and updating the knowledge repository of relevant authorities concerning the status of native trees. It will achieve this by gathering comprehensive information specifically designed for utilisation in specialised data collection and geographic linking applications. These applications are designed to facilitate the direct transfer of field data to the Environment Agency - Abu Dhabi's (EAD) environmental database, enabling real-time reporting on the programme's advancements. The agency will also collaborate with its partners to execute the electronic coding of native trees situated in forests and along highway belts, totalling over 20 million trees.

## ADAFSA issues decision on supplier qualifications for fodder market

The move aims to ensure quality of animal feed supply to beneficiaries of the direct smart cash support programme for livestock breeders

ABU DHABI / AD MEDIA OFFICE

Abu Dhabi Agriculture and Food Safety Authority (ADAFSA) has issued a decision regarding the qualifications required for suppliers in the fodder market under the Abu Dhabi Livestock Breeders Support Programme. The decision aims to ensure the quality and continuity of animal feed supply to beneficiaries of the direct smart cash support programme for livestock breeders. It sets out conditions that must be met by fodder suppliers seeking to supply fodder to the programme, while also seeking to enhance private sector participation and increase investment opportunities in the agricultural sector.

The decision outlines 10 conditions for qualifying feed suppliers to participate in the programme. These include the requirement for grass fodder suppliers to be licensed in the Abu Dhabi emirate, and for fodder suppliers to have the capability for self-production or direct contracting for the purchase of grass fodder from the source country. Additionally,



Suppliers must adhere to quality, environmental, health, and safety management systems, as well as register with the digital and electronic systems approved by ADAFSA

Abu Dhabi Agriculture and Food Safety Authority (ADAFSA) will provide all forms of support to suppliers to ensure compliance with the requirements of the decision and to achieve the objectives of the Livestock Breeders Support Programme in Abu Dhabi

**His Excellency Rashid Mohamed Al Mansoori**  
Executive Director of the Animal Wealth Sector at ADAFSA

suppliers must have the capacity to store feed and production inputs to ensure continuity of distribution operations. The decision also mandates that suppliers of concentrated pellet feed

own a factory in the country for its production.

Logistical prerequisites specified in the decision include offering a fodder-loading service for beneficiaries and possessing the

necessary equipment and facilities to deliver the service and maintain business continuity.

Suppliers must also adhere to quality, environmental, health, and safety management systems, as well as register with the digital and electronic systems approved by ADAFSA.

In addition, the decision outlines 12 performance indicators to assess suppliers' compliance with the programme's fodder supply requirements.

These indicators encompass strategic partnership and cooperation with ADAFSA, commitment to supplying specified quantities, varieties, and types of feed in accordance with ADAFSA guidelines, management of strategic stocks, diversification of feed sources, and compliance with feed prices and competitiveness.

Performance indicators also include timely supply and delivery, provision of additional services to beneficiaries, innovation, sustainability, responsiveness to beneficiaries' complaints, and provision of regular data and reports.

## NLA hosts fourth edition of International Translation Conference in Abu Dhabi

ABU DHABI / AD MEDIA OFFICE

The National Library and Archives (NLA) will host the fourth edition of the International Translation Conference at its headquarters in Abu Dhabi from April 17-18. Held under the theme Pushing New Boundaries: Translation and Building Knowledge Societies, the conference will discuss more than 35 research papers.

His Excellency Abdullah Majed Al Ali, the Director-General of the National Library and Archives, said: "We are pleased to announce the completion of the necessary preparations for the Fourth International Translation Conference, which attracts intellectual elites in the UAE and abroad, as they will be able to acquaint themselves with a variety of new research papers and innovative ideas that represent a significant addition in the field of translation in several languages. The convening of this conference will add to the tangible benefits achieved in the previous three conferences in which many experts from around the world presented research papers, which now become important references for translators and scholars in the field of translation."

His Excellency called upon all those interested in translation sciences to follow the conference informative activities. The conference sessions will revolve around the following axes: Translation of Historical Archives, including British, Portuguese, and Indian; the role of translation in dictionary building; translation of



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travel literature; machine translation; enriching scientific and medical libraries post-Covid-19 and translation of Arab and Islamic heritage in Europe before the Renaissance and so on.

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China's Canton Fair attracts throngs of global buyers

GUANGZHOU / WAM

The 135th session of the China Import and Export Fair, widely known as the Canton Fair, kicked off with an impressive display of the country's economic resilience and commitment to global trade.

The event, which will run until May 5, welcomed over 60,000 international buyers on its first day, with the total number of registered attendees surpassing 149,000 from 215 countries and regions.

