

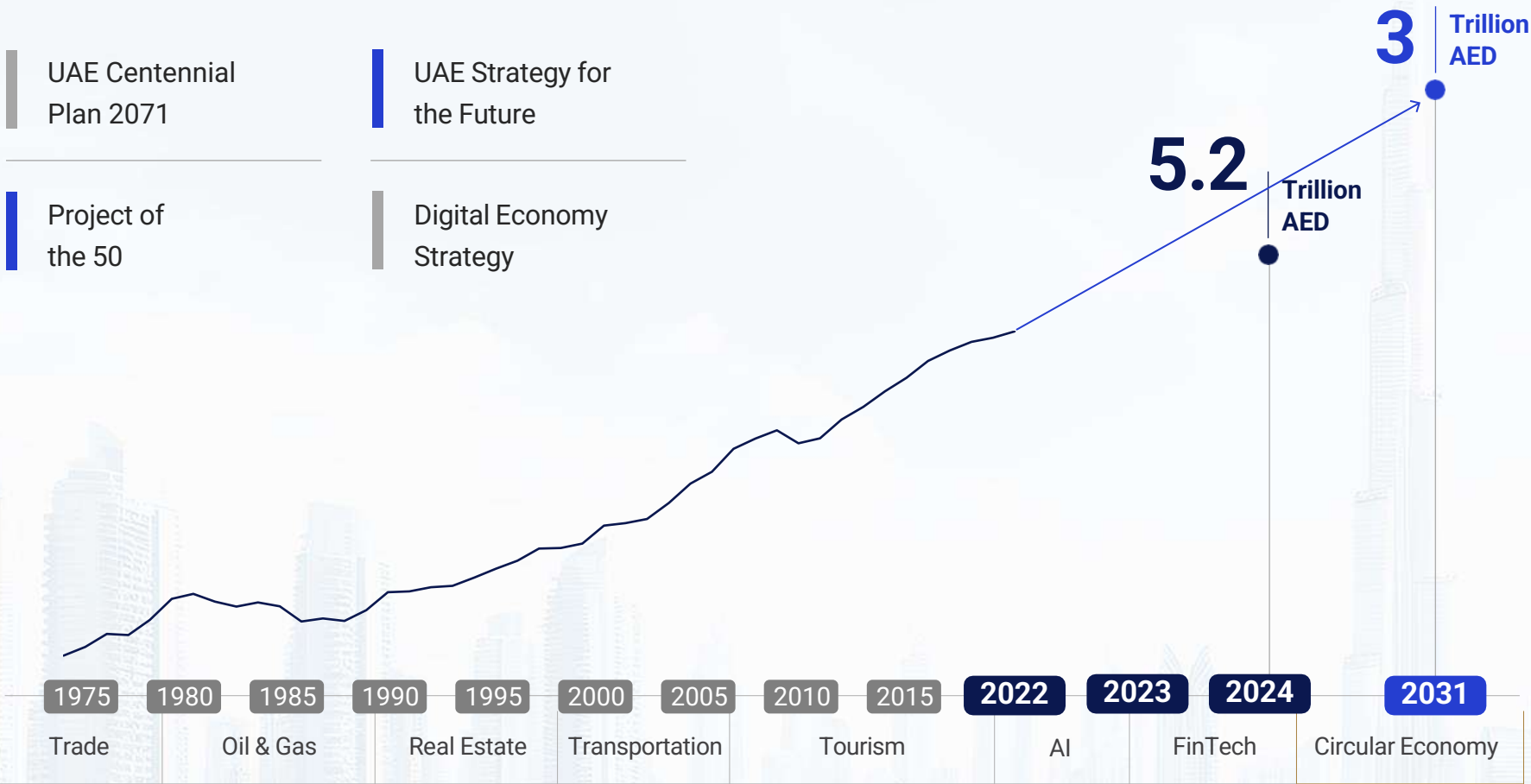


# UAE Investment Ecosystem



# Double the National Economy by 2031

Double the National Economy over the Next 10 Years



- Enhancing the regularity environment
- Opening up new markets
- Supporting their adoption of advanced technology
- Attracting leading talent from around the world

# UAE Economic Indicators

## Total Non-Oil Foreign Trade 2024

**\$808.8** Billion US Dollars



## Total Non-Oil GDP 2024

(preliminary)

