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UAE President, Rulers of the Emirates, and Sheikhs offer condolences to Mohammed bin Rashid on passing of Ahmed bin Rashid

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UAE President His Highness Sheikh Mohamed bin Zayed Al Nahyan and Their Highnesses the Supreme Council Members and Rulers of the Emirates on Tuesday offered their condolences to His Highness Sheikh Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum, Vice President and Prime Minister of the UAE and Ruler of Dubai, on the passing of Sheikh Ahmed bin Rashid Al Maktoum.

Those offering their condolences included His Highness Sheikh Dr Sultan bin Mohammed Al Qasimi, Supreme Council Member and Ruler of Sharjah; His Highness Sheikh Hamad bin Mohammed Al Sharqi, Supreme Council Member and Ruler of Fujairah; His Highness Sheikh Saud bin Rashid Al Mualla, Supreme Council Member and Ruler of Umm Al Quwain; His Highness Sheikh Saud bin Saqr Al Qasimi, Supreme Council Member and Ruler of Ras Al Khaimah; and His Highness Sheikh Mansour bin Zayed Al Nahyan, Vice President, Deputy Prime Minister and Chairman of the Presidential Court.

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DCT Abu Dhabi strengthens global trade network with over 20 deals at ATM

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The Department of Culture and Tourism – Abu Dhabi (DCT Abu Dhabi) has signed and renewed 21 trade and industry partnership agreements at Arabian Travel Market, strengthening the emirate's global commercial network and advancing the objectives of Tourism

Strategy 2030. In addition, the organisation was recognised for its commitment to experiential authenticity with an accolade for Best Stand Feature at this year's show. Designed to immerse visitors in the emirate's rich heritage, the Experience Abu Dhabi stand was recognised for its striking showcases,

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DCT Abu Dhabi strengthened its reach in priority source markets, signing nine joint marketing partnerships with Indian travel companies during the event, with terms of between 12 and 18 months, targeting 75,500 additional visitors to the emirate—WAM

from the Liwa International Festival buggy to cultural activations by local artisans. Further, the space integrated sustainable practices, including replanting flora and minimising environmental im-

pact. This recognition highlights the dedication of the teams who brought this authentic, socially conscious vision to life.

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UAE leads Middle East private capital markets

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BlackRock's Aladdin on Tuesday released Market Evolution: The Middle East, a new report examining the region's shift from a source of global private markets capital to a destination for private capital deployment. The report identifies the UAE as the region's leading private capital markets, supported by economic transformation programmes, expanding infrastructure investment and growing institutional sophistication. The report also analyses the allocations, deal activity and investor trends reshaping private markets across the Middle East and shows growing investor conviction, rising domestic deployment and expanding opportunities, particularly in technology and infrastructure.

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That shift is visible across the region's largest investors. Middle East sovereign wealth funds tracked by Preqin allocate 43% of their exposure to private capital, compared with 35% for their rest-of-world peers, and appetite continues to build.

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Abu Dhabi to host Mubadala Sail Grand Prix 2026 Grand Final in November 2026

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Abu Dhabi will host the Mubadala Abu Dhabi Sail Grand Prix – 2026 Season Grand Final on 28-29 November, organised by Abu Dhabi Sports Council (ADSC), as the season-ending event of the Rolex SailGP Championship takes place at Emirates Palace Mandarin Oriental for the first time. SailGP has announced that tickets are now on sale for the season finale, which will bring together the world's leading teams to compete for the title

and a US\$2 million prize in one of the championship's most prominent events, combining high-speed racing with an engaging spectator experience. The championship returns to Abu Dhabi following the success of last season's event, which drew a strong crowd and concluded with Emirates Great Britain claiming its first Rolex SailGP Championship title. The 2026 Season is the biggest in the championship's history, featuring 13 international teams competing on identical, state-of-the-art F50



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catamarans capable of exceeding 100 km/h in races held close to shore, delivering a distinctive sporting and spectator experience. The Abu Dhabi finale will be preceded by the Emirates Dubai Sail Grand Prix, presented by DP World, on 21-22 November. The

Dubai event will serve as the penultimate round of the 2026 Season before the teams travel to Abu Dhabi for the decisive battle for the championship title. Aref Hamad Al Awani, General Secretary of ADSC, said, "Hosting the Mubadala Abu

Dhabi Sail Grand Prix – 2026 Season Grand Final at Emirates Palace for the first time reflects Abu Dhabi's growing stature as a leading global destination for major international sporting events. "We are delighted to welcome the championship back to Abu Dhabi and to host the decisive round of the season, bringing together elite teams and athletes from around the world at one of the capital's most iconic landmarks."

