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Momentum at Scale: Accelerating Shared Success

Dubai's trajectory is defined by a relentless march of progress and an unwavering commitment to global leadership. Today, this momentum is visible in every metric: with an economy forecast to accelerate to 4.5% in 2026, Dubai continues to outperform global growth trends, serving as a powerful, high-performance engine for international commerce. This is growth by design, not by chance. Guided by the D33 agenda and reinforced by proactive strategic actions, Dubai continues to announce new mega infrastructure projects such as the new Metro Golden Line, worth \$12 billion that will enhance the city's mobility. For global enterprises, Dubai is far more than a gateway, it is a platform for Momentum at Scale, where ambition is converted into tangible outcomes with unmatched speed and certainty.

Meanwhile, China's "Going Global" strategy has entered a new phase defined by global value creation. Chinese enterprises are moving decisively beyond market entry to deeply embed within Dubai's dynamic ecosystems. By bringing significant investments to co-build logistics, advanced manufacturing, and digital platforms, these partners are lifting productivity and localizing value, creating a new standard for international partnership. For Chinese companies, Dubai is a launchpad to deepen regional presence, diversify global operations, and unlock new growth. For Dubai, Chinese partners bring scale, technology, and operational excellence, accelerating the city's shift from vision to action.

Momentum at Scale marks a shift from alignment to delivery. Where Dubai's opportunities meet China's innovation, this Forum addresses a central question:

"How do we accelerate this synergy into a new era of shared success?"

What this Forum brings is a clear shift from alignment to delivery, through curated sector tracks, concierge matchmaking, bilateral trade and investment opportunities and cross-border capital solutions, moving from meeting to mandate to beyond.

08:00 – 09:00

Registration and Networking

09:00 – 09:05

Welcome by Master of Ceremony

09:05 – 09:15

Accelerating Shared Success: The China–Dubai Partnership

Keynote Remarks

China stands today as Dubai's largest trading partner, reflecting a relationship built on trust, connectivity, and long-term economic ambition. As trade corridors evolve into investment partnerships, both Dubai and China are entering a new phase of cooperation; one driven not only by the exchange of goods, but by the co-creation of industries, capital flows, innovation platforms, and regional expansion opportunities. In this keynote address, H.E. Eng. Sultan Bin Saeed Al Mansoori will highlight how Dubai continues to strengthen its position as a strategic gateway for Chinese companies seeking international growth, while creating new pathways for Dubai-based businesses and investors to access China's scale, innovation ecosystem, and economic momentum. The address will demonstrate how this partnership is generating mutual value, accelerating cross-border investment, and shaping a shared vision for sustainable growth across the region and beyond.



H.E. Eng. Sultan bin Saeed Al Mansoori

Chairman

Dubai Chambers

09:15 – 09:25

Welcome Address



H.E. Eng. Hussain Bin Ibrahim Al Hammadi

UAE Ambassador to China

Government of United Arab Emirates

09:25 – 09:40

D33: Turning Vision into Opportunity

TED-Style

Dubai's approach to economic growth is defined by decisive action, long-term planning, and the ability to adapt quickly to global change. Through the Dubai Economic Agenda (D33), the emirate continues to strengthen its position as a global business hub by accelerating investment, enabling innovation, and creating new pathways for international expansion. H.E. Hadi Badri will highlight the strategic priorities shaping Dubai's next phase of growth, from future-focused sectors and regulatory agility to investment attraction and business expansion. He will also discuss how recent initiatives reinforce Dubai's commitment to enabling business growth and economic competitiveness. For Chinese multinationals, this session will provide insight into where the opportunities lie within Dubai's evolving economy and how the emirate can support their regional and global ambitions.



H.E. Hadi Badri

CEO

Dubai Economic Development Corporation

09:40 – 10:05

Agentic AI: Powering the Next Wave of Growth

Fireside Chat

The China–Dubai story today is defined by scale, momentum, and a community of more than 6,000 enterprises. In this exclusive dialogue, H.E. Lootah reflects on the journey from early trade pioneers to today’s technology leaders shaping the economy of 2026 and beyond. Translating this legacy into a visionary future, H.E. will unveil the Chamber’s roadmap for the next frontier: a two-year transformation programme designed to radically boost private sector productivity through Agentic AI. With focused incubators, capital platforms and talent pathways, it is an open invitation for Chinese innovators to scale their next chapter from Dubai under the D33 Agenda.



H.E. Mohammad Ali Rashed Lootah

President & CEO
Dubai Chambers

10:05 – 10:20

The City-Scale AI Testbed

Fireside Chat

For Baidu Apollo, expansion into Dubai represents more than geographic reach; it reflects the integration of autonomous mobility systems into an emerging global framework for applied AI deployment. Join Nan Yang as he examines the operational logic behind anchoring the world’s leading autonomous driving ecosystem in Dubai. From navigating first-of-its-kind regulatory frameworks to the operational realities of a city-wide rollout, Nan Yang shares the untold story of how Dubai’s “Blueprint for AI” converts technological momentum into massive-scale growth and cross-border innovation.