**462.8** Billion US Dollars

Mining and Quarrying  
includes oil and gas



AED 461 Billion

Wholesale and Retail



AED 227 Billion

Manufacturing



AED 204 Billion

Financial and  
insurance activities



AED 153 Billion

Construction



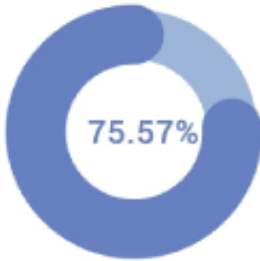
AED 152 Billion

Others



AED 691 Billion

2023



AED 1888.14 Billion

Total Non Oil %: ■  
Total: ■

# In 2025 The Ministry of Investment launched The National Investment Strategy 2031:

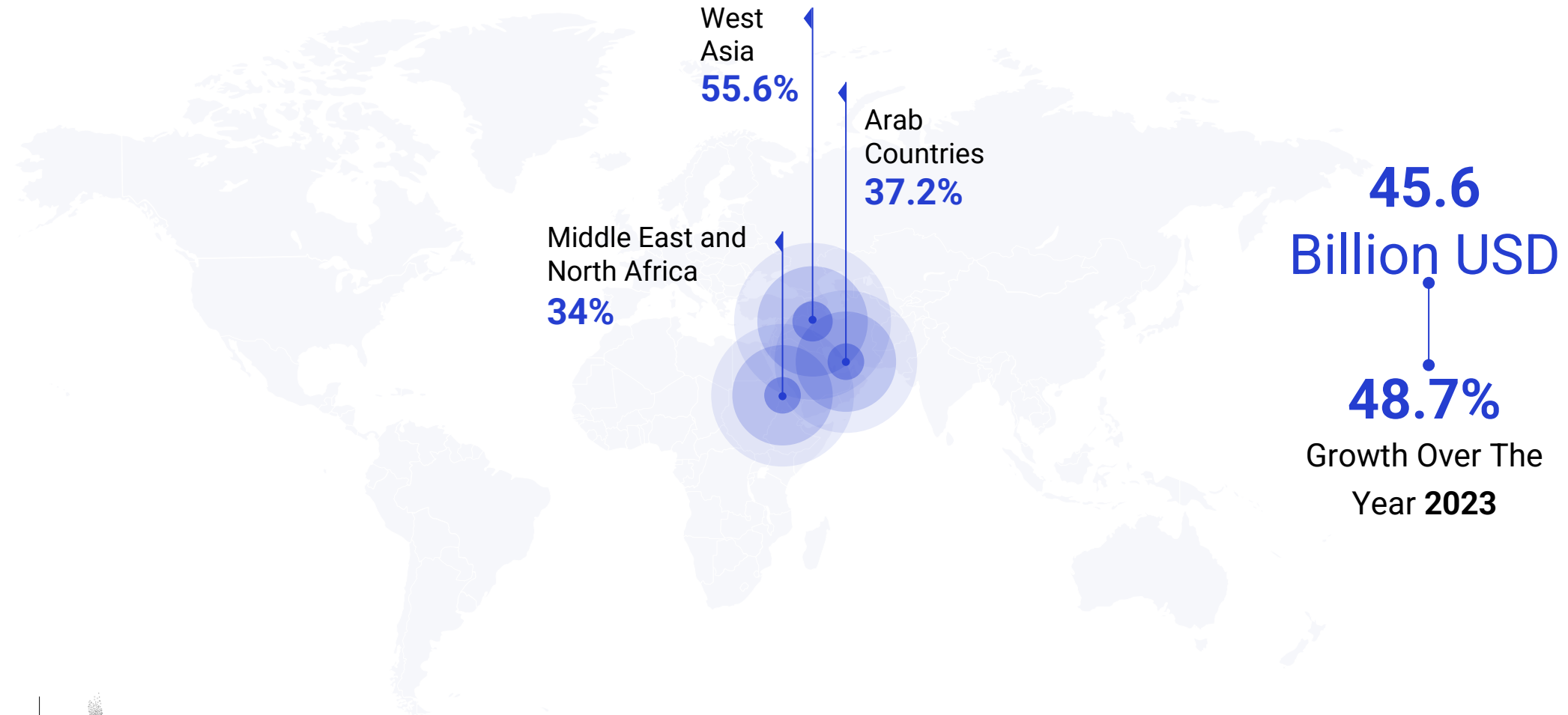
## NIS Strategic Directions

6 sectors prioritized (5 for greenfield investments and 1 for asset monetization)