The Canton Fair, frequently recognised as the world's largest trade exhibition, covers an expansive area of 1.55 million square meters. It accommodates 28,600 enterprises participating in the export exhibition and 680 firms in the import exhibition. Buyers from around the world attend the fair with enthusiasm, seeking to discover the newest high-quality products and establish business relationships with Chinese manufacturers, as reported by the Global Times.

Exhibitors emphasised the significance of the Canton Fair in helping enterprises secure global orders, expand their market reach, and strengthen China's foreign trade and investment.

The fair also serves as a testament to China's economic transformation and upgrading. While consumer goods were once the primary focus, the proportion of intermediate and capital goods on display has increased to 12 percent in recent years.

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DUBAI'S prime residential market has grown by 26.3 percent over the last 12 months: Knight Frank

Dubai records \$1.7b in luxury home sales in Q1 2024, says Knight Frank

The emirate's prime residential market, which includes Palm Jumeirah, Jumeirah Bay Island, and Emirates Hills, has experienced a surge in performance, said the consultant

DUBAI / WAM

One hundred and five homes priced in excess of \$10 million were sold in Dubai during the first three months of the year, up 19 percent on Q1 2023, according to the latest analysis from global property consultant, Knight Frank.

Faisal Durrani, Partner - Head of Research, MENA, explained, "The level of deal activity in Dubai continues to strengthen, particularly at the top end of the market, where the near constant stream of international high-net-worth-individuals vying for the city's most expensive homes persists."

"The laser-like focus of the global wealthy on Dubai is best reflected in the rapid deterioration in the volume of \$10 million+ homes for sale, which has fallen by 59 percent across the city over the last 12 months to just 864 homes."

The total value of luxury homes sold during Q1 stands at \$1.73 billion, up six percent from Q1 2023. This builds on Dubai's emergence as the world's busiest \$10 million+ homes market. Knight Frank says that last year, Dubai recorded 431 home sales above \$10 million, nearly 80 percent higher than the next nearest contender—London (240). New York (211) rounded off the world's top three most active luxury home markets in 2023.

Palm Jumeirah registered deals worth \$628 million, and dominated the luxury homes market during Q1, accounting for 36.3 percent of sales by total value. Jumeirah Bay Island (11.1 percent) and Dubai Hills Estate (seven percent) followed in second and third place, respectively.



While Palm Jumeirah (39) led the pack in terms of the total number of luxury homes sold, Palm Jebel Ali (ten) and Business Bay (seven) registered more high-end home sales than Jumeirah Bay Island or Dubai Hills Estate, according to the latest analysis from global property consultant, Knight Frank

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Prices have unsurprisingly responded to the growing demand to live here and have risen by almost 11 percent in the last 12 months, while the number of homes available for sale has fallen by 75 percent to just over 1,000 units this past March."

Knight Frank has previously found in its Destination Dubai 2023 report that access to parks and green space ranks as the most important consideration amongst global HNWI when considering an investment in the emirate. According to Knight Frank, Dubai's prime residential market, which includes Palm Jumeirah, Jumeirah Bay Island, and Emirates Hills, has also experienced a surge in performance.

Durrani concluded, "After growing by 16.3 percent in 2023, following an extraordinary 44.4 percent increase during 2022, Dubai's prime residential market has grown by 26.3 percent over the last 12 months, easily making it one of, if not the fastest growing prime residential market globally. While these startling growth rates are phenomenal, it does not take away from the fact that Dubai's luxury homes market still remains one of the most affordable in the world.

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According to Knight Frank, other markets, away from the headline-grabbing Palm Jumeirah, Jumeirah Bay Island, and Emirates Hills, are fast rising in prominence among luxury home buyers, with Dubai Hills Estate, for instance, standing out as a market to watch.

Will McKintosh, Regional Partner and Head of Prime Residential, MENA, said, "Dubai Hills Estate has

quietly for some time been rising up the ranks as not only one of Dubai's most sought-after markets for domestic buyers, but now luxury home buyers are increasingly active here too.

"The relative proximity to both Downtown and New Dubai, combined with access to an international school, excellent neighbourhood facilities and amenities, and, of course, its abundance of green space, is quickly making Dubai Hills Estate one of Dubai's most desirable neigh-

Gold prices ticks up on Tuesday

WORLD CAPITALS / WAM

Gold prices ticked up on Tuesday, not too far away from a record high hit last week, Reuters reported.

Spot gold was up 0.2% at \$2,387.11 per ounce, as of 0355 GMT, after hitting an all-time high of \$2,431.29 on Friday. US gold futures rose 0.9% at \$2,403.90.



