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His Highness Sheikh  
 Mohamed bin Zayed Al  
 Nahyan



**Vice-Chairman**

His Highness Sheikh  
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 Board Member



Mr. Mahmood  
 Ebraheem al Mahmood  
 Board Member



HE Khaldoon Khalifa Al  
 Mubarak  
 Managing Director and CEO

# UAE PRESIDENT NAMES MUBADALA INVESTMENT COMPANY'S BOARD MEMBERS

In his capacity as the Ruler of Abu Dhabi, President His Highness Sheikh Khalifa bin Zayed Al Nahyan has issued an Emiri Decree forming the Board of Directors of Mubadala Investment Company under the chairmanship of His Highness Sheikh Mohamed bin Zayed Al Nahyan, Crown Prince of Abu Dhabi and

Deputy Supreme Commander of the UAE Armed Forces.

The decree stated that HH. Sheikh Mansour bin Zayed Al Nahyan, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Presidential Affairs, will be Vice Chairman.

Members of the board include Mohammed Ahmed Al Bowardi, Suhail Mohammed Al Mazrouei, Hamad Al Hurr Al Suwaidi, Abdulhamid Mohammed Saeed, Mahmood Ebraheem Al Mahmood and Khaldoon Khalifa Al Mubarak as managing director.

## MUBADALA INVESTMENT COMPANY BOARD OF DIRECTORS ENDORSES NEW STRUCTURE

Mubadala Investment Company, the newly-formed strategic investment company wholly owned by the government of Abu Dhabi, today announced that its Board of Directors – chaired by His Highness Sheikh Mohammed bin Zayed al Nahyan, Crown Prince of Abu Dhabi and Deputy Supreme Commander of the UAE Armed Forces, and its vice-chairman, His Highness Sheikh Mansour bin Zayed Al Nahyan, Deputy Prime Minister of the UAE and Minister of Presidential Affairs - has endorsed the organizational structure of the new company and its senior management team. The decision was made at the Board meeting on February 15th chaired by His Highness Sheikh Mansour.

The company will be organized across four investment platforms of significant scale: Petroleum & Petrochemicals; Technology, Manufacturing & Mining; Aerospace, Information & Communications Technology & Renewables;

and Alternative Investments & Infrastructure.

The company's four investment platforms will help accelerate diversification of the Abu Dhabi economy through strategic investments across critical sectors within the United Arab Emirates and abroad. Details of the new organization can be found at [www.mubadala.com](http://www.mubadala.com) and [www.ipic.ae](http://www.ipic.ae).

In terms of asset size, the platforms are: Petroleum & Petrochemicals (31.1%), including significant investments in companies such as CEPESA, Nova Chemicals, Borealis and Mubadala Petroleum; Alternative Investments & Infrastructure (31%), with significant equity investments worldwide and in different sectors including healthcare and real estate; Technology, Manufacturing & Mining (21.6%), with significant investments in GLOBALFOUNDRIES, Emirates Global Aluminium, AMD, and Matsa; and Aerospace,

ICT & Renewables (10.6%), with significant investments including Strata, Yahsat and Masdar. Corporate assets, including cash, will hold the balance (5.7%) of the approximately AED 460 billion (\$125 billion) portfolio.\*

Khaldoon Khalifa Al Mubarak, Managing Director and CEO of Mubadala Investment Company, said: "This marks an important milestone for the new company. Committees comprised of Mubadala and IPIC leaders, have worked very hard over the past six months to put in place a proposal for a structure that will best serve the new company's mandate. The structure, governance and world-class talent will enable the Mubadala Investment Company to be an investment powerhouse for Abu Dhabi."

Al Mubarak said he expected the Mubadala Investment Company to begin operations in May of 2017.



## STRATA AND RELIANCE TO COLLABORATE ON ADVANCED AEROSPACE MANUFACTURE

- **Strata to explore new opportunities for global collaboration on aerospace manufacturing**
- **Reliance to enter aircraft composites market; opportunities to tap Indian offset frameworks**
- **Announcement delivered to market at the biennial Aero India 2017 airshow**

**Commenting on the news, Badr Al Olama, CEO of Strata, said:**

"As an established player in the advanced manufacturing of aerostructures, we are keen to grow our capabilities globally with Reliance and expand our operational footprint by capitalizing on innovative, cost-effective solutions that can benefit our customers whilst enhancing our financial performance.