	MANUFACTURING	FINANCIAL SERVICES	TRANSPORT&LOGISTICS	UTILITIES&RENEWABLES	ICT
GREENFIELD INVESTMENTS	Export-Led Plays (e.g., Machinery and Equipment)	Capital Markets (e.g., Asset Management, Investment Banking)	Warehousing and Storage	Independent Power and Water Producers	Data Processing and Hosting
	National Resilience Focused (e.g., Food and Agritech, Pharma)	Insurance (e.g., Captive Insurance)	Freight and Distribution	Circular Economy (e.g., Waste and Water Treatment)	Software and Services
	Advanced Manufacturing (e.g., Semiconductor)			Hydrogen	
ASSET MONETIZATION	INFRASTRUCTURE				
	Transportation Infrastructure (e.g., Roads, Metro stations)	Energy and Utilities (e.g., Transmission, Gas pipelines)	Telecommunications (e.g., Network towers, Fiber Optic)	Social Infrastructure (e.g., Educational facilities)	

# Inflow of Foreign Direct Investment into the UAE (2024)

Highest Share of Investment Inflows to The Region





# Trade and FDI Overview



**UAE Non-Oil  
Foreign Trade** | 2024

**\$815.7 Billion**

Growth Rate | **14.6%**  
Compared to 2023



**UAE  
FDI Outward Stock** | 2024

**\$285.6 Billion**

Growth Rate | **9%**  
For the year 2023



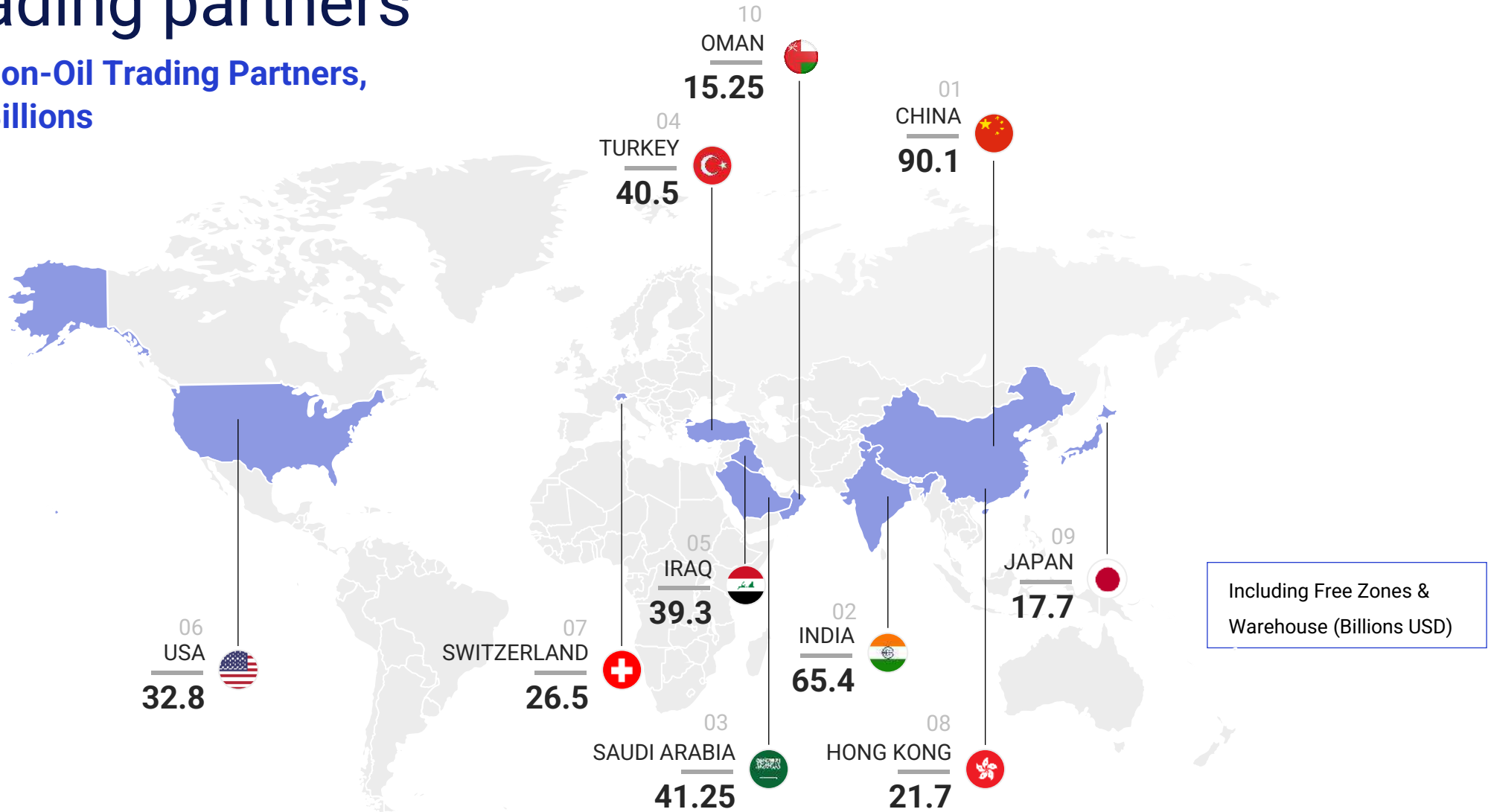
**UAE  
FDI Inward Stock** | 2024

**\$270.6 Billion**

Growth Rate | **20.3%**  
For the year 2023

# Top trading partners

Volume of Non-Oil Trading Partners,  
2024, USD Billions



# UAE Trade growth

## UAE Ranking in Foreign Trade Indicators



**3**

**International Trade (World Competitiveness Index IMD 2024)**



**1**

**Extent of liberalization of Foreign Trade (Legatum Prosperity Index 2023)**



**11**

**Leading exporters of