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UAE leaders congratulate President of Mali on Independence Day

UAE President His Highness Sheikh Mohamed bin Zayed Al Nahyan has sent a congratulatory message to Army General Assimi Goïta, President of the Transition and Head of State of the Republic of Mali, on the occasion of his country's Independence Day.

His Highness Sheikh Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum, Vice President, Prime Minister and Ruler of Dubai, and His Highness Sheikh Mansour bin Zayed Al Nahyan, Vice President, Deputy Prime Minister and Chairman of the Presidential Court, also dispatched similar messages to Army General Assimi Goïta, President of the Transition and Head of State of the Republic of Mali, and Major General Abdoulaye Maïga, Prime Minister.

M42 is a global health leader powered by AI, technology and genomics

M42 advances Central Asia ambitions as Diaverum enters Kyrgyzstan

M42's growing presence in the region reflects its ambition to support healthcare systems by combining care delivery with various capabilities

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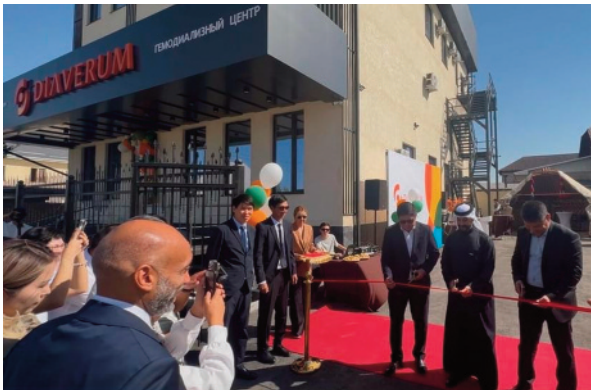
M42, a global health leader powered by artificial intelligence (AI), technology and genomics, on Tuesday announced that its world-leading renal care business, Diaverum, is opening its first clinic in Kyrgyzstan, marking an expansion for M42 in the Central Asia region.

This expansion comes as Diaverum celebrates its 10-year anniversary in Kazakhstan, the largest country in the region, and follows M42's strategic partnership with Uzbekistan's Ministry of Health to collaborate and explore opportunities for strategic partnerships on the Uzbek Genome Programme.

Combined, M42's growing presence in the region reflects its ambition to support healthcare systems by combining specialised care delivery with capabilities in genomics, AI, and digital health. Located in Bishkek, the new Diaverum clinic in Kyrgyzstan creates a platform for future growth and collaboration with the local healthcare system.

Nearly half a million adults in Kyrgyzstan are estimated to be living with chronic kidney disease, with recent research indicating a prevalence of 10.8% among the country's adult population, underlining the need for accessible, high-quality renal care.

The clinic's official inauguration was hosted by Amanatur Ryskulov, General Manager, Diaverum South-east Asia and Central Asia, and attended by Ziyad Kabli, Chief Operations Officer, M42 Middle East and Asia, to-



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Dimitris Moulavasilis, Group Chief Executive Officer of M42

gether with other members of the regional leadership team at M42; Mohamed Salmeen, Head of Support Services, Consular Affairs and Nationals Services Section at the UAE Embassy in Bishkek; Nurlan Mamyr, Honorary Consul of Sweden to the Kyrgyz Republic; the management of the Ministry of Health of the Kyrgyz Republic and the National Investment agency under the President of the Kyrgyz Republic, as well as senior representatives from public health authorities and other government bodies.

The clinic will begin operations with 15 dialysis stations running three shifts

from Monday to Saturday, with the potential to expand capacity to 20 stations over time. It will introduce Diaverum's established AI-enabled, patient-centered Care Delivery Model, combining international clinical standards, strong clinical governance and local expertise to support safe, consistent and high-quality care.

While initially focusing on delivering high-quality dialysis services, the Bishkek clinic aims to work with local healthcare stakeholders to support a broader approach to kidney health, including prevention, early intervention, peritoneal dialysis, home care and the coordi-

nated management of related health conditions.