The collaboration between the UAE and India has been instrumental in promoting knowledge transfer and strengthening ties between businesses to jointly invest in developing world class products.

Working together with Reliance, we see a significant opportunity that can lead to the creation of a new tier-one global supplier: designing, developing and manufacturing major aircraft components - such as wings and empennages - for the next generation of aircrafts."

**Rajesh K. Dhingra, President, Reliance Defence & Aerospace, said:**

"India's composites industry is at a nascent stage and projected to reach four Lakh metric tons by 2020. The project has the potential to bring in significant foreign direct investment and cutting edge technology in this niche composite aircraft manufacturing segment. 3D Printing enables us to produce assembly and machining fixtures in one-quarter the time and at one-half the cost as conventional machining."

Under the Memorandum of Understanding, Strata and Reliance will consider new opportunities in the commercial aerospace market, address the emerging market for 3D printing of aircraft components, address obsolescence management and consider other areas of growth related to both the Abu Dhabi Economic Vision 2030 and "Make in India" initiative.

The Abu Dhabi Economic Vision 2030 was created as a long term roadmap for economic progress for the Emirate of Abu Dhabi through diversifying the economy away from oil and gas. The vision is based on several pillars with great emphasis on establishing a knowledge-based economy and empowering private sectors. It also aims to significantly increase the contribution of non-oil sectors to Abu Dhabi's Gross Domestic Product (GDP) to 64% by the year 2030.

The Make in India initiative was launched by the Prime Minister of India in September 2014 as part of a wider set of nation-building initiatives and was devised to transform India into a global design and manufacturing hub. Built on strategic collaborations and partnerships from around the world, the Make in India initiative is aimed at raising the contribution of the manufacturing sector to 25% of India's total GDP by 2020.

**Badr Al Olama, CEO of Strata, added:**

"Science and 3D printing technology are set to become industrial game changers with applications going beyond aerospace into the space and other manufacturing segments. It introduces innovation, it redefines processes and, more importantly, enhances competitiveness."



## SIEMENS AND STRATA TO DEVELOP MENA'S FIRST 3D-PRINTED AIRCRAFT INTERIOR PARTS FOR ETIHAD

- Pilot project will harness joint capabilities to deploy 3D printing technology in aviation, enabling faster on-demand production of complex aircraft parts
- Partnership will advance industrial 3D printing capabilities in Middle East
- Siemens, Strata and Etihad to participate in world's first Global Manufacturing and Industrialisation Summit, Abu Dhabi, March 2017

Three of the biggest global players in industrial equipment manufacturing and aviation - Siemens AG, Strata Manufacturing PJSC and Etihad Airways - are to work together to develop the first 3D-printed parts for aircraft interiors in the Middle East and North Africa.

The partnership aims to revolutionize the

aerospace industry, leveraging additive manufacturing, known as 3D printing, to help airlines to improve their designs, including making complex parts on demand and manufacturing discontinued parts.

Under the partnership, a pilot project will develop 3D printing solutions for aircraft cabin interior products for Etihad, the UAE's national carrier. These will be the first 3D-printed aviation parts designed, manufactured and certified in the UAE, Middle East and the entire Asian region. Siemens will leverage its global expertise in digitalization and 3D printing to consult on the selection of materials, testing and the preparation of processes. The design team of Etihad Airways Engineering will work to certify the parts, and Strata will manufacture the parts in its factory.

Leveraging the success of the pilot project, Siemens and Strata expect to investigate the development of a strategic three-year joint roadmap for the further industrialization of additive manufacturing in the UAE, the wider Middle East and North Africa. The roadmap will include training and the development of UAE citizens with the required skills for further deployment of 3D printing technology.

Etihad sees huge potential for 3D printing technology in aviation over conventional manufacturing methods, enabling faster on-demand production of complex parts and discontinued parts, and making design improvements by airlines very feasible.

"The biggest challenge for the use of flying 3D-printed parts in aviation is certification

and we are ready to tackle it and make it a reality," said Jeff Wilkinson, Etihad Airways Engineering CEO. "Etihad Airways Engineering will be using its expertise and major design certification approval (Design Organization Approval - Part 21.J) to design and certify the first 3D-printed part for aircraft cabin in the UAE. We will be partnering with the certification authority and with Strata to make certified 3D printing for aviation in the UAE a reality," he said.

Siemens has been an active user of additive manufacturing since 1989, and continues to promote the development and industrialization of the technology. The company is the only maker of industrial equipment worldwide to offer an end-to-end portfolio for 3D printing that combines automation and digitalization.

