

# DUBAI BUSINESS FORUM USA

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## Dubai Business Forum USA

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**Post Event Report**

# Event Overview

Dubai Business Forum USA convened senior business leaders, investors, policymakers, and innovators from Dubai and the United States to explore opportunities for collaboration, investment, and mutual growth. Held in New York, the Forum highlighted Dubai's position as a global business hub and a strategic gateway connecting the Americas to high-growth markets across the Middle East, Africa, and Asia.

Aligned with Dubai's D33 Economic Agenda, the Forum showcased Dubai's forward-looking economic policies, innovation ecosystem, and investment platforms, fostering meaningful dialogue and cross-border partnerships between two of the world's most dynamic economies.

# Key Achievements

**682** Total Attendees

**597** U.S. & Media Attendees

**36** Speakers

**85** Dubai Delegates

**72** B2B Meetings

**1** MOUs signed with Los Angeles

Area Chamber of Commerce





# Programme Highlights



## Strengthening U.S.–Dubai Economic Ties

Discussions focused on deepening trade and investment cooperation between Dubai and the United States, emphasizing shared values around innovation, entrepreneurship, and open markets. Speakers highlighted Dubai's role as a global connector and an attractive base for U.S. companies seeking regional and international expansion.

## Investment, Innovation & the D33 Agenda

Panels explored global capital flows, venture investment, and the evolving role of technology in shaping future economies. Dubai's D33 Economic Agenda was presented as a blueprint for long-term growth, positioning the city as a top global destination for investment, AI, fintech, green energy, and advanced manufacturing.

## Future-Focused Dialogue

- ❖ Key sessions examined themes including:
- ❖ Cross-border investment strategies
- ❖ AI and digital transformation
- ❖ Fintech and financial services
- ❖ Logistics and global supply chains
- ❖ Sustainable and innovation-led growth

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*“New York and Dubai stand among the world’s most dynamic financial ecosystems. They are also very innovative global cities. We are connected by ambition and united by opportunity.”*

**H.E. Eng. Sultan Bin Saeed Al Mansoori**  
Chairman, Dubai Chambers, UAE



*“Having a mindset of mutual benefit, this is what differs Dubai from different locations. We really are keen about building relationships that sustain.”*

**H.E. Mohammad Ali Rashed Lootah**  
President & CEO, Dubai Chambers, UAE



*“One of the superpowers we have in Dubai is that we are small, and small is beautiful. It allows us to be nimble, and so our ability to adapt regulation quickly and really facilitate all the changes that are happening in the world, that’s one of the things that make Dubai quite special.”*

**H.E. Hadi Badri, CEO, Dubai Economic Development Corporation, UAE**

# Featured Speakers

## Dubai Speakers

H.E. Eng. Sultan Bin Saeed Al Mansoori, **Chairman, Dubai Chambers**  
H.E. Mohammad Ali Rashed Lootah, **President & CEO, Dubai Chambers**  
H.E. Hadi Badri, **CEO, Dubai Economic Development Corporation**  
Arjun Mohan, **CEO, TENDERD**  
Arshad Ghafur, **President, Middle East & North Africa, Bank of America**  
Anthony O'Sullivan, **UAE Managing Partner, EY**  
Bassel Alnahlaoui, **Chief Business Officer, Careem**  
Dr. Juma Al Matrooshi, **Assistant Executive Chairman - Investments & Partnerships, Dubai Integrated Economic Zones**  
Dr. Marwan Al Zarouni, **CEO of AI, Dubai Department of Economy and Tourism**  
May Nasrallah, **Chairwoman (MENA) and Partner, PJT Partners**  
Mohamad Ballout, **CEO & Co-Founder, Kitopi**  
Mona Ataya, **Founder, Mumzworld**  
Noor Sweid, **Founder and Managing Partner, Global Ventures**  
Ola Doudin, **CEO, BitOasis**  
Rabea Ataya, **CEO and Founder, Bayt.com**  
Rami Tabbara, **Co-Founder and Co-CEO, Stake**  
Wassim Makarem, **Chief Retail Officer, talabat**

