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INDIA UAE

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INTRODUCTION

India and the United Arab Emirates (UAE) share a special and close relationship with multiple high-level visits in both directions reflecting their strong bonds. Landmark policies have been instituted in bilateral cooperation over the recent past, with the Comprehensive Economic Partnership Agreement (CEPA) signed in record time to take the economic engagement to new heights. The launch of RuPay card in UAE was another major agreement between the two sides.

UAE is home to about 3.5 million Indian diaspora and remains the most popular destination for Indian workers seeking work overseas. It represents a huge and significant market for the Indian film and entertainment industry as well.

India and the UAE are committed to increase their trade and investment partnership and have set ambitious targets for expanding their economic relations in multiple dimensions, including agriculture and food security, infrastructure, energy, institutional investments, and defence, among others.

Several institutional mechanisms have been set up for deepening bilateral engagement

**India-UAE
Strategic Dialogue**

**High-level Task Force
on Investment**

**Joint Committee
on Manpower**

**Joint Working Group
on Skill Development**

**Joint Commission
Meeting for technical and
economic cooperation**



India and the UAE are members of the I2U2 group along with Israel and the US to deepen technological and private sector collaboration in the region and tackle transnational challenges in six focus areas: water, energy, transportation, space, health and food security.

Features of the UAE economy

Strategic location	Large sovereign wealth funds	3.8% of budget spend on infrastructure and economic resources
~73% GDP from non-oil sector	40 free zones	60% of FDI among Gulf Cooperation Council countries

Key facts

GDP at current prices US\$ 499 billion	Real GDP Growth 3.5% (IMF forecast for 2023)	GDP per capita ~ US\$ 50,000	Population 10 million
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Key industries

Oil and gas	Tourism and hospitality	Construction and real estate
	Financial services	Aviation and aerospace

The UAE aims at building a knowledge-based future-focused business sector

Towards the Next 50 Strategy

Integrated economy	Entrepreneurship and SME	Tourism
	FDI and exports	Attracting and retaining talent

INDIAN ECONOMY ON THE FAST TRACK

Key facts

US\$ 3.4 trillion economy

9.1% GDP growth rate in 2021-22; 7.2% in 2022-23; 7.8% in Q1 FY2023-24

Expected to contribute more than 15% to global growth in 2023 - IMF

Highest ever exports at US\$ 772 billion in 2022-23

522 million working population with median age of 29 years

Foreign exchange reserves at ~ US\$ 600 billion

Committed fiscal deficit reduction

Hefty increase in government spending on infrastructure

The Indian economy is one of the fastest-growing and most dynamic in the world. It has a population of over 1.4 billion people, a large and diverse market, and a rich cultural heritage.

Share of private consumption in GDP rose to 58.5%, highest in 18 years

Share of investment in GDP increased to 34%, highest in 11 years

A young and skilled workforce

India has the second-largest labor force in the world, with more than half of its population under the age of 25. India also has a strong education system, producing millions of graduates every year in various fields such as engineering, science, medicine, and management.

Largest working age population at 995 million in 2025

A resilient and diversified economy

India has a well-balanced economy, with a mix of agriculture, industry, and services.

**Largest producer of milk, pulses, spices, and cotton;
2nd largest producer of wheat, rice, fruits, and vegetables.**

India also has a strong industrial base, with sectors such as textiles, chemicals, pharmaceuticals, automobiles, and information technology.

Rapid growth in vehicles, beverages, machinery & equipment, basic metals, and chemicals in 2022-23

India's services sector is the fastest-growing in the world, contributing to more than half of its GDP. India's services sector includes sectors such as banking, insurance, tourism, healthcare, education, and entertainment.

Largest exporter of IT services

A huge domestic market

India has a large and growing consumer market, with a rising middle class and increasing disposable income.

India has more than 1.2 billion mobile phone users, more than 700 million internet users, and more than 300 million online shoppers.

Rural market of more than 900 million people

A global player

India is an active and influential player in the global arena, with strong diplomatic and strategic ties with many countries.

India is also a nuclear power and a space power, with achievements such as launching satellites, sending missions to the moon and Mars, and developing indigenous rockets and missiles.

3rd lunar mission Chandrayaan 3 first to land on South Pole of Moon

These are some of the positives of the Indian economy that make it an exciting and promising economic partner.

