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The Ministry of Finance participated, as part of the UAE delegation led by Her Highness Sheikha Latifa bint Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum, Chairperson of the Dubai Culture & Arts Authority, in the 56th Annual Meeting of the World Economic Forum 2026 in Davos, Switzerland. The delegation included His Excellency Mohamed bin Hadi Al Hussaini, Minister of State for Financial Affairs. The meetings discussed key global challenges and developments, reviewed economic and development trends, and explored best solutions to enhance international cooperation and build strategic partnerships across various sectors.

Mohamed bin Hadi Al Hussaini: Partnership with Nigeria Is a Significant Boost to the UAE's Growing Portfolio of International Trade Agreements

His Excellency Mohamed bin Hadi Al Hussaini, Minister of State for Financial Affairs, said: "The signing of a Comprehensive Economic Partnership Agreement with Nigeria represents a significant boost to the UAE's growing portfolio of international trade agreements, reinforcing the UAE economy's position as a global investment destination. The agreement with Nigeria will further accelerate economic growth and diversification, in line with our national targets for non-oil foreign trade by 2031. By strengthening financial ties and removing trade barriers, the agreement enhances our trade volumes and investment prospects, cementing the UAE's role as a key player in the global economic landscape."

Launch of the Federal Government Real Estate Assets Platform



The Ministry of Finance (MoF) has officially launched the “Federal Government Real Estate Assets Platform”, a centralised digital platform designed to document and update data on federal real estate assets in line with the highest standards of transparency and efficiency.

The launch event marking the milestone was attended by His Excellency Younis Haji AlKhoori, Undersecretary of the Ministry of Finance, and Her Excellency Mariam Mohamed Al Amiri, Assistant Undersecretary for the Government Financial Management Sector at the Ministry, along with representatives from federal entities, government officials, and experts in asset management and digital technologies.

UAE and Mozambique Discuss Strengthening Economic Partnership



A roundtable meeting between the United Arab Emirates and the Republic of Mozambique was held in Abu Dhabi on the sidelines of Abu Dhabi Sustainability Week, in the presence of His Excellency Daniel Chapo, President of the Republic of Mozambique.

The meeting was attended on the UAE side by His Excellency Dr Thani bin Ahmed Al Zeyoudi, Minister of State for Foreign Trade, and His Excellency Younis Haji AlKhoori, Undersecretary of the Ministry of Finance, along with a number of senior officials and business leaders representing key sectors.



Mohamed bin Hadi Al Hussaini:
On the Day of Solidarity, We Proudly Recall the Spirit of Unity, Loyalty, and Solidarity that Showcases the Deeply Rooted National Values of the UAE Community

His Excellency Mohamed bin Hadi Al Hussaini, Minister of State for Financial Affairs, stressed that the Day of Solidarity, observed on 17 January every year, reaffirms the UAE’s commitment to reinforcing its national sovereignty, ensuring its stability, and strengthening the unity between its wise leadership and its people, along with all national institutions, in safeguarding accomplishments and preserving achievements.

His Excellency added, “On the 4th annual commemoration of the Day of Solidarity, we proudly recall the spirit of unity, loyalty, and solidarity that showcases the deeply rooted national values shared across the UAE community, both citizens and residents.”

Al Hussaini emphasised that the strength of nations is measured by their exceptional ability to transform future aspirations into opportunities for enhancing social cohesion and fostering confidence in the future.



Younis Haji AlKhoori:
Day of Solidarity Demonstrates the UAE’s Proactive Approach to Driving Forward Sustainable Development

His Excellency Younis Haji AlKhoori, Undersecretary of the Ministry of Finance, stressed that the fourth annual commemoration of the “Day of Solidarity” on January 17 is a defining national milestone to renew commitment to the country’s ambitious vision of promoting national stability and continuously enhancing institutional readiness in support of progress and prosperity.

His Excellency added that this occasion reaffirms the strategic importance of proactive planning and sustained preparedness as core principles guiding the UAE’s institutions. These principles, he added, foster a culture of foresight and capacity-building, reinforcing the nation’s position as a global model for efficiently navigating change.



UAE Strengthens Partnerships with Chinese Companies through MoF’s Participation in 19th Asian Financial Forum and Global Business Summit in Hong Kong



The UAE took part in the 19th Asian Financial Forum (AFF) and Global Business Summit, held at the Hong Kong Convention and Exhibition Centre with the Ministry of Finance leading a high-level official delegation headed by H.E. Younis Haji AlKhoori, Undersecretary of the Ministry of Finance.

As part of the programme, AlKhoori participated in a session titled “Chinese Mainland Enterprises Going Global”, which discussed ways to support the international growth of Chinese companies and highlighted Hong Kong’s role as a global financial hub and a key platform for cross-border financing.

Discussions also addressed strategies to managing regulatory and geopolitical risks, as well as themes related to innovation, green transformation, digitalisation, and supply chain development amid accelerating global economic shifts.

Launch of the EInvoicing Programme Awareness Event in Cooperation with the Federal Tax Authority



The Ministry of Finance (MoF) has organised an awareness-raising event as part of the eInvoicing Programme Awareness Campaign, in partnership with the Federal Tax Authority.

