

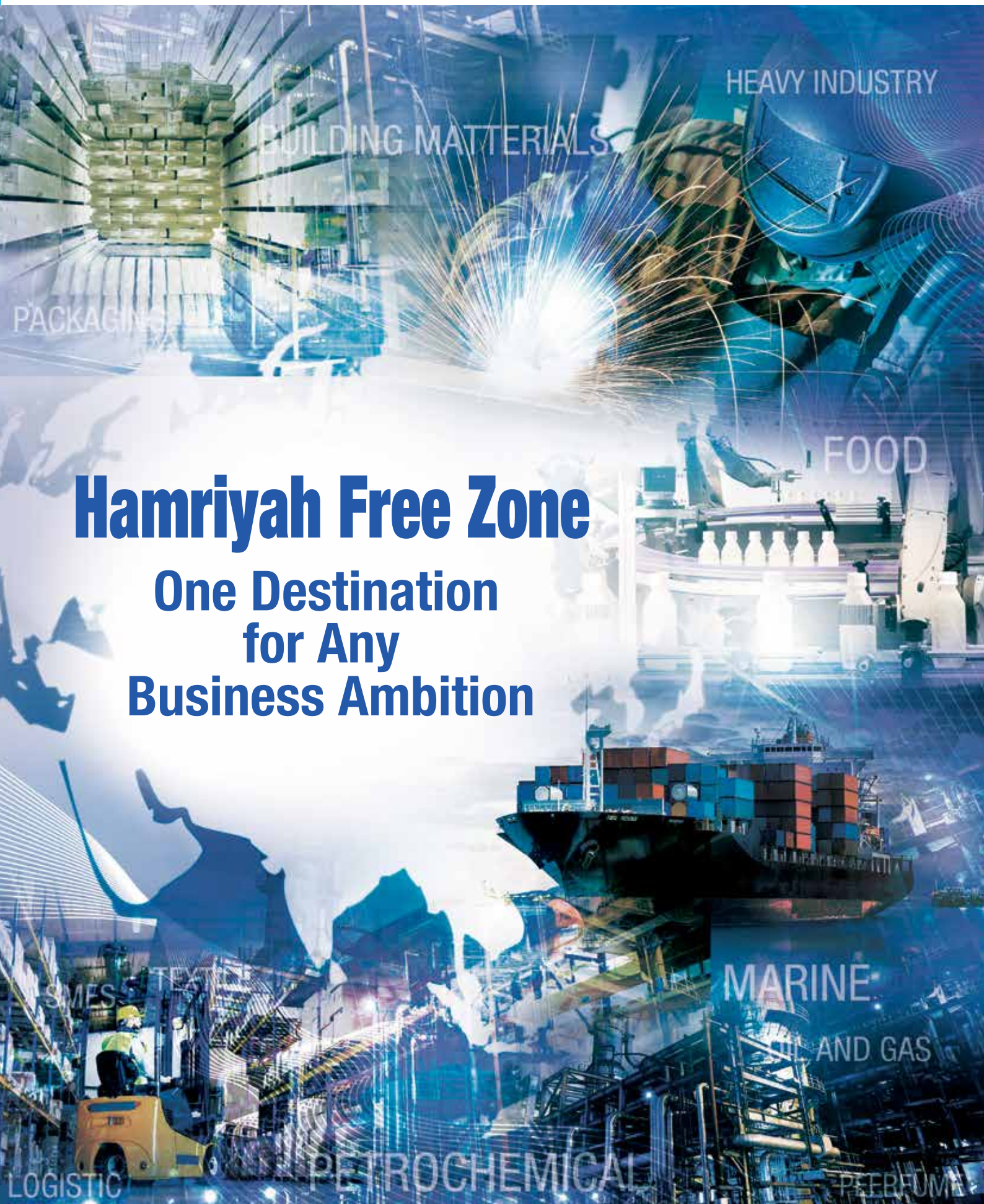
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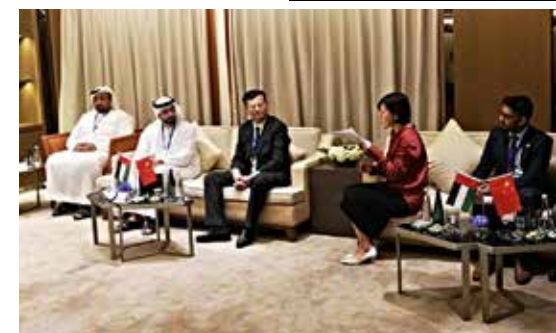