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# Dubai International named world's busiest international airport for 10th consecutive year

DUBAI / WAM

The Airports Council International (ACI) unveiled the highly anticipated preliminary top 10 busiest airports worldwide for 2023, showcasing significant shifts driven by the resurgence of international air travel, where Dubai International (DXB) retained its title as the world's busiest international airport for international travel, for the 10th year running.

Acknowledging the achievement, Dubai Airports CEO Paul Griffiths said: "While this milestone was greatly anticipated, its official confirmation instills us with great pride. DXB is proud to uphold its status as the world's foremost international airport for an unparalleled ten years."

"Throughout this decade, DXB has surpassed many records and attained numerous milestones, from welcoming our billionth passenger to introducing new terminals and facilities, collaborating with numerous airlines to broaden connectivity to diverse global destinations, all the while enhancing every aspect of the airport experience for our guests," said Griffiths in a statement on this remarkable feat.

"Our unwavering commitment to operational excellence has set new benchmarks, cementing DXB's position as a leading entity in global aviation. This remarkable achievement underscores Dubai's collaborative ethos. Our success owes much to the collective efforts of all service partners within the airport community and the broader aviation, travel, and tourism sectors. Together, we have bolstered Dubai's reputation as the premier destination, offering unparalleled travel experiences worldwide."

"As we look ahead, our focus remains clear. We are determined to maintain DXB's dominant position for the next decade and beyond. Through sustained collaboration and innovation, we are poised to shape the future of global aviation, ensuring DXB remains synonymous with excellence across every facet of the passenger journey," he concluded.

ACI World Director General Luis Felipe de Oliveira said, "Global air travel in 2023 was chiefly fuelled by the international segment, propelled by several factors. Among these were the anticipated benefits from China's

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reopening and a growing inclination towards travel despite macroeconomic conditions. While perennial leaders from the US continue to dominate the top 10 busiest airports for passengers, notably Hartsfield-Jackson Atlanta International Airport retaining its number one position, there are notable

shifts. Dubai International Airport jumped to second rank for the first time, while Tokyo Haneda International Airport witnessed a remarkable ascent from 16th position in 2022 to 5th in 2023.

"Additionally, the unwavering strength of Istanbul and New Delhi airports keep them in top ranks, marking significant progress over 2019."

"Notably, cargo continues to play a key role in world commerce despite the year-over-year decrease. Hong Kong International Airport has maintained the top position, followed by Memphis International Airport and Shanghai Pudong International Airport. Doha International Airport rejoins the top 10, jumping to number 8 with a growth of 6.3% over 2019."

"The rankings highlight the crucial role these transportation hubs play in global connectivity, commerce, and economic development. Airports continue to demonstrate their resilience and adaptability amidst the challenges posed by the ever-evolving landscape of global travel. ACI World remains dedicated to advocating for airports worldwide throughout pivotal stages of policy formulation and to advancing the pursuit of airport excellence."

Airport rankings are based on data gathered from over 2,600 airports across more than 180 countries and territories globally. This vast dataset places ACI World in a distinctive position as the foremost authority on airport travel demand, ensuring the utmost accuracy and reliability in its rankings.

## Sanad solidifies its partnership with Asiana Airlines at AED532 million

CHICAGO / WAM

Sanad, the global aerospace engineering and leasing solutions leader wholly owned by Abu Dhabi's sovereign investor Mubadala Investment Company PJSC (Mubadala), solidified its partnership with Asiana Airlines, the second largest airline in South Korea, through a five-year contract extension valued at \$145 million (AED532 million). This agreement emphasises Sanad's global industry leadership and



commitment to providing elite Maintenance, Repair, and Overhaul (MRO) services for V2500

engines.

The agreement with Asiana Airlines was announced at the renowned MRO Americas event in Chicago, which is globally recognised as the leading MRO event in the aerospace industry, attracting over 16,000 industry professionals.

Under this new agreement, Sanad will service Asiana Airlines' V2500 engine fleet, leveraging its state-of-the-art facilities in Abu Dhabi.

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**COMPANY NAME CHANGE UNDER NOTICE NO. SR-1035090**

Ras Al Khaimah Economic Zone hereby gives notice that CHIC EVENT SOLUTIONS FZE (Registration No. RAKIA74FZ312126369), intends to change the company name from CHIC EVENT SOLUTIONS FZE to Dark Watch Experiences FZ-LLC .