"We see great opportunities for 3D printing as a disruptive force in manufacturing, and expect it to play a key role in a globally competitive, increasingly digitalized industrial landscape in the Middle East," said Assem Khalaili, Executive Vice President, Industry Customer Services, at Siemens Middle East. "This is highly relevant technology for the region's development of an increasingly digitalized and diversified economic landscape, across

a wide range of sectors. We are proud to be working with Strata and Etihad to advance 3D printing and strengthen local manufacturing here in the region."

The Siemens portfolio in 3D printing includes computer-aided design (CAD) software, control, automation and drive systems for additive manufacturing machinery, and the comprehensive digital modeling of all processes. The technology has revolutionized the manufacture of components. Siemens uses it to manufacture parts for industrial gas turbines and rail vehicles, making the design, production and delivery of parts faster, enabling rapid prototyping, manufacture and repair.

Strata will explore 3D printing technology for a range of applications to aid its manufacturing processes in aerostructures in areas such as tooling, fixtures and consumables using metallic and non-metallic materials. Badr Al-Olama, CEO of Strata and head of the Global Manufacturing and Industrialisation Summit Organising Committee, said 3D printing has the potential to revolutionize aerospace manufacturing.

"Strata is proud to facilitate the application

of 3D printing technology in the aerospace field in the UAE for our national carrier Etihad, through our partnership with Siemens. Our goal is to deploy this technology on practical applications that will allow development of local knowledge building in various aspects of this technology that will lead to future innovations that can benefit the broader aerospace industry. The partnership echoes one of the key objectives of GMIS which is to harness the potential of collaboration in solving global problems and making manufacturing accessible to everyone everywhere," said Al-Olama.

The announcement of the partnership comes as Abu Dhabi, the UAE's capital city, prepares to host the Global Manufacturing and Industrialisation Summit from 27-30 March 2017. The international platform will bring together innovators across key sectors, including aerospace and industrial equipment, and from the public sector and civil society to adapt global manufacturing to the needs of the world's future economy, citizens and environment. The Summit, co-hosted by UNIDO and the UAE Ministry of Economy, will bring together some of the biggest names in global manufacturing and policymaking, including Siemens and Etihad.

**SIEMENS**  
Ingenuity for Life

### Siemens and Strata to develop MENA's first 3D-printed aircraft interior parts for Etihad



Product designed virtually using computer-aided design → 3D printed, as thin layers of material are placed over each other → Final product

**3D printing at Siemens has already realized...**

- 50% reduction in lead time
- 75% reduction in development time
- 60% faster repairs

**Partnership will advance industrial 3D-printing capabilities in the Middle East**

**1st.** 3D-printed aviation parts designed, manufactured & certified in the Middle East

Siemens | Strata | Etihad



## STRATA REINFORCES THE “MADE IN UAE” BRAND WITH ITS 51% EMIRATI WORKFORCE

**105 nationals graduate from Strata's Training Program**

**New recruits will help fuel the UAE's rapidly advancing aerospace sector**

The latest batch of talented graduates from Strata's Aerostructures Training Program now means that over half of its employees are UAE National talent, supporting the national ambition of building a global aerospace hub in Abu Dhabi's eastern city of Al Ain.

The milestone was announced during a graduation ceremony held at the UAE University campus in Al Ain for the new graduates, who are set to join Strata's expanding workforce. Since the launch of the Aerostructures Training Program in 2010, Strata has trained more than 300 Emiratis to join the globally-sought after aerospace workforce.

Badr Al Olama, CEO, Strata, commented: "Today's announcement is a remarkable achievement that we are all very proud of. On behalf of Strata, I want to congratulate the

latest class of graduates for their hard work and commitment in their tireless investment towards building a long-term, prosperous career in the aerospace sector – which is by far one of the most exciting and dynamic industries in the world."

Al Olama added: "As with all success stories, it begins with an ambitious idea that is nurtured and fostered over time by unwavering commitment and collaboration from many."

Strata has become a true UAE success story, since its establishment in 2010. Based in the heart of Nibras Al Ain Aerospace Park - the multi-faceted development that supports Abu Dhabi's vision to grow a globally-competitive aerospace cluster in the Emirate - Strata remains the only company in the Gulf that manufactures aircraft components for the world's leading aircraft manufacturers, such as Airbus and Boeing.