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Director's Message



SAUD SALIM AL MAZROUEI
Director, Hamriyah Free Zone Authority

At Hamriyah Free Zone, we are continuously striving for growth. And that is why we leave no stone unturned trying to penetrate a new market, channeling our resources, and strategizing policies so as to build an investor-friendly environment equipped with world-class business facilities. As a number of global companies continue to set up their bases at Hamriyah Free Zone due to its strategic position and affordable services, our prime objective remains to strengthen our infrastructure, business ethics, and customer-centric policies.

HFZ has received a number of international delegations in the past few months, especially from Asia and Africa, and the feedback has been overwhelming. I am confident this development will yield more trade alliances and partnerships. We are particularly excited to boost our two-way trade with India and China along with their cooperation.

Our participation in some of the biggest trade events in the world has also helped us expand our network and foster lucrative partnerships with many industry giants. I am proud to see this quality of investment in Hamriyah Free Zone and how it is empowering this free zone and boosting the local economy. Our innovative plans, such as total ownership of businesses, repatriation of capital and profits, application of one-stop-shop concept for the quick issuance of licenses, and viable visa solutions for business owners and their employees, are designed as per the priorities of our stakeholders, and hence produce encouraging, beneficial results for them.

Along with my team, I am looking forward to a successful year ahead. I am certain 2019 will transform the way we have known business, for it won't be a solitary trade affair anymore, but a sum total of comprehensive, inclusive, and progressive business communities worldwide.

76 companies in Sharjah's Hamriyah Free Zone win the Superbrands 2019 Awards

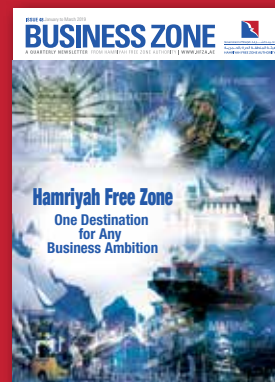
76 companies operating in the Hamriyah Free Zone have won various categories of the Superbrands UAE 2019 Award, which is awarded by the prestigious Superbrands Worldwide organization, an independent authority that specializes in assessing and highlighting branding excellence around the world.

Saud Salim Al Mazrouei, Director, stated that the large number of companies that have won the Superbrands UAE Award represents a new achievement for the authority, as well as a clear indication of the free zone's leadership as one of the fastest growing free zones in the Middle East.

Saud Salim Al Mazrouei highlighted the authority's keenness to continue to build on this renewed achievement, which helps to support the policy of economic diversification adopted by Sharjah in accordance to the wise vision of His Highness Dr. Sheikh Sultan bin Mohammed Al Qasimi, Supreme Council Member and Ruler of Sharjah, which aims to promote sustainable economic growth in Sharjah and to enhance the competitiveness of the UAE in order to achieve the UAE Vision 2021 and the UAE Centennial 2071.

2019 saw a whopping rise in the number of companies winning from Hamriyah Free Zone as compared to last year, when 23 companies from HFZ won the award.

The winners were announced during an official ceremony held at the headquarters of Hamriyah Free Zone Authority, which was attended by Saud Salim Al Mazrouei, Director, Hamriyah Free Zone Authority and Sharjah Airport International Free Zone Authority, and representatives from Superbrands UAE, as well as a number of senior officials and employees from HFZA, and representatives of the companies that operate in the Hamriyah Free Zone.



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Al Mazrouei stated that the authority congratulates the companies that won the Superbrands Award, and praises their efforts that resulted in this honour, as well as their keenness to observe the highest international standards in the field of quality and excellence.

76 companies operating in Hamriyah Free Zone won the Superbrands Award after being selected from a list put together by the Superbrands Council, which comprised of more than 10,000 brands in the UAE. After being selected from the list, the companies were then evaluated through an online poll that included the participation of over 2000 senior managers and marketing professionals.