## US Speakers

Dr. Alex Wiltschko, **CEO, Osmo**  
Bob Diamond, **Founder and CEO, Atlas Merchant Capital**  
Jared Cohen, **President of Global Affairs and Co-Head of the Goldman Sachs Global Institute, Goldman Sachs**  
John Caplan, **CEO and Director, Payoneer**  
Jon Clifton, **CEO, Gallup**  
Jose Minaya, **Global Head of BNY Investments and Wealth, BNY**  
Matt Higgins, **CEO and Co-Founder, RSE Ventures**  
Michael Koester, **Co-Founder and Managing Partner, 5C Investment Partners**  
Monica Brand Engel, **Managing Partner and Co-Founder, Quona Capital**  
Nicolas Cary, **Co-Founder and Vice Chairman, Blockchain.com**  
Stephanie von Friedeburg, **Global Head, Public Sector Banking, Citi**

# Featured Speakers

## Emcee & Moderators

Amna Nawaz, Co-Host, PBS News Hour

Ben Smith, Co-Founder and Editor-in-Chief, Semafor

Liz Hoffman, Business & Finance Editor, Semafor

Nayeema Raza, Journalist and Filmmaker

Shakuntala Santhiran, International Broadcast Journalist and Moderator

Sonali Basak, Chief Investment Strategist, iCapital

Zain Asher, Anchor, CNN





# Dubai Official Delegation

Led by H.E. Eng. Sultan Bin Saeed Al Mansoori, Dubai Chambers' delegation consisted of 85 members, drawn from the key pillars of Dubai's business and investment ecosystem, as well as relevant industries from the private sector.

Between government entities, Free Zones and business leaders, the Dubai economy was strongly represented, showcasing the emirate's dynamic and diversified business landscape. The forum provided a valuable platform for high-level networking, resulting in strong leads and promising opportunities for business growth.

Example of entities represented:

- ❖ Dubai Economic Development Corporation
- ❖ Dubai Integrated Economic Zones
- ❖ Dubai International Financial Centre
- ❖ Dubai Healthcare City Authority
- ❖ Dubai Multi Commodities Centre
- ❖ TECOM
- ❖ DP World
- ❖ Al Yousuf
- ❖ Al Fardan
- ❖ Al Gargash



# Connect Hub

## Key Highlights

- ❖ 72 concierge meetings facilitated between Dubai delegation members and U.S. companies.
- ❖ Curated matchmaking based on sector priorities, investment interests, and expansion objectives.
- ❖ Enabled direct conversations on partnerships, market entry, and cross-border collaboration.
- ❖ Served as a dedicated platform for follow-up from roundtables, sessions, and site visits.
- ❖ Strengthened networking outcomes and accelerated business development opportunities.





# MOU Signing with the Los Angeles Chamber of Commerce

Dubai Chambers signed an MOU with the Los Angeles Chamber of Commerce to strengthen bilateral cooperation, support trade and investment flows, and facilitate future delegations and joint business engagement between Dubai and Los Angeles.



# Enabling Growth

## Overview



Three targeted roundtables were held during the Dubai Business Forum USA, bringing together senior leaders from Dubai and the United States for focused dialogue on investment, trade, and institutional cooperation. These closed-door discussions enabled candid exchanges on emerging opportunities, market shifts, and long-term collaboration between both markets.

### Key Highlights

#### 2 High-Level Investor Roundtables

Engaging leading family offices, private investors, and business principals from Dubai & the U.S.

#### 1 Strategic Chambers Dialogue

Hosted with major U.S. chambers and trade-promotion entities to advance institutional partnerships.

#### 40+ Senior Investors Engaged

A curated group representing priority sectors across both markets.

#### 17 U.S. Chambers & Promotion Bodies

Strengthened cooperation on trade, investment, and market access.



# IBM & Newlab

## Site Visits



The Dubai delegation conducted two strategic site visits in New York, beginning with IBM's Innovation Lab at One Madison, where delegates received an in-depth tour of IBM's latest enterprise technology, AI applications, and digital innovation platforms. The session also included presentations by senior IBM specialists, followed by a networking lunch with the delegation.

The delegation then visited Newlab, where frontier-technology startups delivered focused pitches showcasing solutions across robotics, mobility, climate tech, and advanced materials. Delegates were also given a guided tour of Newlab's workspace and innovation facilities, offering firsthand insight into the ecosystem's model for accelerating deep-tech ventures.



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