Nan Yang

Vice President of Baidu & General Manager of Overseas Business Unit,
Intelligent Driving Group
Baidu Inc

10:20 – 10:50

AI at Scale: Turning Innovation into Business Value

Expert Dialogue

Artificial Intelligence is rapidly moving beyond experimentation to become a core driver of business growth, productivity and competitiveness. As organisations embed AI across customer engagement, operations and digital services, the focus is shifting from proof of concept to scalable commercial impact. This discussion will explore how businesses can accelerate AI adoption, unlock new opportunities for innovation and create measurable economic value. Tencent will share its perspective on scaling AI across global digital ecosystems, while Dubai Chamber of Digital Economy will highlight how Dubai’s AI ecosystem, startup support and business-friendly environment are enabling founders and technology companies to commercialise innovation and expand across regional and international markets.



Rachel Xie

General Manager
Tencent Cloud MENA



Saeed Al Gergawi

Vice President, Digital Economy
Dubai Chambers

10:50 – 11:30

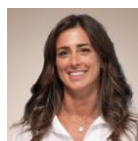
Smart Capital: China Tech Meets the Dubai Platform

Panel Discussion

As Dubai accelerates its position as a global technology and innovation hub under the D33 Agenda, new opportunities are emerging for Chinese capital to participate in the emirate's fast-growing tech ecosystem. At the same time, UAE-based asset managers and family businesses are increasingly exploring access to China's private markets, venture capital landscape, and innovation-driven growth sectors. This session will examine how investors on both sides can unlock value across the China–Dubai investment corridor. Discussions will focus on opportunities for Chinese capital to invest in Dubai's technology sectors, including AI, fintech, advanced manufacturing, and digital infrastructure, while also exploring how UAE investors can gain strategic exposure to Chinese private equity and venture capital opportunities. The session will highlight the role of Dubai as a platform connecting capital, innovation, and international expansion.



Fadi Ghandour
Executive Chairman
Wamda Group



Noor Sweid
Founder & Managing Partner
Global Ventures



Yiqing Wan
CEO
China Merchants Capital



Yiming (Wilson) Zhang
Managing Director & Chair of Global
Equities Management Committee
CICC

11:30 – 11:45

Powering the AI Economy: Building the Foundations for Future Growth

Fireside Chat

Artificial Intelligence is rapidly becoming a defining force behind economic competitiveness, industrial productivity, and business transformation. As governments and enterprises accelerate AI adoption, the demand for advanced computing power, intelligent infrastructure, and scalable AI ecosystems continues to grow. With a significant presence across the Middle East, Huawei is supporting the development of AI-ready infrastructure and next-generation technology capabilities across the region. In this session, Huawei will share its perspective on the opportunities emerging from the AI economy, the infrastructure required to enable AI at scale, and the role Dubai can play as a hub for innovation, talent, AI-driven growth and deployment.



Alan Qi
President of Huawei Cloud Middle East & Central Asia Region
Huawei

11:45 – 12:00

From Dubai to the World: Scaling the Extra Mile

Fireside Chat

From the boardrooms of Huawei and Alibaba to the sands of Dubai, Rita was fuelled by a singular “Dubai Dream”: to redefine the regional logistics experience through digital-first innovation. Today, iMile stands as a powerful testament to how Dubai's high-velocity infrastructure and proactive startup ecosystem is an incubator for global champions.

11:45 – 12:00

Rita Huang offers her perspective on the journey from a local startup to a global logistics disruptor. She will decode the “Dubai Advantage”, the unique synergy where China’s tech agility meets the emirate’s unparalleled connectivity and how that model enabled iMile to solve regional e-commerce challenges, scale globally and turn ambition into execution.



Rita Huang
Founder & CEO
iMile Delivery

12:00 – 13:30

Networking Lunch

13:30 – 14:00

Reshaping Regional Mobility

Expert Dialogue

Chinese automakers are redefining global e-mobility through unmatched innovation and rapid development and expansion cycles. Chinese brands represented 10% of the MENA market in 2024, a share projected to rise to 34% by 2030, while in the UAE, inquiries for Chinese EVs surged 77% in the same year, accelerating momentum behind the nation’s Net Zero 2050 strategy. Success in this shifting landscape is now defined by partnership models that transcends traditional distribution. Explore how Dubai’s regional champions are emerging as both strategic partners and co-investors, enabling Chinese enterprises to anchor themselves within the region’s long-term energy transition. Industry leaders will examine how Chinese manufacturing strength and Dubai’s market access are combining to build consumer trust and position the emirate as the launchpad for sustainable mobility across MENA.