A presentation on the strict standards of the Superbrands Awards was a part of the ceremony highlighting the selection of the international judges known for their excellence in the fields of management and marketing. The presentation also featured a review of the Superbrands book, which highlights the best brands in the UAE.

Hamriyah Free Zone Authority has won a variety of awards for its sterling performance, which include "the UAE's Superbrands Award – 2017 to 2019"; "the Arabian Business Excellence Awards 2017 & 2018"; "the BIZZ - Business Excellence Award 2018"; "the International Business Excellence Awards 2017" and "the FDI Free Zone of the Year Awards – 2017 & 2018" for Large Tenants, Start-Up Support, Facilities Upgrade and Red Tape Reduction Categories.



Events

HFZA participated in OSEA, the largest Oil and Gas Industry event in Asia

HFZA participated in OSEA 2018, Asia's most sought-after Oil & Gas Industry event. Held on 27-29 November 2018 at Marina Bay Sands, Singapore, this event brought together over 18,000 exhibitors and trade professionals from around the world.

Saud Salim Al Mazrouei, Director also visited the event to personally reach out to global investors. In one of the seminars, he spoke at length about the strategic location of HFZ, which serves as a vital link to the major trade routes intersecting Asia, Europe, and Africa, giving direct access to a growing

market of 2+ billion people.

Hamad Al Shamsi, Head of Local Promotion and Geomon George, Asst. Head for Business Development represented HFZA at Booth No. BJ03-07, Basement 2, Marina Bay Sands, Singapore.



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HFZA partnered with FIEO to organize a Roadshow in India

In association with FIEO, the Federation of Indian Export Organisations, HFZA organized a series of seminars on 'Doing Business with the UAE' in New Delhi, Pune, and Mumbai in October 2018. These B2B meetings paved the way for new business investments in HFZ.

Ali Al Jarwan, Executive Deputy Commercial Director; Muhamed Basheer Head of Overseas Promotion; and Habishmon Khalidkutty, Senior Sales Executive utilized this platform in India to promote HFZA's investor-friendly business policies among high-powered entrepreneurs.

Set up jointly by the Ministry of Commerce, Government of India and private trade industry in the year 1965, FIEO embodies the enterprising, global spirit of Indian businessmen and startups.



Events



HFZA's active participation in IUPS '18 was crucial to India-UAE two-way investments

India-UAE Partnership Summit (IUPS), an official business summit held on 30-31 October 2018 at Atlantis The Palm, Dubai in association with Business Leaders Forum, enabled further promotion of two-way investments between India and the UAE. By offering synergies and frameworks for strengthening the crucial ties between both countries, HFZA played a significant role in this dialogue for partnership.

Saud Salim Al Mazrouei, Director was

one of the panel guests on Day 2 Round Table Discussion entitled, 'Sharjah - India Business Round Table - Investment Opportunity in Sharjah'. Rakesh Ranjan, Chief Development Officer also presented about investing in HFZA. Muhamed Basheer, Head of Overseas Promotion; Omar Rashid Al-Leem, Head of Sales; Geomon George, Asst. Head of Business Development; Habishmon Khalidkutty, Senior Sales Executive; Manju Mehla, Business Development Executive; Zhen Li, FDI Executive; and

Jocelyn David, Secretary were among the other HFZA key personnel present during the entire summit.

Other IUPS panelists were Mohammed Juma al Musharrkh, CEO, Invest in Sharjah; Abdulaziz Shattaf, Asst. Director General for member services, Sharjah Chamber of Commerce & Industry; Lulu Samuel, Chairman, Kingston Holdings; Rafael Sanjurjo Lopez, MD, Tandeeff, Bee'ah - Sharjah Environment Company; and Ian Rawlinson, GM, GulfTainer.



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Events

Held under the patronage of Hamriyah Free Zone Authority on 4 & 5 November 2018, 'Meet the Farmers Conference' concluded on a great note at The H Hotel in Dubai. The objective of this meet was to bridge the gap between the Middle East and Africa, thereby paving the way for the future of agribusiness. Saud Salim Al Mazrouei, Director was one of the chief guests at the event.