BY 2047*

Expected to
grow to US\$ 32
trillion GDP

Manufacturing to
grow to US\$ 6.2
trillion

Exports of goods
and services to grow
to US\$ 8 trillion

*CII calculations



INDIA'S RECENT ECONOMIC POLICIES SETTING A NEW GROWTH FOUNDATION

Corporate tax rate reduced to 15% for new units, 22% for existing units, among the lowest in world

Almost all sectors open to FDI

Business reform action plan (BRAP) for 300+ reforms for state governments

National Single Window System for central and state government approvals

India Industrial Land Bank for land availability

Consolidation of labour laws into four labour codes

Disinvestment of government-owned enterprises

Stable interest rates



INFRASTRUCTURE BUILDING THE FRAMEWORK

Transport and logistics on the fast track

NEW POLICIES

Gati Shakti – GIS based technology platform for multimodal connectivity

National Logistics Policy

National Infrastructure Pipeline with about 9000 projects

National Asset Monetisation Pipeline of about US\$ 70 billion over 4 years

National Bank for Financing Infrastructure and Development (NaBFID)

High growth in public expenditure on infrastructure in 3 consecutive budgets

ROADS

2nd largest road network

59% increase in national highways in 9 years

Total length of national highways - 145,240 km in 2022-23

FASTag for digital toll payments

3 million tons of garbage used in road construction

AVIATION

450k domestic
passengers daily

140 million
passengers expected
in 2023-24

3rd largest
domestic market
for seat capacity

Doubling of
airports from 74 in
2018 to 148 now

1500 aircraft
orders expected

100% FDI in MRO
services

Reduction in
indirect tax rates

PORTS


795 million tonnes of cargo
handled in 2022-23 in major ports

21,846 vessels
handled

Automation
underway at major
ports

National Logistics Portal
(Marine) - Sagar Setu app

Gearing up for handling green
hydrogen



MANUFACTURING ADVANCING TO THE NEXT LEVEL

Production Linked
Incentive (PLI)
schemes for 14
sectors

11 industrial corridors
with 32 projects
underway to develop
industrial cities with
plug-and-play
infrastructure

Semiconductor
mission

Government
e-commerce portal
for procurement
with 63k
Government buyers,
6.2 million suppliers

Promotional
policies for Micro,
Small and Medium
Enterprises

Indian manufacturing
industry diversifying into
higher value-added
production including auto
components, specialty
chemicals, engineering
goods, electronics

INNOVATION NEW HORIZONS FOR GROWTH

Global Innovation Index - Ranked 40 in 2022 from 81 in 2018

3rd largest startup centre with 100,000 registered startups

180 innovation centres set up by Fortune 500 companies

1800 global capability centres employing 1.3 million people

Talent resources of millions of new graduates in engineering, computer science and management each year with high technical skills

Opening global capability centres in India is easier due to lower wages, real estate costs and low rental costs

Office rentals in India are among the lowest in Asia

The Government offers tax incentives for setting up global capability centres in special economic zones



INDIA DIGITAL STACK

India is undergoing a digital revolution, thanks to its ambitious and visionary India Stack initiative. India Stack is a set of open APIs that enable developers, businesses, and citizens to access various digital services and platforms in a seamless and secure manner.

India Stack creates a digital infrastructure that can support the delivery of various public and private services, such as identity verification, payments, e-signatures, data sharing, consent management, and more.

India Stack is not just a technological innovation, but also a social and economic one.

It empowers millions of Indians to access digital services that were previously inaccessible or costly. It enables the government to provide better governance and transparency, and to reduce corruption and fraud. It also fosters innovation and entrepreneurship, as it lowers the barriers to entry and creates new opportunities for value creation.

India Stack is a game-changer for India's digital economy, as it is transforming various sectors and industries, such as banking, education, healthcare, agriculture, e-commerce, and more. India Stack is enabling financial inclusion, digital literacy, telemedicine, smart farming, online retail, and more. India Stack can also help India achieve its Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), such as poverty eradication, gender equality, health and well-being, quality education, and more.

India Stack is a unique and inspiring example of how technology can be leveraged for social good. It is a testament to India's spirit of innovation and collaboration. It is a vision that can inspire other countries and regions to adopt similar digital solutions for their own development and growth. India Stack is not just a stack of APIs, but a stack of possibilities.



