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Dubai Chamber-led trade mission to Czech Republic builds new bridges of economic cooperation

- *More than 100 delegates attend Czech-UAE Business Forum 2019 in Prague – a high-level forum organised by Dubai Chamber in cooperation with the Czech Business Council in Dubai*
- *Delegation of UAE businessmen visits Prague and Karlovy Vary to business potential in key sectors and areas such as smart city solutions, manufacturing, logistics, healthcare, tourism, wellness and artificial intelligence*
- *Al Shehhi: UAE is an ideal hub for Czech companies that want to do businesses in the Middle East and expand their reach to new markets*
- *Al Shirawi: We see tremendous potential to expand Dubai's non-oil trade with Czech Republic to new product categories and beyond the \$980 million accounted for in 2018*

Prague, Czech Republic: Public and private sector players attending the Czech-UAE Business Forum 2019 in Prague called for businesses in the two countries to explore new partnership opportunities in key sectors of mutual interest such as smart city solutions, manufacturing, logistics, healthcare, tourism and artificial intelligence, which can support the strategic vision of both governments.



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The high-level forum attracted more than 100 delegates including government and business leaders, as well as industry experts who gathered to explore trade synergies and new avenues of cooperation. Organised Dubai Chamber of Commerce and Industry in cooperation with the Czech Business Council in Dubai, the forum coincided with a Dubai Chamber-led trade mission to Prague and Karlovy Vary.

The visiting delegation was led by H.E. Hisham Al Shirawi, 2nd Vice Chairman of Dubai Chamber and joined by H.E. Eng. Mohammed Ahmed Bin Abdul Aziz Al Shehhi, Undersecretary for Economic Affairs at the Ministry of Economy of the UAE; H.E. Hamad Buamim, President & CEO of Dubai Chamber of Commerce & Industry; HE Yahya Lootah, Vice Chairman S.S. Lootah Group; HE Jamal Al Hai Chairman & Owner Al Hai Group of Companies; Hassan Al Hashemi, Senior Vice President - International Relations, Dubai Chamber of Commerce & Industry; Adil Al Zarouni Managing Director Rivoli Group LLC; Dr. Abdulkareem Al Olama ,CEO Sultan Al Olama Medical Group; and Abdulla Bin Sougat, Managing Director of Bin Sougat Group of Companies; Ismail Akil Abbasi, Chairman of Abbasi Group of Companies; Nasir Khan, CEO of Al Naboodah Travel & Tourism; Dr Mohammad Al Redha, Director Project Management Office (PMO) & Health Informatics & Smart Health Dept Dubai Health Authority; Sameer Sharif Deputy, Managing Director of ATS; and Pavel Foubík, President of the Czech Business Council in Dubai and Northern Emirates.



Addressing delegates at the forum, H.E. Jan Dejl, First Deputy Minister, Ministry of Industry and Trade of the Czech Republic stressed the importance of organising events foster bilateral cooperation and noted that the UAE and Czech Republic share a common vision when it comes to innovation and economic diversification. H.E. Deil presented an overview of the Czech Government Innovation Strategy and highlighted areas of synergy where UAE and Czech companies can share knowledge and collaborate.

H.E. Al Shehhi noted that the forum comes at a time when political and economic relations between the UAE and Czech Republic following several high-level visits. The Czech Republic is one of the most promising destinations for UAE companies and the country provides a safe and investor-friendly environment, in addition to easy access to Central European markets, he noted, highlighting the various advantages offered by the UAE to foreign companies and investors, such as the country's world-class infrastructure and state-of-the art logistics facilities and free zones.

For his part, H.E. Al Shirawi described Czech Republic as a key trade partner to Dubai and ideal gateway for UAE exports and re-exports that reach emerging markets throughout Central Europe. He noted that there is tremendous potential for Dubai' to expand its non-oil



trade with the Czech Republic to new product categories and beyond the \$980 million accounted in 2018.

In addition, H.E. Al Shirawi said the Czech UAE Business Forum is a prime example of how Dubai Chamber works closely with partners and business groups to provide its members with access to investment opportunities in promising markets around the world. He added that the Czech Business Council in Dubai, established at the previous Czech-UAE Business Forum under the umbrella of Dubai Chamber, has been playing a very active role in promoting exchange between the two business communities.

During the four-day trade mission, the delegates participated in site visits to GHC Clinic Prague, the largest and most comprehensive private health care facility in the Czech Republic, the Moser Crystal Factory in Karlovy Vary and Air Navigation Services of the Czech Republic and Czech Aviation Training Centre, and met with the Mayor of Karlovy Vary, H.E. Andrea Pfeffer Ferkel to discuss business potential in the city and prospects for UAE-Czech collaboration in the tourism and wellness sectors.

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