One of Strata's highlights has always been the development of Emirati female technicians, who grew a career for themselves through determination and national pride to hone their

talents and give back to their country. At present, Emirati women at Strata account for over half of the 48 Team Leaders and almost half of the Supervisors – compressing the competency and credibility that is built over 10 years globally into less than 5 years in the United Arab Emirates.

Al Olama, continued: "Strata was founded to diversify the economy and transform traditional manufacturing into knowledge-export and innovation through the sustained investment in high tech sectors such as aerospace. This vision set by the leadership was built on the premise of inclusion without distinguishing between men and women, young or old."

The graduation ceremony was attended by Homaïd Al Shimmari, Chief Executive Officer, Aerospace & Engineering Services at Mubadala, Cyril Arar, Executive Director, Aerospace & Defense Services, Mubadala and Chairman of Strata Manufacturing, Badr Al Olama, Chief Executive Officer, Strata, Ismail Ali Abdulla, Deputy Chief Executive Officer, Strata and other members of the Strata leadership team.



## SHAIKHA LUBNA BINT KHALID AL QASIMI TALKS ABOUT STRATA AT ASPEN ABU DHABI

Shaikha Lubna Bint Khalid Al Qasimi, UAE Minister of State for Tolerance spoke at The Aspen Abu Dhabi Ideas Forum, a two-day event designed to tackle large, complex challenges facing the world today - held at New York University in Abu Dhabi.

Shaikha Lubna elaborated on the importance

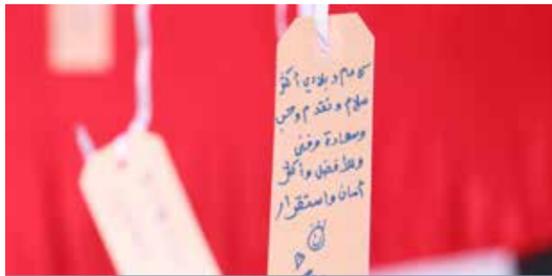
of broadmindedness and the UAE's incredible encompassment of 200 nationalities, making it one of the most diverse and tolerant societies of the world.

She also touched on economic diversification, and referenced that the UAE provides job opportunities that promote creativity, innovation

and impartiality.

Proudly for us, when speaking of equality, Shaikha Lubna went on to highlight Strata Manufacturing as a prime example of female empowerment, pointing out that 70% of its employees are Emirati aerospace technicians.

## STRATA'S EVENTS



UAE National Day celebrations  
 29th November 2016



UAE National Day celebrations  
 29th November 2016



UAE National Day celebrations  
 29th November 2016



Flag Day celebrations  
 3rd November 2016



Flag Day celebrations  
 3rd November 2016

## STRATA'S VISITORS



Dr. Rashid Ahmad Bin Fahd, Minister of State



Sheikh Majed Al Sabah



That Al Salasel School



Canadian Ambassador to the UAE, H.E. Masud Husain

# OUR CUSTOMERS

## AIRBUS ACHIEVES TARGETS PROVING RAMP-UP READINESS IN 2016

Airbus' commercial aircraft deliveries in 2016 were up for the 14th year in a row, reaching a new company record of 688 aircraft delivered to 82 customers. Deliveries were more than eight percent higher than the previous record of 635 set in 2015. These included 545 single aisle A320 Family of which 68 were A320neo, 66 A330s, 49 A350 XWBs and 28 A380s. Over 40 percent of single aisle deliveries were the larger A321 models.

Airbus achieved 731 net orders from 51 customers of which eight are new. These included 607 single aisle and 124 wide-body aircraft. At the end of 2016, Airbus' overall backlog stood at 6,874 aircraft valued at US\$1,018 billion at list prices.

"We delivered on our objectives in a challenging environment, proving our ramp-up readiness for the future. I salute all our teams on this outstanding achievement," said Fabrice Brégier, President of Airbus Commercial Aircraft and Chief Operating Officer of Airbus. "Our strong operational performance combined with a robust market eager to place orders and take deliveries of aircraft in all sizes are now an excellent springboard for our next steps: Boosting deliveries, harnessing the advantages of Digital and extending our service portfolio globally."

Notable milestones in 2016 included the delivery of Airbus 10,000th aircraft – an A350 XWB and the successful first flight of the largest member of the programme: the A350-1000. Airbus also

commenced deliveries of both engine variants of the A320neo, the world's best-selling single aisle aircraft. Meanwhile, the Pratt & Whitney powered A321neo was certified and the first US-assembled aircraft, an A321, was delivered from Mobile, Alabama.