BILATERAL TRADE AND INVESTMENTS

COMPREHENSIVE ECONOMIC PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENT

Signed in
February
2022

Fastest trade
agreement
concluded by India

In force since
1 May 2022

Aims at US\$ 100
billion non-oil trade
in 5 years

Targets US\$ 15
billion trade in
services

Key UAE India Agreements

Framework for facilitating participation of UAE institutional investors in infrastructure investments in India, 2016

Cooperation for skill development and recognition of qualifications, 2016

MoU between Reserve Bank of India and Central Bank of India on currency swaps, 2016

Cooperation on road transport and highways, defence, agriculture, oil storage and management and MSME, 2017

MoU on acquisition of 10% participating interest in offshore Lower Zakum Concession between OVL, BPRL, and IOCL and ADNOC, 2018

Aramco and ADNOC to develop and build an integrated refinery and petrochemicals complex at Ratnagiri, 2018

Comprehensive Economic Partnership Agreement, 2022

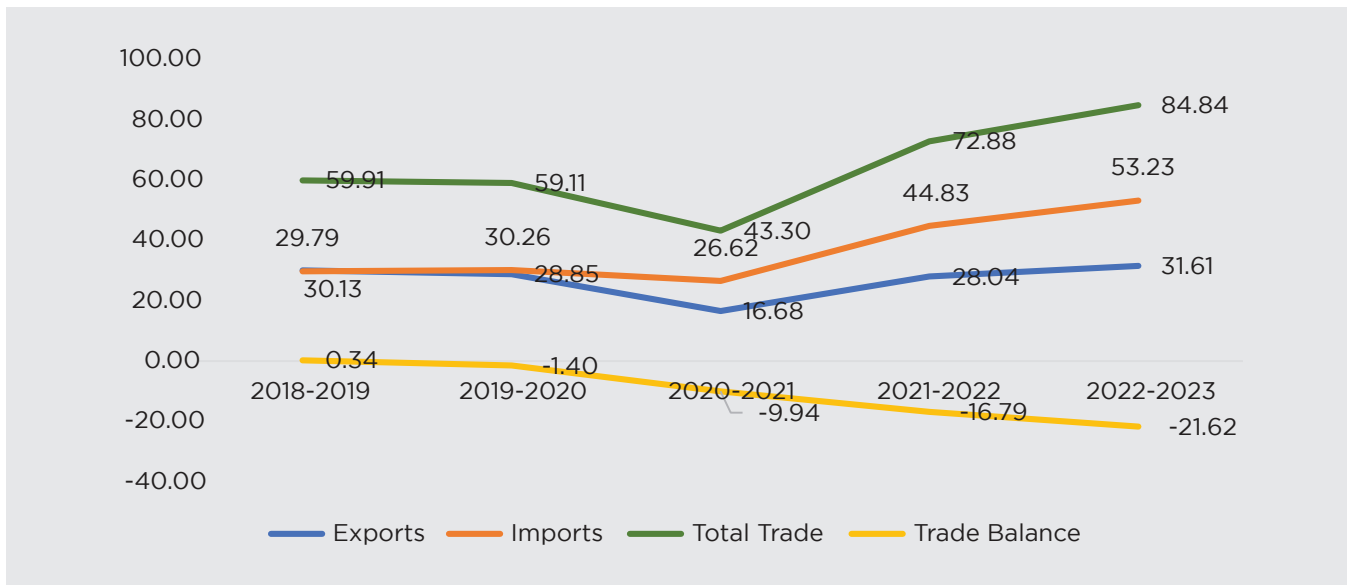
Food security corridor, 2022

Cooperation in Green Hydrogen development and investment, 2023

Local Currency Settlement System to promote use of INR and AED for cross-border transactions, and interlinking payment and messaging systems, 2023

