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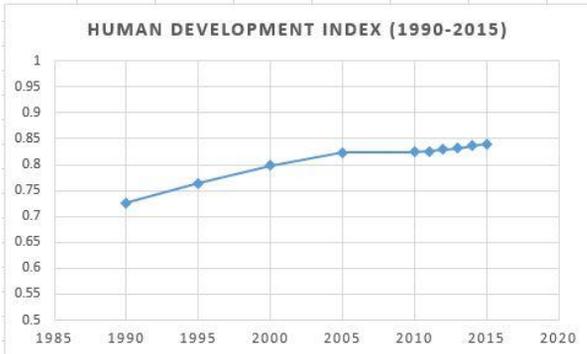
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A selection of news articles that featured in official publications in UAE and Italy related to the business, economy and culture of the two countries.

LIFE IN THE UAE AMONG THE BEST IN THE WORLD

Quality of life milestones in areas such as health, education, the economy and women equality's match the very highest levels worldwide, according to the latest UAE Human Development Report, a calculation based on life expectancy, years of schooling and the overall standards of living. By creating a balance between economic and social development the country has been able to "highly compete" with other countries in the upper league table of human development. Overall, the



Country's HDI increased by almost 16% between 1990 and 2015 with a score of 0.840, comparable with Italy, Spain and Portugal in a category marked as “very high human development”. The achievements is to be attributed to the vision, wise policies and crucial foundations put in place by the Country's prudent leadership.

Source: The National

WILL DLD'S REST PLATFORM KILL THE REAL ESTATE AGENCY?

The introduction of the Dubai Land Department's Real Estate Self Transaction (REST) platform by 2020 will result in more streamlined and efficiency property transactions as well as a consolidation in the brokerage business.

The digital platform will automate all property transactions between the buyers and seller as well as the landlord and tenant, reduce paper work and do



away with the need for physical presence of parties. Wondering if this new platform will reduce the role of middlemen or brokers in the real estate industry, experts reply that they are more likely to emerge as specialist offering their feedback to buyers and sellers.

Source: Khaleej Times



CELEBRATING THE GLOBAL HUMANITARIAN

A symbol of love. Generosity and tolerance. It's a seven word sentence that best sums up the legacy left behind by the late Sheikh Zayed Bin Sulatn Al Nahyan. Marked every year on Ramadan 19, the UAE dedicates the day to remembering the charity, achievements and good reputation Sheikh Zayed exuded throughout his tenure as the ruler of the UAE, from its independence in 1071 until his death in 2004.

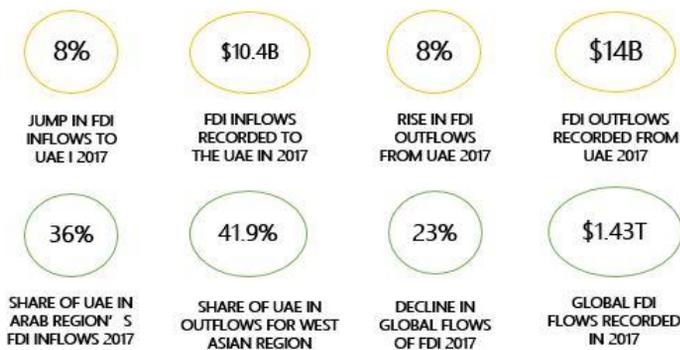
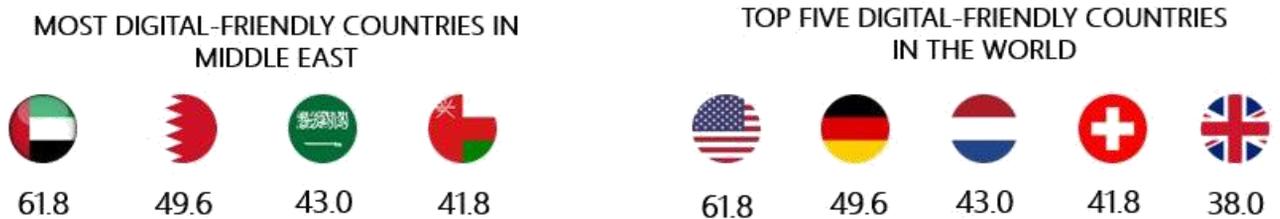
More than just helping his people in the UAE, he extended that giving nature to some of the world's most needy too: Sheikh Zayed had privately paid for the construction and annual running costs of hundreds of schools, orphanages and hospitals, in dozen of developing and third world nations; he, also, personally adopted more than 1000 orphans too.