Other milestones included the entry into service of the first A330 regional and the start of construction of the China A330 Completion and Delivery Centre, while the A330neo commenced assembly in the Final Assembly Line. The Airspace by Airbus cabin brand was launched as the new standard in passenger experience for the A330neo and A350 XWB programmes. Airbus also launched the Ifly A380 website enabling passengers to support differentiation and book flights on their A380 of choice.



## A321NEO POWERED BY CFM LEAP1-A ENGINES RECEIVES TYPE CERTIFICATION

Following a comprehensive flight test programme, the A321neo powered by CFM International's LEAP-1A engines has been granted joint Type Certification from the European Aviation Safety Agency (EASA) and the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA).

The EASA Type Certificate was signed by EASA's Certification Director Trevor Woods and Michael J. Kaszycki FAA's acting Manager Transport Airplane Directorate - Aircraft Certification Service. Both certificates were handed over to Airbus Senior Vice President A320 Family Programme, Klaus Roewe and Airbus A320 Family Programme Chief Engineer, Pierre-Henri Brousse.

"The A321neo offers operators the perfect balance between fuel efficiency, comfort and environmental performance. It is the clear market leader in the 200 plus seat category," said Fabrice Brégier, President of Airbus Commercial Aircraft. "Today's certification is a rewarding tribute to all the teams who have been instrumental in achieving this essential milestone."

The A321neo powered by CFM engines, successfully completed a certification programme accumulating over 400 flight hours in more than 160 flights. The tests validated the aircraft airframe and systems well beyond their design limits to meet all

airworthiness criteria. The A321neo with CFM engines is the fourth member of the NEO Family certified over the last 15 months, giving customers of the A320neo Family the option of two engine types; Pratt & Whitney's Pure Power PW1100G-JM and CFM's LEAP-1A.

The A320neo Family is the world's best-selling single aisle product line with over 5,000 orders from 92 customers since its launch capturing 60 percent share of the market. Thanks to their widest cabin, all members of the A320neo Family offer unmatched comfort in all classes and Airbus' 18" wide seats in economy as standard.

## AIRBUS AND AL BAYT MITWAHID LAUNCH FUTURE SCIENTISTS

Airbus and Al Bayt Mitwahid, the initiative founded by the employees of the Crown Prince Court of Abu Dhabi, today unveiled a joint initiative to encourage bright Emirati students to discover, explore and choose a career path within the aerospace industry.

The programme, called 'Future Scientists', aims to inspire and ignite a passion for STEM (science, technology, engineering and mathematics) innovation among young Emiratis. It seeks to build a world-class UAE talent pool that the global aerospace industry can ultimately attract, nurture and retain.

A Memorandum of Understanding (MOU), underlining the programme objectives, was signed at IDEX, between His Excellency Saif Al Qubaisi, Chairman of Al Bayt Mitwahid Associations; and Mikail Houari, President, Airbus Africa and Middle East.

'Future Scientists' will provide up to 21 Emirati high-school students the opportunity to discover the aeronautics industry over a period of three years. Through engaging and hands-on sessions, participants will have the chance to learn about best industry practices, get exposed to real-life aerospace challenges and receive mentorship and advice on a career path within the industry.

The programme also includes activities such as industrial site visits in Europe and the UAE, regular classroom sessions with industry experts and access to regional and global aerospace events. At the end of the programme, the students will receive an internship at Airbus or its industry partners' facilities in the UAE and an opportunity to work alongside seasoned professionals.

"The Future Scientists initiative firmly asserts the importance of investing in our youth who are our future," said His Excellency Saif Al Qubaisi, Chairman of Al Bayt Mitwahid Association, "it supports the nation's Vision 2021 and UAE innovation strategy, and aims to build a leading Emirati workforce that is capable of taking the UAE's aerospace industry to greater heights."

"We value our collaboration with Airbus and are confident that this initiative will empower and provide the right foundation for the young Emirati to dream big and turn it into reality," added Al Qubaisi.

Airbus' portfolio of talent and capacity building global and regional initiatives such as the 'Fly Your Ideas', 'The Airbus Little Engineer' and 'Entaliq with Airbus', demonstrates its commitment to the future of aviation.

These programmes aim to stretch students' imagination and apply their classroom learning and research into real-life practice.