In their respective capacities, Ali Al Jarwan, Executive Deputy Commercial Director; Geomon George, Asst. Head of Business Development; Habishmon Khalidkutty, Senior Sales Executive; Jocelyn David, Secretary; Karen Elesterio, Secretary; Manju Mehla, Business Development Executive; and Syed Bari, Food Safety & Quality Compliance Executive provided insights pertaining to topical issues in agriculture, as well as actionable and practical solutions bordering around agro-commodity trading in Dubai.

HFZA provided vital insights in 'Meet the Farmers Conference'

MTFC 2018 pushed the frontiers of food production and cross-border trade of agriculture between Africa and the UAE by bringing together agribusiness stakeholders in the ecosystem to discuss 'The Future of

Agribusiness' and create a synergy between agribusinesses, farmers, policymakers, and stakeholders in Africa and the GCC Region.

The conference ambiance also

created for those in attendance the perfect opportunity to network and foster lucrative agricultural partnerships between African agribusinesses and the industry leaders in the UAE.

HFZA placed emphasis on investment cooperation in the 'Industrial Cooperation & Supply Chain Conference'

At the 2nd edition of the Industrial Cooperation and Supply Chain Conference that took place on 22 November 2018 at Sharjah Chamber of Commerce Auditorium under the patronage of H.H. Sheikh Sultan bin Mohammed bin Sultan Al Qasimi, Crown Prince and Deputy Ruler of Sharjah, HFZA tapped the opportunity to promote its policies, expand business, and boost the local economy.

As one of the panel guests, Saud Salim Al Mazrouei, Director shared his vast knowledge on the advantages, challenges, and opportunities for investing in and sourcing from the UAE manufacturers.

This conference was organized by the Sharjah Chamber of Commerce & Industry, which is represented by Sharjah Exports Development Center. In the presence of Abdullah Sultan Al Owais, Chairman of the Chamber, and Mohammed Ahmed Amin, Director General of the Chamber, the business leaders and experts from the manufacturing and export sectors discussed ways of developing production procedures in national manufacturing companies and institutions and reviewed the challenges and opportunities in the manufacturing and trade sectors.

Events

HFZA left a mark on China International Import Expo

On 5-10 November 2018 at the Shanghai National Convention and Exhibition Center, HFZA attended China International Import Expo (CIIE) organized by China International Import and Export Expo Bureau and National Exhibition Center (Shanghai) Co. Ltd. with the support of the Ministry of Commerce of the People's Republic of China, Shanghai Municipal People's Government, World Trade Organization, United Nations Industrial Development Organization, etc.

Saud Salim Al Mazrouei, Director; Omar Rashid Al-Leem, Head of Sales; and Zhen Li, FDI Executive made the most of this opportunity to network, liaise, and build long lasting trade partnerships between the UAE and China, which is already seeking to expand its trade volume with the rest of the world.

Along with the successful visits by the Chinese President and Vice President to the UAE and the implementation of the 'One Belt, One Road' policy, CIIE 2018 has set the stage for future trade cooperation between the two countries.



HFZA met participants of Gulf Maharashtra Business Forum, Mahabiz

Organized under the patronage of H.H. Tahnoon Bin Saeed Bin Tahnoon Al Nahyan, the 3rd edition of the acclaimed International Business Conference 'MahaBiz 2018' was held in Marriott Hotel Al Jaddaf, Dubai between 12th and 13th October 2018 to create a bridge for business opportunities between Maharashtra state and Gulf

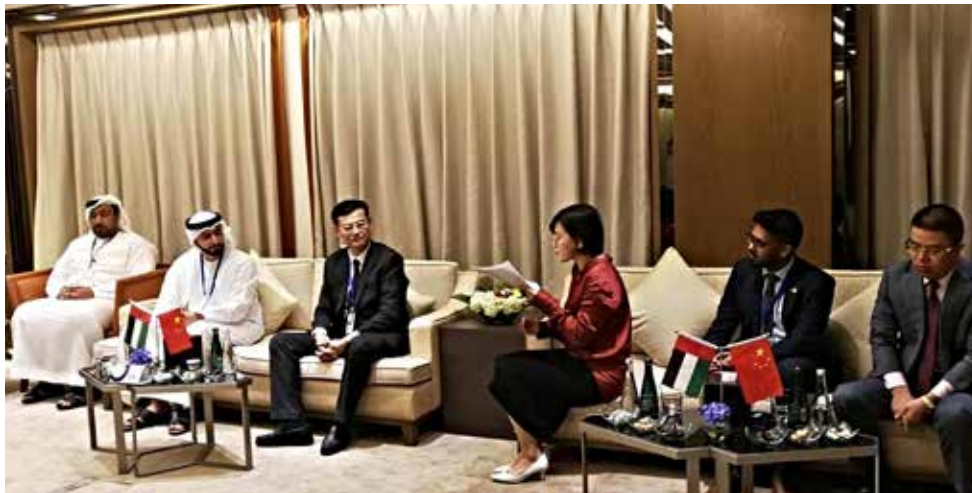
Cooperation Council (GCC) region. Rakesh Ranjan, Chief Development Officer; Geomon George, Asst. Head of Business Development; Zhen Li, FDI Executive; and Cristina dela Cueva, Marketing Executive met the international delegation at this prestigious platform that proposes to bring together businesses, investors, and key government