merchandise(WTO 2024)**



**13**

**Leading exporters of commercial services (WTO 2024)**



# CEPA

To achieve the UAE's economic goals, the country is enhancing its global connections to solidify its role as a prominent global trade and logistics center. The signing of Comprehensive Economic Partnership Agreements (CEPAs) is a crucial strategy to strengthen relationships with strategic partners worldwide.

## Benefits of CEPA



- Enhanced market access
- Lower or eliminated tariffs
- Simpler custom procedures
- Clear and Transparent rules
- Rules-based competition

The UAE has concluded 10 Comprehensive Economic Partnership Agreements (CEPA) with



India



Indonesia



Israel



Turkey



Georgia



Cambodia



Jordan



Serbia



Costa Rica



Mauritius

Additionally, the UAE is actively engaged in discussions with numerous nations

# UAE is One of the World's Most Attractive Investment Hubs



Effective Government  
Strategies

**1<sup>st</sup> Globally**

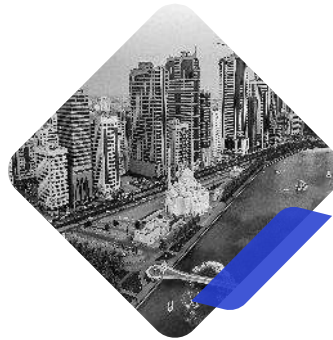
Strong and Stable  
Economy (Brand Finance  
Soft Power Index 2024)



An Attractive  
Economy

**2<sup>nd</sup> Globally**

Global Economic  
Competitiveness Index  
(WEF, 2023)



Strategic  
Infrastructure

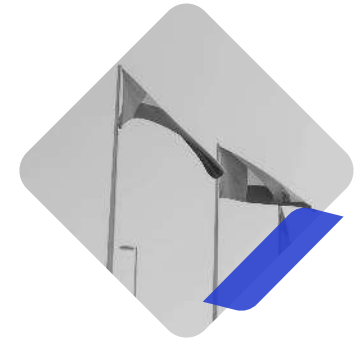
**5<sup>th</sup> Globally**

The Quality Infrastructure for  
Sustainable Development Index  
(UNIDO, 2024)



Strong Credit  
Rating

**AA- Credit  
Rating**  
(S&P)



An Open, Multi-  
Cultural Society

**200+**

Nationalities

# Connectivity

The UAE has

10

Major Airports

12

Seaports

An unrivalled  
network of roads  
and bridges

33% of the  
world population  
within 4 hrs.