Mikail Houari, President, Airbus Africa and Middle East, said: "The aerospace industry thrives on innovation and it is our privilege to work closely with the local governments and inspire young minds to embrace STEM subjects for a better tomorrow."

"The 'Future Scientists' programme will offer a creative learning environment, but more importantly, it will instil a pioneering spirit and prepare the Emirati youth to disrupt and transform the global aerospace sector in the near future."

Al Bayt Mitwahid's vision is to promote and celebrate the culture of unconditional giving and to establish a feeling of solidarity and mutual responsibility across communities in the UAE. The association provides an open platform for the UAE communities to give back to the society by taking part in planning and implementing initiatives under the pillars of Unity, Social Groups Empowerment, Healthy Living, and STEM and Innovation. The program in partnership with Airbus perfectly matches the latter.

## BOEING CONTINUES GROWTH IN INTERNATIONAL TRAINING PORTFOLIO

Reflecting continuing momentum in its international training business, Boeing has received a two-year, \$18.7 million contract from the United Arab Emirates (UAE) to provide C-17 Globemaster III logistics support and training simulator maintenance.

Boeing will support the UAE's inventory of realistic, motion-based training devices used to train aircrews and support personnel for the country's fleet of airlifters.

Boeing originally designed and delivered the simulators and has previously supported C-17 training for the UAE. This most recent award is the first standalone prime contract for Boeing to perform this work.

"With this new UAE contract, Boeing will continue training the Emirati C-17 students through each phase of their careers," said Larry Sisco, C-17 training program manager. In addition to the UAE, Boeing provides C-17 training to India, United Kingdom and NATO's Strategic Airlift Capability. Boeing is unique in its ability to tailor its training devices and

course materials to each customers' specific C-17 fleet.

"We help our customers do amazing things by delivering critical training and learning tools –affordably and on time," Sisco added. "By maintaining our focus on innovation and service, we play a key role in helping the UAE

maintain a high mission readiness, rate for its C-17 fleet."

There are 35 Boeing-installed C-17 aircrew simulators at training centers around the world, making it the world's largest fleet of large military aircraft trainers.





## AIRBUS CONTINUES TO FOSTER TALENT DEVELOPMENT AMONG UAE YOUTH

A week-long educational tour of the Airbus Manufacturing Facility concluded last week, where four Emirati students were invited to Toulouse as part of an induction visit organised by Airbus in partnership with the General Civil Aviation Authority (GCAA) and the UAE Ministry of Education.

Over six days, the students got a first-hand perspective from Airbus engineers on production and final assembly lines for the A320 Family aircraft, the A380 and the all-new A350 XWB jetliner.

The visit highlights Airbus' goal to support UAE's Vision 2021 to build a diversified and flexible knowledge economy based on four key pillars, namely, innovation, research, science and technology, strengthened by skilled Emiratis and world-class talent to ensure long-term prosperity of the nation.

H.E. Saif Mohammed Al Suwaidi, Director General of the General Civil Aviation Authority, said: "One of our main objectives

is to support the youth of the UAE and to make sure to enhance their abilities in the field of aviation. As they are the future leaders and our nation depends on them, it is our responsibility to empower and nurture them into tomorrow's visionaries. In collaboration with Airbus, we are stepping forward to motivate and inspire the Emirati youth."

Fouad Attar, Managing Director, Airbus Middle East, said: "At Airbus we are committed to helping mould the region's youth into tomorrow's leaders. I'm confident the induction tour has sparked a keen interest in the young minds and have encouraged and influenced them to apply their experience to their future career paths. We will continue to build on similar youth-focused initiatives to support the leader's vision of building the UAE into a highly productive and competitive knowledge economy of the future."

Amna Al Dahak Al Shamsi, Assistant Undersecretary for Care and Activities

Sector at the Ministry of Education said: "The future of the nation depend on our youth and it is our responsibility to ensure we empower and nurture them into tomorrow's visionaries. We value our partnership with Airbus to pave the way to support the growing local talent needs of the nation in the aviation industry. We are confident the students will benefit immensely from this visit to the Airbus facilities and return with a renewed passion and appreciation for the aerospace."

Airbus, a global leader in aerospace and aircraft manufacturing, champions innovation as part of its corporate DNA. With a clear focus on the future, Airbus is successfully spreading its spirit of innovation through a programme that inspires youth in the Middle East and North Africa region to pursue careers in the aerospace industry.