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**SHARE TRANSFER UNDER NOTICE NO. SR-1032652**

Ras Al Khaimah Economic Zone hereby gives notice that Protect Plast Co. LLC (Registration No. RAKIA34IZ306081257), intends to transfer the shares as follows,

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The Registrar of Companies of RAK Economic Zone Authority (RAKEZ) hereby gives notice that **ATEXCO FZ-LLC** (Registration No. 000000403230) has applied for De-registration of the Company. Any objection to the aforesaid De-registration should be made in writing within Fourteen (14) days from the date of the publication of this notice to the below address:

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The Registrar of Companies of RAK Economic Zone Authority (RAKEZ) hereby gives notice that **CB CHIMIE FZ-LLC** (Registration No. 0000004032708) has applied for De-registration of the Company. Any objection to the aforesaid De-registration should be made in writing within Fourteen (14) days from the date of the publication of this notice to the below address:

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**DE-REGISTRATION NOTICE NO. (SR-1022824)**

The Registrar of Companies of RAK Economic Zone Authority (RAKEZ) hereby gives notice that **DBZ Acoustics Consultancy FZ-LLC** (Registration No. 0000004035654) has applied for De-registration of the Company. Any objection to the aforesaid De-registration should be made in writing within Fourteen (14) days from the date of the publication of this notice to the below address:

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The Registrar of Companies of RAK Economic Zone Authority (RAKEZ) hereby gives notice that **Exclusive Care Support FZ-LLC** (Registration No. 0000004035558) has applied for De-registration of the Company. Any objection to the aforesaid De-registration should be made in writing within Fourteen (14) days from the date of the publication of this notice to the below address:

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**DE-REGISTRATION NOTICE NO. (SR-1034323)**

The Registrar of Companies of RAK Economic Zone Authority (RAKEZ) hereby gives notice that **Smart Family FZ-LLC** (Registration No. 0000004038454) has applied for De-registration of the Company. Any objection to the aforesaid De-registration should be made in writing within Fourteen (14) days from the date of the publication of this notice to the below address:

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**CHANGE OF NAME**

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I, **SOCORRINA JOSE BRAGANZA** holder of Indian Passport No. T6777084 issued at DUBAI on 15/05/2019 resident of H NO A 79 VERNA SALCETE, SOUTH GOA PIN 403722, GOA, INDIA and presently residing at RAS AL KHAIMAH, U.A.E. do hereby change my name from **SOCORRINA JOSE BRAGANZA** to **SOCORRINA FERNANDES** with immediate effect.

# UAE-based Playbook set to expand internationally, starting with UK

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Playbook, the UAE-based lifestyle platform offering live F&B and leisure experience listings, is set to expand into the UK market, launching with 200 venues in London by April 2024, and a further 2,000 venues in the second quarter of the year. The initial partner brands will be at and around the city's entertainment district, Covent Garden, with future expansion plans into 18 UK cities over the next two years.

Showcasing 50,000+ consumers, 4,000+ food and drink offerings, 2,000+ trending bars, restaurants, and hotels, and 200+ monthly campaigns from partner brands, Playbook features global brands such as Pizza Express, Hilton Hotels, and Marriot Properties. In the UK this includes partnerships with TGP International, including venues such as Pivot Bar & Bistro, El Ta'koy – both at Covent Garden, Assembly Mezze and Skewers, located inside of the iconic Harrods, and by the award-winning chef Athanasios Kargatzidis.