66% of the world  
population within 8 hrs.

UAE Strategic Location



Digital Connectivity



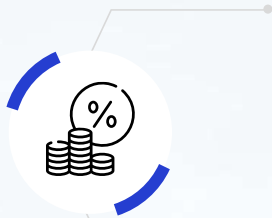
Internet penetration  
amounted to

98% in 2024

20%

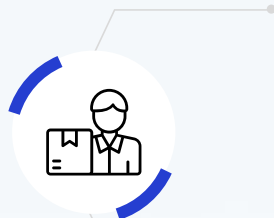
Digital Economy  
contribution to UAE's  
non-oil GDP by 2031

# Prominent features of UAE's investment environment



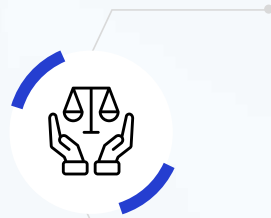
## Favourable Tax and Fiscal environment

- Low Corporate & Income taxes
- Low Tariffs (0-5%)
- 5% VAT



## Full Ownership

- Possibility of Full ownership in all economic sectors
- Full ownership in more than 40 Free zones
- The freedom to transfer profits completely abroad



## Impartial Legal System

- Based on a civil law system
- Jurisdictions that administer English Common Law



## Access to global talent

- Availability of Skilled Labor
- Top 4th globally in Attracting Talent (INSEAD, 2023)



## Long Term Residency for investors

- Golden Visa- 10-year residency



# NextGenFDI

NEXT  
GEN<sup>FDI</sup>



## Strategic Goals

- Attract digitally enabled businesses from all over the world and provide them with the necessary market entry fundamentals needed to launch and scale from within the UAE.
- Establish the UAE's profile as the top destination of choice for global talent



## Objectives

- Support the growth of the nation's knowledge-driven economy, by enabling rapid incorporation processes to speed up licensing.
- Facilitating the issuance of bulk or golden visas.
- Accelerating banking services; and providing commercial and residential lease incentives for advanced technology companies seeking to relocate to the UAE.



## Strategic Partners



## BUSINESS

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### Watch: UAE launches 'NextGen FDI' to attract world's digital businesses and talent and set up here

Entry for digital companies into UAE to be fast-tracked, incentives for relocations

Published: July 06, 2022 12:23 Last updated: July 06, 2022 10:36  
Nivetha Dayanand, Web Editor



Dubai: The UAE Ministry of Economy has launched a project to bring more than 300 digital-focussed businesses to set up bases here within six to 12 months. The 'NextGen FDI' initiative will provide these companies with necessary market entry support to launch and scale from within the UAE. The Ministry plans to roll out additional features in the coming months.

Businesses wanting to base here will be helped with faster incorporation processes, through bulk visa issuance, accelerated banking services, and providing commercial

# UAE Golden Visa

## What is it?

A long-term residence granted to attract talents and highly skilled workers and professionals and to boost the investment environment and foster business success and growth