IIT Delhi to be established in Abu Dhabi, 2023

India-UAE Trade: 2018-19 to 2022-23, US\$ billion



Source: Ministry of Commerce & Industry

India's Top Exports to UAE in 2022-23, US\$ billion

HS Code	Commodity	2022-2023
27	Mineral fuels, mineral oils, and products of their distillation; bituminous substances; mineral waxes.	8.68
71	Natural or cultured pearls, precious or semiprecious stones, precious metals, clad with precious metals and articles thereof; imitation jewellery, coin.	5.77
85	Electrical machinery and equipment and parts thereof; sound recorders and reproducers, television image and sound recorders and reproducers, and parts.	3.65
84	Nuclear reactors, boilers, machinery, and mechanical appliances; parts thereof.	1.07
72	Iron and steel	1.05
87	Vehicles other than railway or tramway rolling stock, and parts and accessories thereof.	0.72
61	Articles of apparel and clothing accessories knitted or crocheted.	0.70
10	Cereals	0.66
29	Organic Chemicals	0.64
89	Ships, boats, and floating structures.	0.58

Source: Ministry of Commerce & Industry

India's Top Imports from UAE in 2022-23, US\$ billion

HS Code	Commodity	2022-2023
27	Mineral fuels, mineral oils and products of their distillation; bituminous substances; mineral waxes.	27.70
71	Natural or cultured pearls, precious or semiprecious stones, precious metals, clad with precious metals and articles thereof; imitation jewellery, coin.	14.79
88	Aircraft, spacecraft, and parts thereof.	1.88
39	Plastic and articles thereof.	1.70
72	Iron and steel	1.07
25	Salt; sulphur; earths and stone; plastering materials, lime and cement.	0.95
89	Ships, boats and floating structures.	0.65
76	Aluminium and articles thereof.	0.51
85	Electrical machinery and equipment and parts thereof; sound recorders and reproducers, television image and sound recorders and reproducers, and parts	0.48
74	Copper and articles thereof.	0.45

Source: Ministry of Commerce & Industry

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INVESTMENTS

UAE investment in India stands at around US\$ 21 billion. It is the 7th largest investor in India

Indian companies have invested in tourism, catering, health, education, manufacturing and projects in the UAE

India has invested about US\$ 85 billion in UAE

Many Indian banks are present in UAE

UAE INVESTMENTS IN INDIA

Real estate

Ceramics
and glass

Transportation
and warehousing

Financial
services

Coal, oil
and gas

Cumulative FDI inflows from UAE to India stood at US\$ 15.57 billion between April 2000 to March 2023

An estimated US\$ 20-21 billion invested in India from UAE, with US\$15.18 billion in FDI and rest as FPI

The Abu Dhabi Investment Authority has pledged to invest \$75 billion in India's infrastructure

In the next 3 years, UAE entities are expected to invest up to US\$ 7 billion in India's food sector, with the goal of tripling food imports from India in 5 years

Development of an
India-UAE food
corridor

Cold storage

Warehousing

Food processing

Fisheries

Poultry

Joint ventures and investments by UAE companies in India

The EMAAR Group has announced plans for a US\$ 60 mn office and retail complex in Srinagar, Jammu and Kashmir

ADIA will invest US\$ 500 mn in Lenskart, an Indian eyewear retailer

EMAAR Group has set up a major township, an international convention centre and a golf course in Hyderabad

The National Investment and Infrastructure Fund (NIIF), India's first sovereign wealth fund, signed a US\$ 1 billion investment agreement with ADIA

The NIIF and Dubai-based ports operator DP World Pvt. Ltd, announced the creation of an investment platform to invest up to US\$ 3 billion in ports, terminals, transportation and logistics businesses in India

Dubai Ports World (DP World) in February 2016 unveiled plans to invest more than US\$ 1 billion in India to expand its container terminals business

INDIAN INVESTMENTS IN UAE

Investments by Indian companies in UAE would be in excess of US\$ 85 billion.

Many Indian companies have set up manufacturing units either as joint ventures or in Special Economic Zones for cement, building materials, textiles, engineering products, consumer electronics etc.

JK Cement invested US\$ 14.97 mn to set up a white cement plant in Fujairah Free Trade Zone

Indian companies like Ashok Leyland, Mahindra, Dabur etc. operate out of the business parks of Ras Al Khaimah Investment Authority

Essar Steel Processing and Distribution (ESPD), part of Essar Steel, has a service centre facility in Dubai (capacity: 250,000 tonnes) to cater to the needs of customers in Middle East and neighbouring region

Zee Entertainment has invested in the satellite television network in the Middle East, with Dubai as its base

Birla Institute of Technology & Science (BITS) Pilani in India opened its international campus in Dubai on December 2007 - BITS Pilani, Dubai

Other educational institutions set up by Indian entities are Amity University, Manipal University, Mahatma Gandhi University, Pune University, S P Jain School of Global Management, etc.