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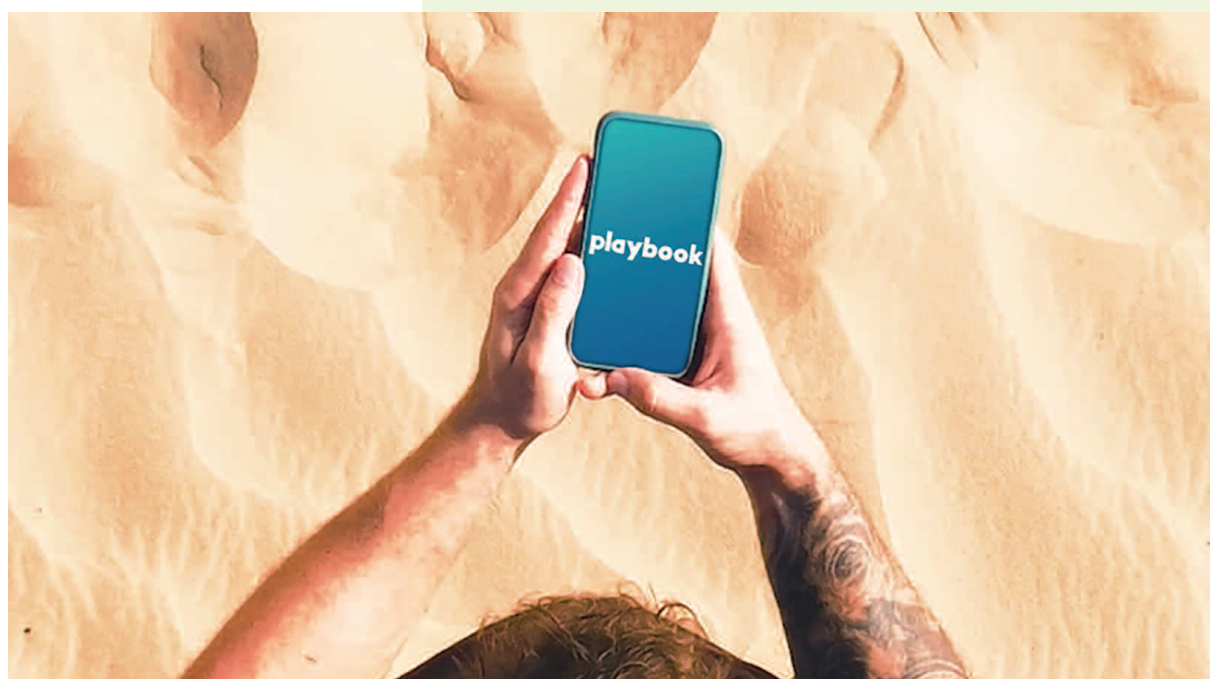
geted customer audiences, in real time.

"We are excited to expand into the UK over the next two years, launching so many venues, and rapidly scaling the business. Based on our success locally, our ultimate vision is to give customers globally, access to real-time F&B and hospitality outlets and internal offers, at the touch of a button," said Joshua Ashley-Collins, CEO & Co-Founder, Playbook.

With a proven track record and success locally in the UAE, the company aims to scale to multiple markets starting from the UK, and further revolutionise current consumer habits for finding every city's best F&B offers.

For more information about Playbook, please visit [www.my-playbook.com/](http://www.my-playbook.com/) or follow them on socials to keep up with the latest news @playbookuae on Instagram, and the-playbookme on LinkedIn. To download the app, visit the App Store and Google Play Store.

The data-driven technology company is set to launch with 200 venues around London's Covent Garden, with future expansion into 18 cities across the country



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## BLOSSOM NURSERY

### ensures safeguarding for every child, and this is how

May Zalat, Head of Education at Blossom Nursery, shares valuable information on creating a secure environment for little ones

**W**hat is safeguarding in a nursery setting?

Safeguarding in an Early Years setting refers to the measures and practices implemented to protect the well-being and safety of children. Safeguarding involves creating a secure environment, identifying and minimising risks, and promoting the welfare of children in all aspects of their lives. It includes policies and procedures to prevent harm, abuse, neglect, or exploitation of children.



Training for teachers in Blossom Nurseries and Early Learning Centers is of utmost importance in preventing abuse and ensuring the safety and well-being of children. Through comprehensive training, educators gain essential knowledge about different forms of abuse, their signs, and their indicators



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**What does safeguarding in educational establishments, especially nurseries, encompass?**

It encompasses staff training, risk as-

essments, appropriate supervision, secure premises, clear communication with parents or guardians, and reporting and responding to concerns or incidents. The goal is to ensure that children are safe, nurtured, and able to thrive in their early years of development.

**What are the various forms of abuse you need to be aware of?**

The four most prevalent abuse, and each can have severe and long-lasting effects on the child's well-being, are physical abuse, emotional abuse, neglect, and domestic violence.

It is crucial to recognise the signs of abuse and seek help for the child experiencing it.

Physical abuse constitutes the intentional use of physical force that causes harm or injury to a child, such as hitting, shaking, or burning. Emotional Abuse constitutes the ongoing emotional mistreatment of a child, which may involve constant criticism, humiliation, or rejection, leading to emotional or psychological harm. Neglect, often ignored, is the failure to provide adequate care, supervision, or basic needs for a child's well-being, such as food, shelter, clothing, medical care, or emotional support. And fi-



nally, domestic violence, where a child witnesses or is being exposed to violence between adults, such as physical or verbal abuse, can have a severe impact on a child's well-being.

**How do children benefit from safeguarding measures?**

1. Well-being and Safety: Children have the right to grow and develop in a safe and secure environment. Preventing abuse ensures their physical,

emotional, and psychological well-being, allowing them to thrive and reach their full potential.

2. Long-term Impact: Abuse during early childhood can have profound and long-lasting effects on a child's development. It can lead to physical injuries, emotional trauma, cognitive impairments, and difficulties in forming healthy relationships.

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