## Beneficiaries

Investors

Entrepreneurs

Exceptional Talent

Scientists & Professionals

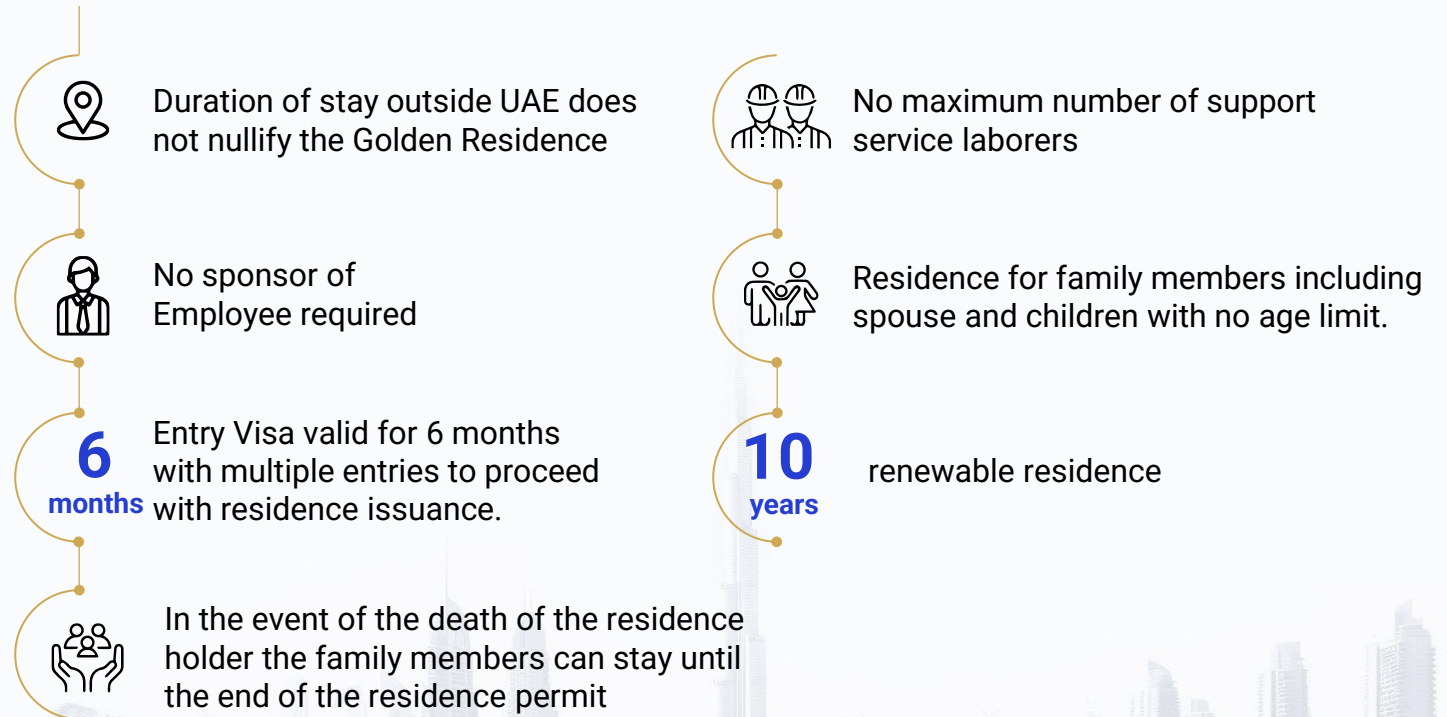
Outstanding Students & Graduates

Humanitarian Pioneers

Frontline Heroes

## Benefits

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# UAE Talent Attraction & Retention Strategy 2031

## Strategic Goals

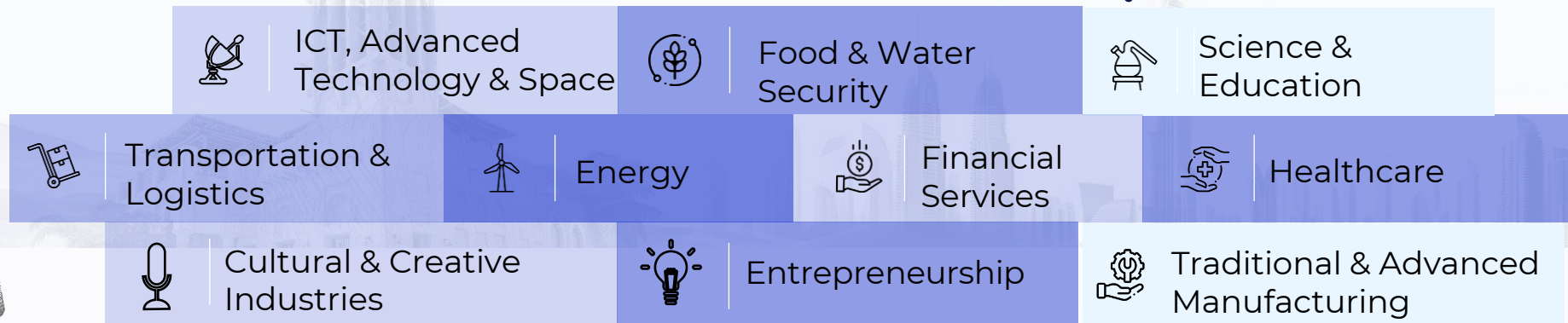
- 1 Establish The UAE As One Of The Top 10 Leaders Of Global Talent Competitiveness.
- 2 Ensure The Availability Of Talent In The UAE's Strategic Sectors To Enable The Knowledge Economy.
- 3 Establish The UAE's Profile As The Top Destination Of Choice For Global Talent.