Lucas Bellieud
Managing Director
Al Futtaim Electric Mobility



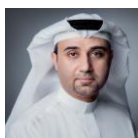
Carson Zhang
UAE Country Manager
BYD

14:00 – 14:35

Building Resilient Trade Corridors

Panel Discussion

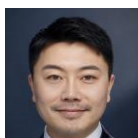
As global trade flows continue to evolve, Dubai and China are playing an increasingly important role in shaping faster, smarter, and more connected commercial corridors. Through advanced logistics infrastructure, digital trade systems, integrated ports, and AI-enabled clearance solutions, Dubai is accelerating the movement of goods, capital, and businesses across international markets. This session will explore how Dubai and China can jointly create new opportunities to enhance global connectivity and enable the next phase of international trade growth. Industry leaders will discuss how Dubai’s integrated logistics ecosystem supports speed, scalability, and market expansion for Chinese companies pursuing global growth strategies, while also strengthening cross-border trade and investment flows between Asia, the Middle East, and beyond under the D33 Agenda.



Badr Abbas
Divisional Senior Vice President
Emirates SkyCargo



Benjamin Lai
Managing Director
DP World China



Xiang Li
CEO of Middle East, South Asia and Africa (MESAA)
YTO International

14:35 – 14:50

The Yalla Phenomenon

Fireside Chat

Yalla Group's rise from a Dubai-based startup to the UAE's first homegrown tech unicorn reflects the growing strength of Dubai's digital economy and its ability to support globally scalable technology companies. By combining regional market insight with platform innovation, Yalla successfully built online social experiences tailored to the preferences and culture of the MENA region. In this session, Jason Hua will share the story behind the "Yalla Phenomenon," exploring how the company leveraged Dubai's business environment, digital infrastructure, and regional connectivity to scale its operations and expand its market presence. The session will also highlight the opportunities emerging for technology companies building products and platforms from Dubai for regional and international growth.



Jason Hua
Chief Strategy Officer
Yalla Group

14:50 – 15:05

The Legend Model: From Inception to Global Reach

Fireside Chat

Legend Holding Group has evolved into a diversified UAE-based enterprise operating across multiple sectors and international markets. Today, the group's expansion spans industries including manufacturing, mobility, energy, and business services, supported by a growing regional and global footprint. In this session, Cannon Wang will share the company's growth journey; from establishing its presence in Dubai to scaling operations across sectors and geographies. He will discuss how Dubai's business environment enabled Legend to expand internationally, diversify its operations, and build an integrated platform supporting long-term growth.



Cannon Wang
Chief Strategy Officer
Legend Holding Group

15:05 – 15:35

From Prototype to Global Impact

Expert Dialogue

By combining world class infrastructure with transparent regulation, Dubai offers global innovators a unique proposition: a city-scale co-developer ready to turn ambitious blueprints into deployed industrial reality. As a catalyst for scale, Dubai bridges the gap between laboratory potential and market adoption through a live environment where solutions are tested, refined, and scaled under real world conditions. Key ecosystem architects join leading voices in innovation to explore how this powerful synergy of policy, capital, and practice is accelerating the journey from prototype to global impact. The dialogue will focus on the "Dubai Model" of shared success: where transparent policy meets advanced manufacturing, enabling companies not only to test in Dubai, but to anchor long term growth.



Tariq Al Wahedi
Group Chief Executive Officer
7X



Michael Du
Chief Financial Officer & VP
ARIDGE (Xpeng Aeroht)

15:35 – 15:45

MC's Plenary Closing & Key Takeaways

Enabling Growth Series (Strictly by Invitation Only)

10:45 – 16:05

Connect Hub

The Connect Hub facilitates high-impact networking throughout the day. Providing a dedicated space for pre-scheduled 1-on-1 meetings, it allows Chinese and Dubai delegates to move beyond the plenary sessions and engage in direct, private discussions to explore collaboration, investment, and market expansion.

13:45 – 14:45

Dubai Women in Business: Leadership, Legacy and the Dubai Advantage

This closed-door dialogue will bring together selected female business leaders, entrepreneurs, and forum attendees for an intimate exchange with the Dubai Business Women Council Board, led by H.E. Dr. Raja Al Gurg. The session will offer participants a first-hand introduction to Dubai's business ecosystem through the personal and professional journeys of leading Emirati women who have helped shape key sectors of the UAE economy. Board members will share insights into their businesses, leadership paths, and the opportunities that Dubai continues to create for women across industries.

The discussion will also highlight the depth, scale, and sophistication of women-led enterprise in Dubai and the UAE, challenging outdated perceptions about women in the Gulf. From established regional leaders such as H.E. Dr. Raja Al Gurg, to pioneering women who entered traditionally male-dominated sectors in the 1980s, including Mrs. Faiza Al Sayed in banking and Mrs. Amna Al Jallaf as one of the first women in aviation law, the gathering will showcase the remarkable role women have played in advancing the UAE's economic story.



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