OPPORTUNITIES IN INDIA



AGRICULTURE

2nd Largest producer of food grains, fruits and vegetables, globally

US\$ 535 billion food processing market by 2025

Largest producer of pulses

India has a strong position as a global export powerhouse due to its abundant arable land, favourable climate, and growing food production and processing sector

3.5 million MT of certified organic products

India has also been involved in humanitarian food aid to ensure regional and global food security

Cooperation areas

Crop diversification, soil and water conservation

Natural farming and biofortified crops

Cooperation in equitable and inclusive food production

Smart irrigation

Cold-chain infrastructure

PPPs in agricultural research

Investing in climate change adaptation and mitigation

Incentivising climate resilient crops

DEFENCE AND AEROSPACE

2nd largest armed force in the world, with a defence market size of US\$ 11.3 billion

3rd largest military spender in the world

Defence exports reached an all-time high of US\$ 1.94 billion in FY22-23

15% share in global arms import

Aims to achieve a turnover of US\$ 25 billion including export of US\$ 5 billion in Aerospace and Defence goods and services by 2025

India, UAE and France have entered into a trilateral cooperation including in defence

FDI limits in this sector have been relaxed to 74%

Cooperation areas

Production and development of defence equipment

FDI in defence manufacturing

Modernising India's shipyards and defence platforms through the infusion of technology

Co-development or licensed production in areas of aero-platforms and systems (avionics, aircraft manufacture, radar equipment), advanced ship-building technologies, and submarines

Defence systems and technologies with advanced digital innovations and a focus on big data, artificial intelligence and cyber security are also of immense interest to India

INFRASTRUCTURE

National Infrastructure Pipeline (NIP) project count stands at 9,142 covering 34 sub-sectors

India plans to spend US\$ 1.4 trillion on infrastructure through NIP in the next five years

FDI in construction development and construction (infrastructure) stood at US\$ 26.23 billion and US\$ 28.95 billion respectively, between April 2000-September 2022

Cooperation areas

Smart Cities

Industrial Corridors

Transport and logistics

RENEWABLE ENERGY



4th largest producer of RE and solar power

Best performance in climate change performance index 2023 among G20 countries

LiFE being promoted for adoption of environment-conscious lifestyle

Target of 500 GW by 2030

1000+ GW potential

5 million tonnes of green hydrogen aim by 2030

World's largest RE park

Cooperation areas

Solar PVs

Equipment manufacturing

Biomass energy

Energy storage

Smart grids

Skill development

Energy management systems

MANUFACTURING

AUTOMOBILE AND SMART MOBILITY

3rd largest automobile market in the world

Current value of Indian Automobile industry is US\$ 222 billion

Automobile market expected to reach US\$ 300 billion 2026

Largest 2 and 3-wheeler manufacturer

Target to achieve 30% electrification of vehicles by 2030

Major boost in latest Government budget for EVs

Support for Battery Energy Storage systems through viability gap funding

Faster Adoption of Manufacturing of Electric Vehicles Scheme - II (FAME-II)

Charging stations to be set up

Cooperation areas

Auto components

Batteries

EVs

Parts for EVs

PHARMACEUTICALS

Largest manufacturer and exporter of generic medicines, serving over 200 countries

Largest vaccine producer in the world

Exports 20% of the global generic medicines

Expected to reach US\$ 65 billion by 2024, and US\$ 130 billion by 2030

Cooperation areas

Production of generic medicines

Vaccine Production

R&D

Increased investments in mergers and acquisitions

Development of health infrastructure in India

Investment in mega parks for the pharmaceutical and medical device industries



SERVICES



IT AND BPM

India is one of the leading destinations for IT and BPM services, with a market size of \$194 billion in 2020-21 and a workforce of over 4.5 million professionals.

Cooperation areas

IT and BPM sector

Software development

Cloud computing

Data analytics

Artificial intelligence

Cybersecurity

Digital marketing

TOURISM

India is one of the most diverse and attractive tourism destinations in the world, with a rich cultural heritage, natural beauty, wildlife and adventure.

India received over 10 million foreign tourists in 2019, generating US\$ 30 billion in foreign exchange earnings.