## Strategic Initiatives

Introduced more than 22 Initiatives for Talent Attraction & Retention:

- The Golden Visa
- Involuntary Loss of Employment Scheme
- Savings Scheme in UAE

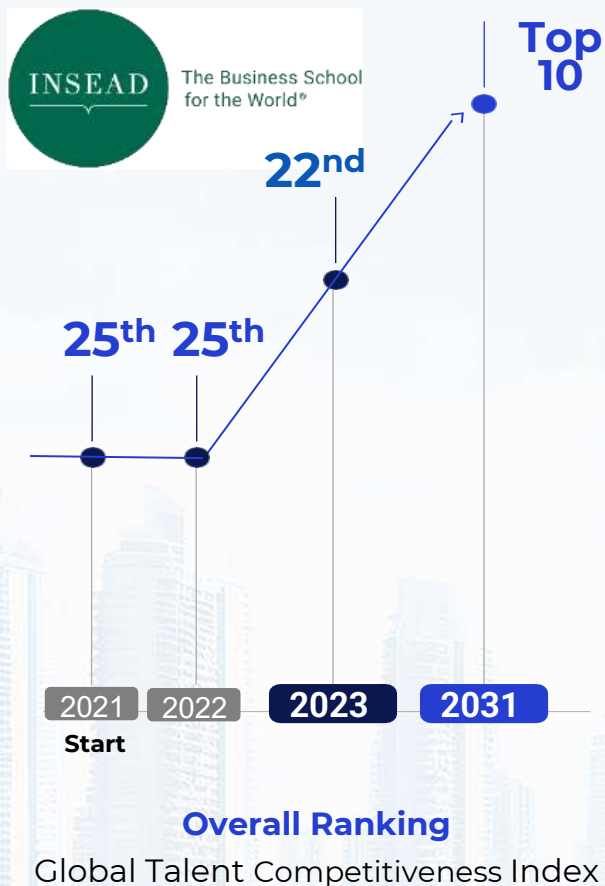
## Strategic Sectors



# Strategic Goals in 2031

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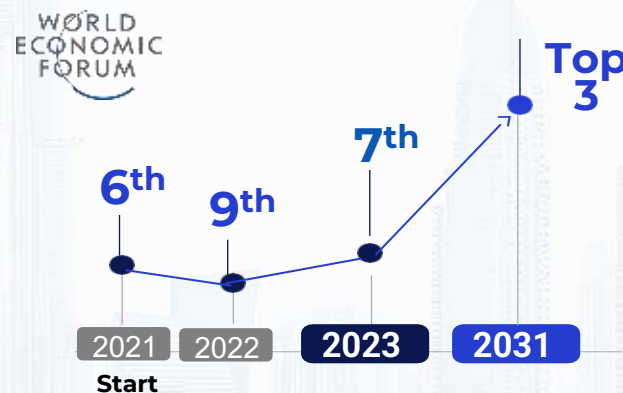
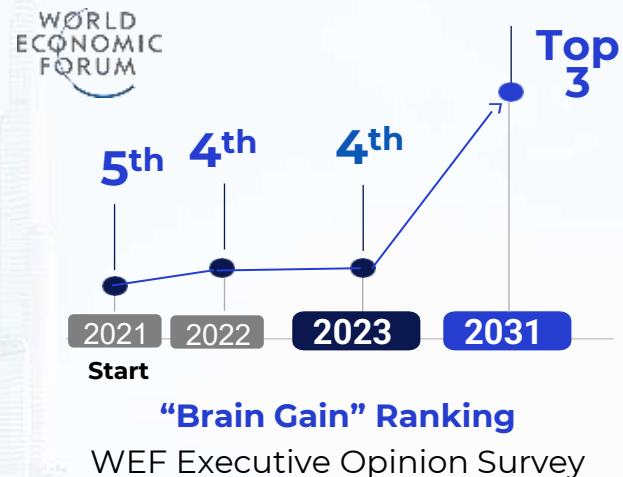