decision-makers for strengthening the sustainable business network across Maharashtra and GCC region.

The GMBF delegates, in turn, visited HFZ on October 14. TV Ramesh, Chief Finance Officer and Rakesh Ranjan, Chief Development Officer welcomed and took them on a tour of Hamriyah Free Zone.



Events



HFZA impressed a Chinese delegation from Shenzhen Government

Hamad Al Shamsi, Head of Local Promotions; Zhen Li, FDI Executive; and Cristina dela Cueva, Marketing Executive met representatives from Shenzhen government on 15 October 2018 at Hyatt Regency Dubai Creek Heights to discuss economic and trade cooperation with HFZA.

The value of trade between the UAE and China in 2017 grew to \$53.3 billion; this was made up of direct trade, which was valued at \$25.68 billion and free zones, which was valued at \$27.64 billion.



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Feature



At Sharjah FDI Forum, HFZA emphasized on the advantages of investing in Sharjah

Under the patronage of His Highness Sheikh Dr Sultan bin Muhammad Al Qasimi, Member of the Supreme Council, Ruler of Sharjah, the 4th edition of the Sharjah FDI Forum got underway on 10-11 December 2018 at Sharjah's Al Jawaher Reception and Convention Centre (JRCC). In this two-day event titled 'Shaping the Future of Economies', HFZA

discussed the impact of free zones on global investments.

Sharjah FDI Forum 2018 invited elite business leaders and economists from the public and private sectors worldwide to address the future socioeconomic developments, changes in global economies, and the integration of innovative solutions and technologies to

boost competitiveness and sustainable investments.

First launched in 2015, this fourth edition of Sharjah FDI Forum was organized with an aim to further the emirate's endeavours to attract more foreign investments, promote opportunities in main sectors, and strengthen the UAE's position as a top investment destination in the region and the entire world.

Saud Salim Al Mazrouei, Director joined the Sharjah FDI Forum as a panelist

At the two-day Sharjah FDI Forum 2018, Saud Salim Al Mazrouei, Director participated as a panelist and discussed an array of prospects and markets from Sharjah and the UAE to the rest of the MENA region.

opportunities. "In Sharjah, we provide a stable investment climate and advanced infrastructure to make sure businesses thrive locally and also succeed in the international market", he said.

During a session titled 'Strengths and advantages of investing in Sharjah: What makes it an ideal business hub', Saud Salim Al Mazrouei highlighted the thriving investment climate in the emirate and how it is working around the clock to facilitate and enhance the investment

He also emphasized on how HFZA functions as a key facilitator to investors, servicing them with 360-degree support, allowing them to fully understand processes, investment advantages, and insights on key sectors that fit their business profiles



Review

HFZA in 2018: A year in review

A year seems insignificant in life and is yet everything if you look at how it contributed to the entire development. Right from the beginning of 2018, HFZA was true to its commitment to deliver its investors an ideal business environment that enables easy and profitable operations. By upgrading its services and developing the infrastructure, HFZA facilitated the

200 sq.mts. and 28 units of 600 sq.mts. are now in progress and are expected to be ready this October. In April 2018, eight new accommodation buildings with a capacity to accommodate 3,000 people were delivered along with the facilities of gym, restaurant, and supermarket. Due to the increasing demand for user pipeline corridor in Phase 1, Hamriyah Free Zone Authority built a pipe rack

payments to different departments such as Leasing and Licensing, Finance and Accounts, EHS, Food Section and Engineering can now be done anytime, anywhere. In 2019, the next phase is to further integrate visa and license services in one online account and electronic documents issuance.