Cooperation areas

Hotel development

Travel services

Destination management

Heritage conservation

Wellness tourism

Shopping tourism

Medical tourism

RETAIL AND E-COMMERCE

India is Asia's 3rd largest retail market and 4th largest globally and is projected to reach US\$ 2 trillion by 2032.

The e-commerce market expected to touch US\$ 350 billion in gross merchandise value by 2030 and contribute 10% to India's GDP.

Cooperation areas

Knowledge sharing

Market entry support

Technology collaboration

Cross border E-commerce

Retail partnerships





OPPORTUNITIES IN UAE

ICT

One of the largest data centre hubs in the Middle East

Significant investments in smart city projects

AI is expected to contribute almost 14% of the national GDP by 2030

Leading global location for the deployment of IoT solutions to enhance public infrastructure

First Country in the Arab region and fourth globally to launch 5G network

Cooperation areas

Data Centers

Mobile marketing & advertising

Software development

Information security services

Smart cities

Assembly and distribution of ICT devices

B2B Cloud services

Innovation and research activities

Cyber security

Cloud computing

Modernization of public and private sectors

ENERGY

The UAE is the 5th largest oil producer in OPEC

Aims to invest AED 600 billion by 2050 to meet the growing energy demand

Plans to facilitate 44% clean energy, 38% gas, 12% coal and 6% nuclear energy in its energy mix

Cooperation areas

Exploring new energy sources

Fostering a fair and sustainable shift toward a low-carbon future

Scaling up technologies especially in the production of green hydrogen

Knowledge sharing and skill development

Energy efficiency

Renewable energy projects

CEPA propelled UAE as one of India's primary energy suppliers

New infrastructure in natural gas transmission (liquefied natural gas terminals, natural gas pipelines, natural gas distribution systems)

TOURISM

In 2022, the contribution of the travel and tourism sector to UAE's GDP was nearly AED 167 billion, 9% of the total GDP

Number of hotels in the UAE has increased to 1,189

Total spending of international tourists amounted to AED 117.6 billion

25th globally in Travel & Tourism Development Index

Cooperation areas

Privatization of several key state-owned tourist and transport assets (marinas, regional airports, tourist properties etc.)

Development of specialized tourist products and facilities

Development of premium tourist resorts and properties

Medical tourism

HEALTHCARE

The UAE's pharmaceutical market presents significant growth opportunities for multinational drug makers. The expansion of private healthcare coverage and the modernization of health infrastructure will continue to drive market growth.

Expenditure on pharmaceuticals in 2020, rose to US\$ 355 per capita from US\$ 344 in 2019

Value of pharmaceutical products imported by UAE in 2020 is US\$ 4.1 billion

UAE's projected spending on generic drugs by 2030, translates to a CAGR of 7.3% at US\$ 1.4 billion

Cooperation areas

R&D investments and start-ups in the biotech and life sciences fields

SME manufacturing

Development of pharmaceuticals

Medical tourism facilities

FOOD & AGRICULTURE

1st in food and beverage in the MENA region, accounting for 18% of the region's total F&B trade and 26% of its global food and beverage exports

60% reduction in licensing costs under the National Food Security Strategy

Enjoys market access in MENA and proximity to major growth centers of South Asia and East Africa

Cooperation areas

Consolidation of primary food production using new technologies (hydroponics, greenhouses etc.) and high-value crops

Participation in the growth and consolidation of smaller, organic producers with strong export potential

Collaboration in R&D to attract funding interest, on algae-based biofuels, indoor farming technology, precision agriculture and ag-robotics

Investment in food logistics technology, especially blockchain integration with supply chains and the Internet of Things (IoT) to improve traceability and quality assurance

Non-specific incentives offered through SEZs and free zones for food production and manufacturing

LOGISTICS



The UAE stands at the crossroads of three continents

The India-Middle East-Europe Economic Corridor was launched during the G20 Summit by India, USA, UAE, Saudi Arabia, France, Germany, Italy and the European Union

The UAE logistics market is estimated to grow at a CAGR of 7.23% between 2022 and 2027, to reach US\$ 10.37 billion

Cooperation areas

Joint projects under IMEC

Developing multimodal transportation networks that integrate road, rail, air, and sea routes

Partnering on port operations, management, and development

Establishing shared warehousing facilities and distribution centers

Sharing expertise in logistics technology, such as track-and-trace systems, digital platforms, and supply chain analytics

Collaborating in freight forwarding, logistics consulting, and third-party logistics services

Promote sustainable logistics practices

Investment in logistics infrastructure, such as transport corridors, logistics parks, and cold storage facilities

Cooperation in green logistics

KNOWLEDGE-BASED ECONOMY

The UAE aims to focus on growth and prosperity of knowledge-based, future-focused business sectors. It plans to become a global hub for businesses centered on innovation, artificial intelligence, and entrepreneurship.