Source: Khaleej Times

UAE'S GIANT DIGITAL STRIDE

The UAE is the most digital friendly Country in the Middle East and also the best Country where digital companies can thrive. Ranked 24th worldwide and the best performer in the Region. The UAE offers an impressive digital infrastructure coupled with a supportive business environment. Among sub-indexes, the UAE scored 88 points on infrastructure, 86 on regulations, 69.5 on knowledge, 63.7 for connectivity and overall surpassing Countries like Spain, Italy, Malaysia, India and Russia.

Source: Khaleej Times



UAE: FDI'S MOST WANTED

The UAE continued to remain top destination for the foreign companies to invest as the Emirate jumped five positions to become 30th Country in the world for its ability to attract forging direct investments.

According to the World Investment Report 2018, FDI to UAE rose by 8% from \$9.6 in 2016 to \$10.4 bln last year in part due to rising

cross-border mergers and acquisitions sales, making the Country the largest source of FDI in 2017 for the Arab Region.

Source: Khaleej Times

DUBAI OFFERS BUSINESSES A HELPING HAND

As part of Dubai's initiative to help businesses tide over difficulties, the Department of Economic development has announced a host of new measures which will allow them to pay their fees and fines in easy installments, freeze their trade license for a year and seek an amicable settlement on commercial violations. As part of those measures, Dubai will scarp 19 fees related to aviation industry in order to attract Dh 1bln FDI, slash market fees imposed by the Dubai Municipality from 5 to 2.5%, freeze private school fees for 208-19 and so on; similarly, Abu Dhabi announces a similar package of Dh50 bln last week to give fillip to the Emirate's economy.



Source: Khaleej Times

14 BUS STATIONS TO SERVE EXPO2020 ROUTE

The Road and Transport Authority (RTA) finalized a new design for the proposed 14 bus stations to serve Expo 2020. The final design of bus stations to serve Expo 2020 has been inspired by natural elements from the UAE environment. The new design of bus stations meets the existing and future needs and operational requirements of public bus services in terms of the number of riders, journeys and stops. The station will meet the needs of public bus service for main Expo2020 activities and related events and they will be integrated into the Dubai Bus network after the event.



Source: Khaleej Times



SPECIAL SAUDI ARABIA

UAE, SAUDI ARABIA EMBARK ON A NEW ERA

H.E. Sheikh Mohammad bin Rashid Al Maktoum has said the “Strategy of Resolve” announced by Saudi Arabia and the UAE is a historic cohesive step towards the future of both countries. “The UAE’s and Saudi Arabia’s announcement of a joint vision for economic, development and military integration through 44 joint strategic projects is a historic opportunity to create an exceptional model of Arab integration, a model that can be replicated to achieve development leaps for people”, commented Sheikh Mohammed.



The council’s vision aims to promote the two countries’ global stature in areas of economy, human development and political, security and military integration as well as ensuring welfare and happiness for their people. established under an agreement between the two countries reached in May 2016, the Council stands as a role model for cooperation between world countries and, in the meantime, consolidates joint action between GCC states.

Source: Gulf News



SAUDI ARABIA ACHIEVES WORLD RECORD FOR LARGEST KUFIC CALLIGRAPHIC PIECE

The Saudi Arabian Society for Culture and Arts (SASCA) has entered the Guinness Book of World Records for constructing the largest Arabic Kufic piece, with 8083 pieces of Lego. Kufic is the oldest calligraphic form of the various Arabian scripts and was prevalent in manuscripts from the 7th to the 10th centuries. Planning and training for the construction took 23 days.

CALABRIA: TOURISTS BOOM IN 2017

In 2017, Calabria Region recorded the best performance of the last 10 years: numbers talk about a real boom of the tourists demand with almost 1.8 arrivals and 9 millions presences. The increase is also related with the tourists come from abroad, with 317.000 arrivals.

In 2017 the proportion of foreign tourists with respect to the total is 22.4%, with an increase of the 4.7% with respect to the 2007. The province of Cosenza on the top, with a share of 38.4% for what concerns the arrivals and 37% of accommodation; among the beach destinations, the greatest shares were recorded by Vibo Valentia and Crotona.



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