HFZA has given a full waiver of re-installment charges for all expired companies till the end of December 2018 – an offer that has been highly appreciated by its valued investors. Existing and new investors received all such offers and special promos favorably.

In an effort to providing cost-effective and value-added services to HFZ investors, Bee'ah and HFZA launched the New Waste Disposal Permitting System. This system is meant to provide waste disposal permits at your doorstep, thereby taking away the time-consuming and complicated process of visiting the municipality and Bee'ah office. This ensured all Government regulations are being met smoothly and efficiently.

As an initiative towards making Hamriyah Free Zone a leading hub for Food Industry, HFZA launched its Food Section in May 2018. HFZA has started issuing Local and Export Exit permits, NOCs and other approvals in coordination with Sharjah Municipality and other authorities to regulate food business operations inside Hamriyah Free Zone. HFZA now offers services in training, consultancy, process certification, halal certification and food testing.

2018 saw HFZA penetrating many new markets and making its mark in terms of strategic location, first-class facilities,

and economical business plans. Many international delegations visited HFZ and praised it for the same. The management of HFZA also attended a number of international events to promote its responsible regulatory environment, top-notch infrastructure, innovative services and facilities, such as total ownership of businesses, repatriation of capital and profits, application of one-stop-shop concept for the quick issuance of licenses,

and viable visa solutions for business owners and their employees. The new start-ups and expansions make it obvious that all efforts have paved the way for an excellent future of HFZ.

Further highlighting the success of HFZ is the international recognition it has gained on various occasions. To name a few, in the Financial Times' "FDI Global Free Zone of the Year Awards 2018", HFZ was ranked 5th in the world. HFZ

particularly shined in the categories of Large Tenants, Facilities, Upgrades, and Connectivity. For the second year in a row, HFZA bagged the 'Superbrand' status for 2018. HFZA received BIZZ Awards for "World Business Leader 2018" from World Confederation of Businesses and also World Greatest Brands & Leaders 2017-18 in the "Free Zone and Preferred Investment Destination" category from Asia One Magazine.



growth of both the free zone and global entrepreneurs.

The expansion project, which HFZA embarked in 2016, saw steady progress and timely delivery of new road networks, warehouses and workers' accommodations in Phase 2. For 2018, additional cluster of 68 warehouses similar to the ones delivered in 2017 were turned over and leased out in February. Furthermore, the additional 72 units of

facility to accommodate a number of investor pipelines in a limited space. The project started in February 2018 and was completed after six months.

The IT Department has left no stone unturned to make HFZ an accessible business hub. Hitting the bull's eye, it launched new online portal providing faster services to customers without needing to visit HFZ office. Requests related to NOCs, permits, letters, and



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Delegations

HFZA received multiple delegations from various Chinese provinces



Delegation from Changsu Province visited in October

In October, Ali Al Jarwan, Executive Deputy Commercial Director; Muhamed Basheer, Head of Overseas Promotion and Zhen Li, FDI Executive received a Chinese delegation from Changsu Province.

Delegation from Liaoning Province visited in November

In November, Zhen Li, FDI Executive and Ali Al Jarwan, Executive Deputy Commercial Director received a Chinese delegation from Liaoning Province.



Delegation from Guangzhou Province visited in November

In November, Zhen Li, FDI Executive and Ali Al Jarwan, Executive Deputy Commercial Director received a Chinese delegation from Guangzhou Province.



Delegation from Hebei Province visited in November



In November, Zhen Li, FDI Executive and Habishmon Khalidkuty, Senior Sales Executive received a Chinese delegation from Hebei Business Bureau.

Delegations

Delegation from Sichuan Province visited in December

In December, Charles Daniel, Commercial Manager; Ashik KP, Senior Sales Executive and Zhen Li, FDI Executive received a Chinese delegation from Sichuan Province.

Students of Economics from Al Qasimia University visited HFZ

In October and December 2018, students from the Economics Department headed by Dr. Mohamed Monier EL-Toukhy, Professor of Economics, Al Qasimia University, visited HFZ to learn more about its environment, policies, and procedures. Their understanding of the significance of this free zone to the local economy had the entire HFZA staff held this group of young scholars in admiration.