Held in line with MoF’s commitment to empowering the business sector to keep pace with digital transformation, the event aimed to promote awareness among businesses and provide guidance and support within the framework of transitioning to an integrated digital invoicing system in the UAE.

The event, attended by H.E. Younis Haji AlKhoori, Undersecretary of the Ministry of Finance, and H.E. Khalid Ali Al Bustani, Director-General of the FTA, as well as a number of senior officials from the Ministry, the Federal Tax Authority, and representatives from government and private sector entities, highlighted the objectives and benefits of the eInvoicing system, its legal and regulatory framework, and the practical readiness steps and the mechanism for joining the system via the ‘EmaraTax’ platform for digital tax services.

Mohamed bin Hadi Al Hussaini: UAE–Kuwait Relations Are a Leading Model of Regional Joint Action and Alignment of Goals and Positions



His Excellency Mohamed bin Hadi Al Hussaini, Minister of State for Financial Affairs, affirmed that the UAE’s celebration of decades of fraternity with the State of Kuwait underscores a journey spanning many years of close brotherly relations between the two sisterly countries across all levels.

He noted that this celebration reflects a strategic approach to strengthening bilateral ties and entrenching the principles of sustained coordination, in support of the aspirations for comprehensive development in both countries. It also contributes to building a more integrated and stable future for the region and opens broader horizons for deepening Gulf integration.

Younis Haji AlKhoori: UAE–Kuwait Relations Are Built on a Longstanding Legacy of Cooperation and Mutual Understanding



His Excellency Younis Haji AlKhoori, Undersecretary of the Ministry of Finance, said: “The UAE’s celebration of decades of fraternity with the State of Kuwait represents a historic opportunity to express pride in many years of integration, harmony, and mutual understanding across various fields. This occasion provides an opportunity to strengthen institutional financial cooperation between the two brotherly countries by supporting further integration-oriented approaches and activating frameworks for joint action, thereby contributing to the development of sustainable structures within a comprehensive vision based on knowledge exchange and the unification of efforts in pursuit of shared Gulf objectives.”

Abu Dhabi Hosts the 11th Meeting of The Deputies of Arab Finance Ministries



The UAE chaired the Eleventh Meeting of The Deputies of Arab Finance Ministries, organised by the Arab Monetary Fund (IMF), which was held in Abu Dhabi on January 21 and 22.

The meeting brought together deputies of Arab ministries of finance, representatives of regional and international financial institutions, and was attended by H.E Fahad M. Alturki, Director General Chairman of the Board of the Arab Monetary Fund.

The UAE delegation included H.E. Younis Haji AlKhoori, Undersecretary of the Ministry of Finance, H.E. Ali Abdullah Sharafi, Assistant Undersecretary for International Financial Relations, along with a number of ministry specialists.

Ministry of Finance receives International Accreditation for Future Readiness and Business Agility



The Ministry of Finance (MoF) has been awarded the International Accreditation for Future Readiness and Business Agility – Gold/Leading Level by the International Business Agility Institute (TIBAI).

The accreditation was given in recognition of the strength of MoF’s institutional ecosystem and its advanced capabilities in future readiness, business flexibility, and agility in responding to change, as well as its ability to anticipate future developments through a structured and clearly defined approach to managing transformations.

The Ministry has successfully met all requirements and criteria of the strategic and operational framework for future readiness and business agility across all sectors and departments. This achievement resulted in outstanding performance outcomes under the world’s only internationally accredited model for future readiness and business agility.

Hosting the Second Dialogue with Senior Executives of UAE Businesses Operating in "GCC" Countries



The Ministry of Finance (MoF) has organised the second high-level dialogue with senior executives from UAE companies operating in the Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) countries, under the title “Enhancing Gulf Economic Integration within the Framework of the GCC Common Market: Opportunities and Challenges Facing UAE Companies Operating in GCC Countries”. The event was held as part of the Ministry’s ongoing efforts to strengthen its partnership with the private sector and to support economic integration across the GCC.

Building on the first session held in September 2024, the roundtable aims to reinforce communication channels with UAE private sector representatives and to engage directly with their insights and proposals on the key opportunities and challenges within Gulf markets.

Two Auctions of Treasury Sukuk and Bonds Attract Bids Worth AED 5.15 Billion in the First Issuances Under Both Programmes for 2026

The Ministry of Finance (MoF), in its capacity as issuer and in collaboration with the Central Bank of the UAE (CBUAE) as issuing and payment agent, announced the successful completion of the January 2026 auctions of UAE dirham-denominated Treasury Islamic Sukuk (T-Sukuk) and Treasury Bonds (T-Bonds), with a total issuance size of AED 1.1 billion. These transactions represent the first issuances conducted under the T-Sukuk and T-Bonds programmes for the 2026 calendar year, as published on the MoF’s official website.

The new T-Bonds issuance also marks the first new tranche launched under the programme since March 2023, supporting the development of the AED yield curve and enhancing depth and liquidity in the secondary market.

The auctions witnessed strong participation from the primary dealers for the T-Sukuk maturing in October 2027 and the new T-Bonds tranche maturing in January 2031. Total bids reached AED 5.15 billion, representing an oversubscription of 4.7 times. This robust demand reflects investors’ confidence in the UAE’s robust financial sector and resilient national economy.