Commenting on the opening, Dimitris Moulavasilis, Group Chief Executive Officer of M42, said, “At M42, we are building a global health intelligence platform that brings together clinical expertise, technology, data and genomics to address complex health challenges. Our growth in Central Asia demonstrates how our model can support different healthcare priorities from specialized renal care in Kazakhstan and Kyrgyzstan to advancing prevention-first care in Uzbekistan. Through strong local partnerships, we aim to contribute to more connected, sustainable and future-ready healthcare systems across the region that serve people with their healthcare needs.”

As M42 continues to expand globally, its engagement across Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan and Uzbekistan demonstrates its diverse capabilities to support the priorities of different healthcare systems.

Ziyad Kabli, Chief Operating Officer, Middle East & Asia at M42, said, “Central Asia is an important growth region for M42 and our approach is grounded in long-term collaboration aligned with local healthcare priorities. Kazakhstan demonstrates what can be achieved through sustained commitment, while our entry into Kyrgyzstan expands access to high-quality renal care. Alongside our partnership in Uzbekistan, these developments demonstrate M42's commitment to more integrated, preventive and data-enabled healthcare across the region.”

UNEP recognises UAE among sustainable ‘Cool Leaders’



The UAE's leadership in sustainable cooling includes its early adoption and expansion of district cooling, which can deliver the same level of comfort with significantly lower energy consumption than conventional cooling systems —WAM

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The United Arab Emirates has been recognised as one of the inaugural ‘Cool Leaders’ for its leadership in advancing sustainable cooling and strengthening global efforts to protect people from extreme heat.

The recognition was announced during the Global Cooling Pledge Assembly 2026 in Singapore, organised by the United Nations Environment Programme and the Cool Coalition, highlighting the UAE's experience in district cooling and its contribution to advancing cooling as a component of global climate and development policies.

The recognition reflects the UAE's continued efforts to translate its commitments under the Global Cooling

Pledge into practical action. In one of the world's hottest climates, cooling can account for the majority of peak electricity demand during the summer, making cooling efficiency, resilient infrastructure, and long-term planning critical to the country's energy and climate priorities.

The UAE has been a regional leader in scaling district cooling, while also advancing energy efficiency, sustainable cooling technologies and international cooperation. The UAE played a key role in advancing sustainable cooling on the global agenda during COP28, hosted in Dubai in 2023, when it partnered with the UNEP-led Cool Coalition to develop the Global Cooling Pledge.

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Nearly 1,400 students join KU-UNESCO water hackathon

It forms part of Khalifa University's water-focused initiatives in the lead-up to 2026 UN Water Conference in Abu Dhabi

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Khalifa University of Science and Technology on Tuesday announced the registration of 1,398 university students forming 238 teams from 56 countries for the Khalifa University-UNESCO Global Water Hackathon 2026, bringing a new generation of innovators into a UAE-led effort to shape how water is sustained in the decades ahead.

The Hackathon forms part of Khalifa University's broader water-focused initiatives in the lead-up to the 2026 UN Water Conference in Abu Dhabi, contributing research, innovation, international collaboration and youth engagement to the growing momentum around the global gathering. Through initia-

tives such as the Global Water Hackathon, Youth4Water and the UNESCO Chair on Global Water Resilience, Innovation and Sustainable Solutions, Khalifa University is creating platforms that connect scientific expertise with emerging talent and practical solutions to support the wider water agenda.

Led by Khalifa University's Centre for Membranes and Advanced Water Technology (CMAT), the competition shifts into its next phase, focused on developing, testing and refining solutions. Selected teams will begin developing solutions within a structured research framework supported by academic advisers, technical specialists and industry mentors, through problem framing, validation and technical re-



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view to transform early ideas into credible responses to pressing water challenges.

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ing place in Abu Dhabi from 8th to 10th December. Co-hosted by the UAE and Senegal, the Conference will bring together global leaders, policymakers and innovators to accelerate action on water security and the UN Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) 6.

The UAE has large representation, with 266 students across 70 teams participating in the Hackathon. International participation includes 124 students

from Saudi Arabia, 91 from India, 86 from Pakistan, 48 from Egypt, 33 from Indonesia and 27 from Singapore. Also represented are 24 students from Australia, 17 from the US, six from Germany and five each from France, China, Thailand and Vietnam, alongside participants from countries across South America, East and Southeast Asia, the wider Middle East and Africa.

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