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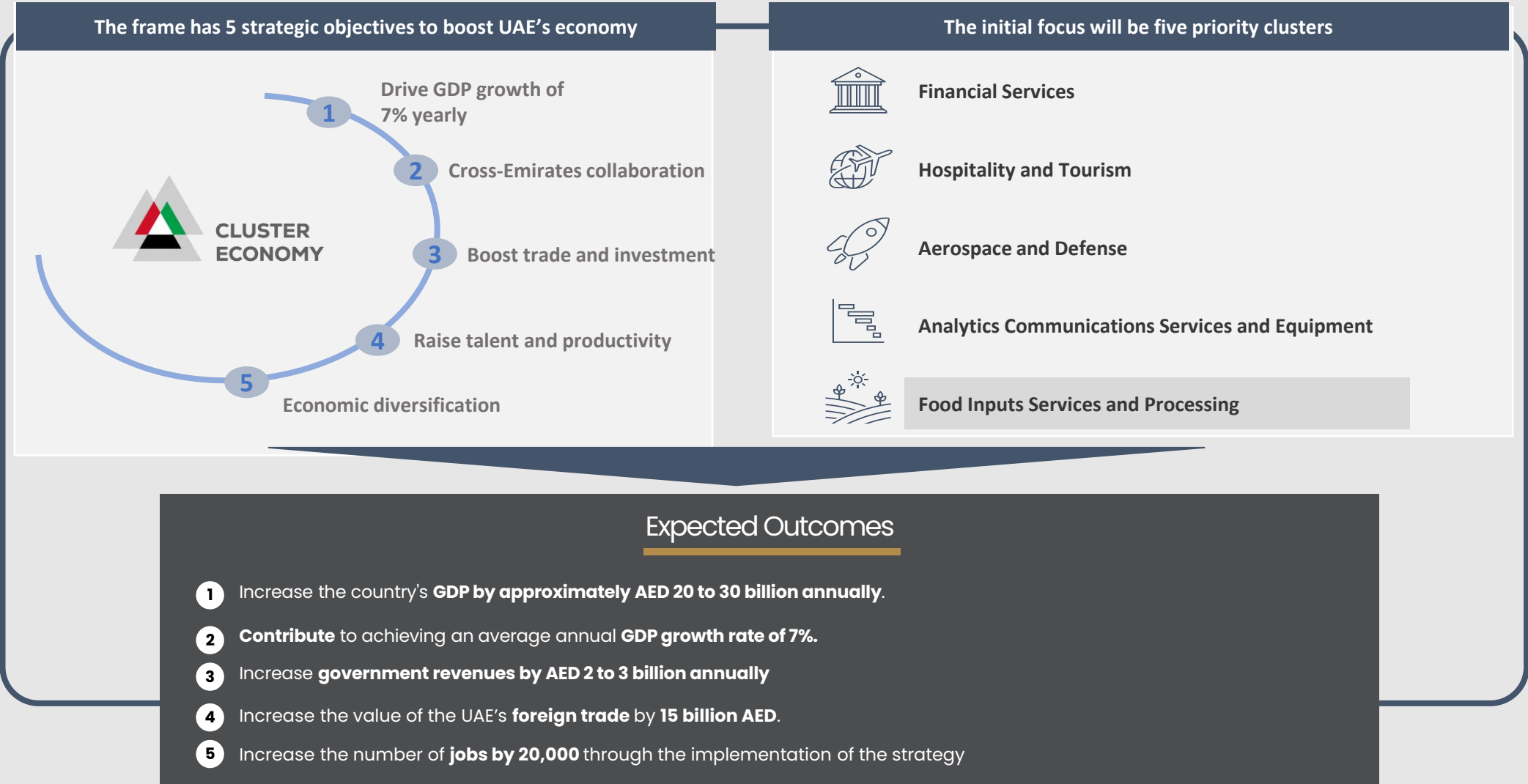


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Establish The UAE's Profile As The Top Destination of Choice For Global Talent.



# The National Clusters Strategy in accordance with UAE Vision 2031



Note: The figures presented in the National Clusters Strategy are based on BCG's cluster mapping and prioritization analysis."



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