HFZA is committed to helping such brighter minds by providing insights and hands-on seminars bordering around free zones, global businesses, and economic revolutions. For we understand, only by bringing together young talents in the ecosystem can we expect to create an impact.



Celebrations

When HFZA teams with enthusiasm, spectacular celebrations open its arms

When it is time for celebration at HFZ, it really means to delve into the rich history of the UAE – its culture, cuisine, and extravaganza. Together with our employees, these happy occasions were celebrated with full zest – all in the spirit of the existence of this wonderful country.

At HFZ, a special ceremony was held as part of the countrywide celebrations to mark:

UAE Flag Day

Celebrated on 2 November to mark the anniversary of HH Sheikh Khalifa bin Zayed Al Nahyan becoming President of the UAE in 2004. A proud occasion to reaffirm national allegiance, this flag-raising ceremony at HFZ was headed by Saud Salim Al Mazrouei, Director along with all the senior management and employees.

Commemoration Day

Celebrated on 30 November to honor and recognize the sacrifices of Emirati martyrs. The HFZA management paid tribute to these national heroes who dedicated their lives for their homeland.

National Day

Celebrated on 2 December to honor the Union between the seven emirates, Abu Dhabi, Dubai, Ajman, Al-Ain, Sharjah, Umm al-Quwain, and Ras Al Khaimah in 1971-72 to form the modern-day country headed by Sheikh Zayed bin Sultan Al Nahyan, the federation's first president.

Arabic traditional tents were put up to celebrate the day with gusto and zest. Great food, live music, exotic dancing, and exquisite display of traditional arts and crafts were some of the highlights of the day.



Awards

HFZA CFO bags professional excellence award



TV Ramesh, Chief Financial Officer of Hamriyah Free Zone Authority was honored with the 'Professional Excellence Award' at the Kairali TV NRI Business Awards 2018 ceremony held on 20 October 2018 at Sheraton Beach Resort, Sharjah. Mr. Ramesh received the Award from Mr. Pinarayi Vijayan, the honorable Chief Minister of Kerala in the presence of Mr. Mammotty, famous movie actor and Chairman of Malayalam Communications Limited. Mr. Ramesh is with Hamriyah Free Zone Authority since 1996.

Kairali TV NRI Business Awards recognize the significant contribution made by the prominent Non-Resident Indians. Ramesh has won many other awards and recognition in the past, including the coveted MENA CFO of the Year (Public Sector) Award for the past 3 years (2015-2017) in a row.



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Exhibitions



HFZA attracted more global investors at ADIPEC

HFZA showcased its latest offering to 145,000+ attendees at Abu Dhabi International Petroleum Exhibition & Conference (ADIPEC) on 11-15 November 2018 at ADNEC, Abu Dhabi. Muhamed Basheer, Head of Overseas Promotion; Noura Al Suwaidi, Head of Marketing; Habishmon Khalidkuty, Senior Sales Executive; and Zhen Li, FDI Executive represented HFZA in the event.

ADIPEC is one of the world's largest oil and gas events that attract 2,200+ companies from 59+ countries across the globe, thereby giving them the opportunity to display their trending products, services, and technologies to a huge audience.

HFZA wooed construction & building material investors at The Big 5

HFZA exhibited from 26-29 November 2018 at the 39th edition of Middle East's leading international building and construction show, officially opened by Sheikh Hamdan bin Rashid Al Maktoum, Deputy Ruler of Dubai and the Minister of Finance and Industry of the United Arab Emirates, at Concourse 726, Dubai World Trade Centre.

In the presence of 2,248 global exhibiting companies and more than 30 official country pavilions, Ajeeb Moidunni, Head of Customer Service; Ashik KP, Senior Sales Executive; Aisha Akram, Marketing Officer; Cristina dela Cueva, Marketing Executive; and Zhen Li, FDI Executive, highlighted HFZA's strategic and favorable location details.

The Big 5 is the region's largest and most influential event for the construction industry and showcases 360-degree building solutions clustered in five product sectors: MEP services, Building Interiors & Finishes, Building Envelope & Special Construction, Construction Tools & Building Materials, and Construction Technology & Innovation.