The information and communication sector witnessed a growth rate of 27.2% between 2014-2018

The education and professional sectors, and the science and technology sectors showed cumulative growth of 28.2% and 9.5% respectively

The manufacturing industries sector grew at an average annual rate of 4.2% over the same period

These sectors combined represented nearly 18% of GDP in 2018

Cooperation areas

Artificial Intelligence

Biotech

Nanotech

Technology startups

Digital payments

Skill development for advanced technologies



MANUFACTURING

In accordance with the Vision 2021, Dubai International Strategy 2030 and Abu Dhabi Economic Vision 2030, the UAE government aims to double the contribution of industrial manufacturing to the country's GDP to 25%.

Industrial manufacturing is core to Operation 300 billion a government strategy launched in 2021 that aims to develop UAE's economy. It aims to raise the industrial sector's contribution to the GDP from AED 133 billion to AED 300 billion by 2031.

1st in the Arab World in terms of competitiveness of the industrial sector

8.7% Manufacturing as percentage of GDP in 2019

Allocation by the Emirates Development Bank (EDB) for priority manufacturing sectors to be AED 30 billion over a period of five years

Cooperation areas

Automobiles and components

Aerospace manufacturing

Electric vehicles (EVs)

EDUCATION SECTOR

The education sector of UAE is one of the dynamic sectors that contributes to the economic growth of the country and remains a top priority in order to create a diversified, knowledge-based economy, with the aim to reduce the dependency on oil. The National Strategy for Higher Education 2030 is an initiative that aims to equip students with technical and practical skills to strengthen the labour market.

Cooperation areas

Collaboration in climate change, water and desalination, food security, and health sciences

Academic collaboration between higher education institutions for offering twinning, joint degree and dual degree programmes

Joint collaboration in research and development in order to present opportunities for global universities

Collaboration to promote exchange of information education and capacity development of Technical and Vocational Education and Training (TVET) teaching staff

Collaboration in professional training services which provide opportunities for programs in executive education, training opportunities, and leadership development

CII INITIATIVES WITH UAE

CII has a close partnership with UAE and undertakes regular business interactions.
Its office in Dubai spearheads engagement with UAE businesses.

Interaction of select CEOs with H.E. Dr Thani bin Ahmed Al Zeyoudi, Minister of State for Foreign Trade, UAE and Mr. Piyush Goyal, Hon'ble Minister of Commerce & Industry, Consumer Affairs, Food & Public Distribution, and Textiles, Government of India, on the sidelines of the 1st Meeting of Joint Committee (JC) of the India-UAE CEPA

June 2023, New Delhi

Exclusive Indian CEOs meeting with H.E. Mr. Abdulla Bin Touq Al Marri, Minister of Economy, UAE

March & May 2023, New Delhi

15-member multi-sectoral delegation to the first I2U2 Business Forum
hosted by the Government of the UAE

February 2023, Abu Dhabi

Select CEOs interaction with H. E. Dr. Abdalnasser Alshaali, UAE Ambassador to India

January 2023, Mumbai

CII CEOs Delegation to UAE

November 2022, Dubai & Abu Dhabi

India-UAE Business Forum coinciding with the UAE Delegation visit for the
High-Level Task Force Meeting on Investments

October 2022, Mumbai

India-UAE Economic Partnership Summit

May 2022, Mumbai

CII CEOs Delegation to UAE

October 2021, Dubai

Exclusive Indian CEOs meeting with H. E. Dr. Thani bin Ahmed Al Zeyoudi,
Minister of State for Foreign Trade, UAE

September 2021, New Delhi

Exclusive Indian CEOs meeting with H.E. Mr. Abdulla Bin Touq Al Marri, Minister of Economy, UAE
& H.E. Dr. Thani bin Ahmed Al Zeyoudi, Minister of State for Foreign Trade UAE

January 2021, Virtual Platform



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