HFZA at the Future Manufacturing & Trade Summit

During the 3rd Annual Future Manufacturing & Trade Summit 2018 held on 8 & 9 October 2018 at Atlantis The Palm, Dubai, HFZA personnel at its booth demonstrated technological advancements and innovative strategies of HFZ to the elite guests and global investors.

Ajeeb Moidunni, Head of Customer Support; Ashik KP Senior Sales Executive; Cristina dela Cueva, Marketing Executive; and Manju Mehla, Business Development Executive represented HFZA in this event that proved out to be a highly interactive affair, bringing together over 500 professionals from across the region.



Al Owais, Chairman of the Sharjah Chamber of Commerce and Industry, stated that the chamber's success in attracting more than 5,000 new companies is a strong indication of its importance to investors. He stressed that the chamber will move forward with a clear strategy and direction to promote Sharjah as a premier destination for doing business, in accordance with the wise vision and directives of His Highness Dr. Sheikh Sultan bin Mohamed Al Qasimi,

SCCI attracts more than 5000 new members in 2018

The Sharjah Chamber of Commerce and Industry, SCCI, has announced that 5,178 new companies have joined the chamber in 2018, which represents a 7.4 percent growth in the total number of members when compared to the previous year.

The number of certificates of origin issued by the chamber during 2018 reached 93,851, which indicates the chamber's success in sustaining the growth of the commercial sector, a key component of the emirate's economy and a key part of Sharjah's economic diversification plans. Abdullah Sultan

Supreme Council Member and Ruler of Sharjah. Mohamed Ahmed Amin, Acting Director-General of the SCCI, pointed out that the chamber has implemented a number of initiatives in order to develop its management and membership systems during the previous year, which have enhanced its efficiency.

Amin remarked that after the SCCI's meetings with various business groups and representatives of the private sector, the chamber adopted the recommendations of these groups in order to improve the performance and

enhance the competitiveness of the emirate's economic sectors.

Abdulaziz Shattaf, Assistant Director-General for Members Services at SCCI, pointed out that the chamber provides the chance to participate in various events and meetings throughout the year, and the ability to benefit from the services of the Sharjah International Commercial Arbitration Centre, as well as being able to obtain support in exporting and re-exporting their products to regional markets, and participate in overseas missions to diverse markets around the world.

AED 41 Billion Sharjah's Industrial Production Worth in 2018

According to the report issued by Sharjah Economic Development Department "SEDD", the industrial production of Sharjah reached 41 billion dirhams last year. Therefore, the Department attained great achievements and results in the area of industrial licenses indicator through 2018 whereas the number of issued industrial licenses grew by 14% in 2018 compared to 2017 with 174 licenses issued, and 1890 ones renewed, achieving a total of 2064

licenses. Accordingly, the contribution of manufacturing industries to GDP reached 15.7 billion dirhams, representing 17% of GDP.

His Excellency Sultan Bin Abdullah Al Suwaidi, SEDD Chairman, stressed that the industrial sector is one of the most important components of the economy in the Emirate of Sharjah. The sector continues to grow steadily. He stressed the absolute commitment of the Department to adopt best

practices that will create a competitive environment to attract and attract investments to Sharjah. Such thing helps in moving towards sustainable economic growth and building a productive economy in accordance with the vision of His Highness Sheikh Dr. Sultan bin Mohamed Al Qasimi, Supreme Council Member and Ruler of Sharjah, to develop the industrial environment in the emirate.



Training



Taking forward their commitment to a greener environment HFZA & Bee'ah, as part of their partnership, organized a program – 'Awareness On Managing Hazardous Waste & Segregation Of Waste' conducted by WAMITAB UK of IEMS Academy in November 2018.

Mark Hyde, Commercial Director for WAMITAB gave understanding on 'Resource Management and the Circular Economy'. The attendees got insights on the future of UAE in terms of sustainability and the waste management industry and what it could look like if no proper action is taken.



Awareness on managing hazardous waste & segregation of waste

A plenary session on 'What we all can do to help impact positively on the Environment with simple steps' was also a part of the program.

This program was organized at HFZA Auditorium and was attended by personnel from HFZA, Bee'ah and HFZ companies mainly from EHS Dept.



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