



SECTION 1

Introduction & Federal Vision

Understanding the Foundation and
Future of the United Arab Emirates

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The Journey of a Nation: From Trucial States to Federation

Past



A Legacy of Trade & Tradition

- Pre-1971: Known as the Trucial States under British protection.
- Economy centered on pearling, fishing, and regional trade.
- Discovery of oil in the mid-20th century became the catalyst for change.

Pre-1971
Lato Regular

Present



A Union Forged in Vision

- 1971: Six emirates form the UAE on December 2.
- 1972: Ras Al Khaimah joins the federation on February 10.
- Led by Sheikh Zayed bin Sultan Al Nahyan, the nation embarked on rapid modernization in infrastructure, health, and education.

1971 1972

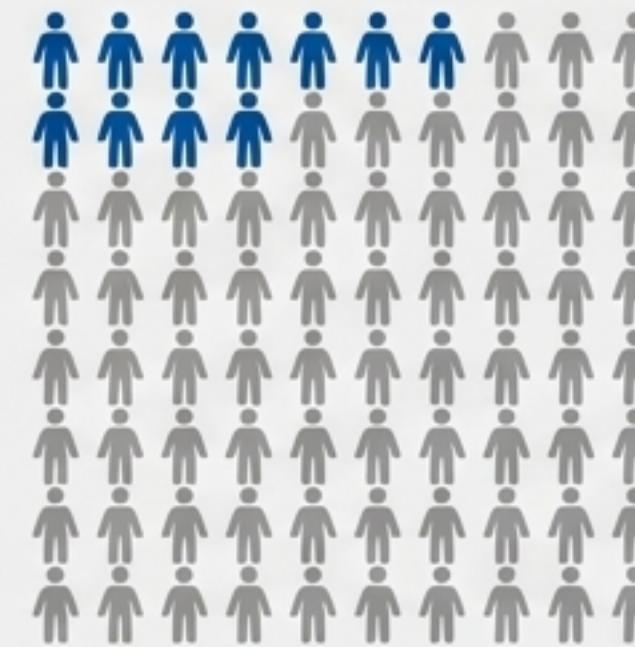
The UAE Today: A Geographic & Economic Snapshot (2025)

Geography & Structure



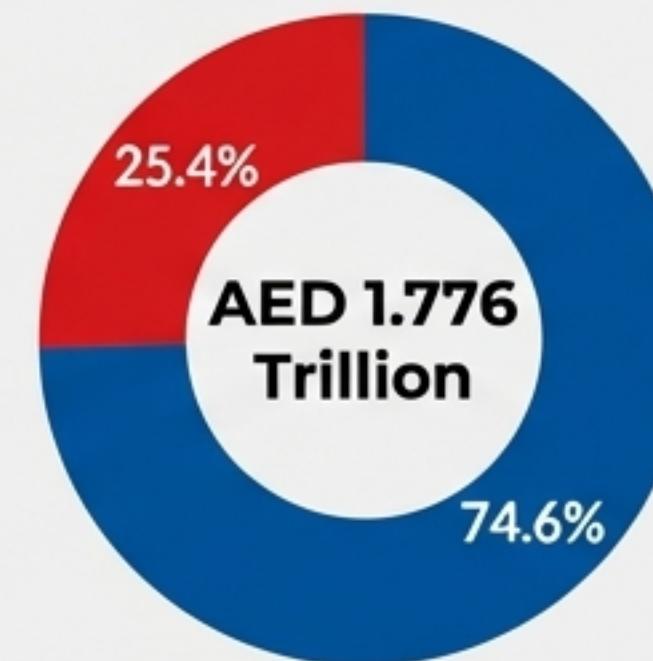
- Area: ~83,600 km²
- Federation of seven emirates governed by the Supreme Council of Rulers.
- President: Ruler of Abu Dhabi | Prime Minister: Ruler of Dubai.

Population & Demographics



Total Population: ~10-11 Million
Expatriates: ~88-90% | Emirati
Nationals: ~10-12%

Economy & GDP



- Total 2024 GDP: **AED 1.776 Trillion**
- Non-Oil Sector Growth: **5% YoY**
- World Bank 2025 Growth Projection: **4.6%**

Pillars of Stability: Governance & Global Influence



Federal Governance & Emirate Autonomy



- Hybrid federal structure balances central policy with emirate autonomy.
- Abu Dhabi serves as the federal capital, hosting ministries, embassies, and key sovereign wealth funds (ADIA, Mubadala, ADQ).
- Emirates retain control over local land, municipal planning, and licensing.



Tolerance & Soft Power



- The Abrahamic Family House stands as a global landmark for interfaith coexistence.
- Foreign policy is built on diplomacy, non-interference, and conflict mediation.
- Continuously strengthening its status as a significant regional soft power.

A Leader on the Global Stage: UAE Rankings (2025)

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Passport Strength

Globally, and the most powerful in the Arab world. (Henley Passport Index)

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E-Government

Globally, and #1 regionally. (UN E-Government Development Index)

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Economic Freedom

Leads the MENA region. (Heritage Foundation)

Top Tier



Global Safety

Consistently ranked among the safest countries in the world.

Spotlight on the Emirates: City-Level Excellence



Abu Dhabi

World's Safest City for the 9th consecutive year (Safety Index: 88.8).



Q1 2025 GDP: **AED 291 Billion**, with non-oil sectors contributing 56.2%.



Dubai

Global Hub for aviation, trade, tourism, and real estate investment.



Recognized as one of the world's most scenic cities after dark.



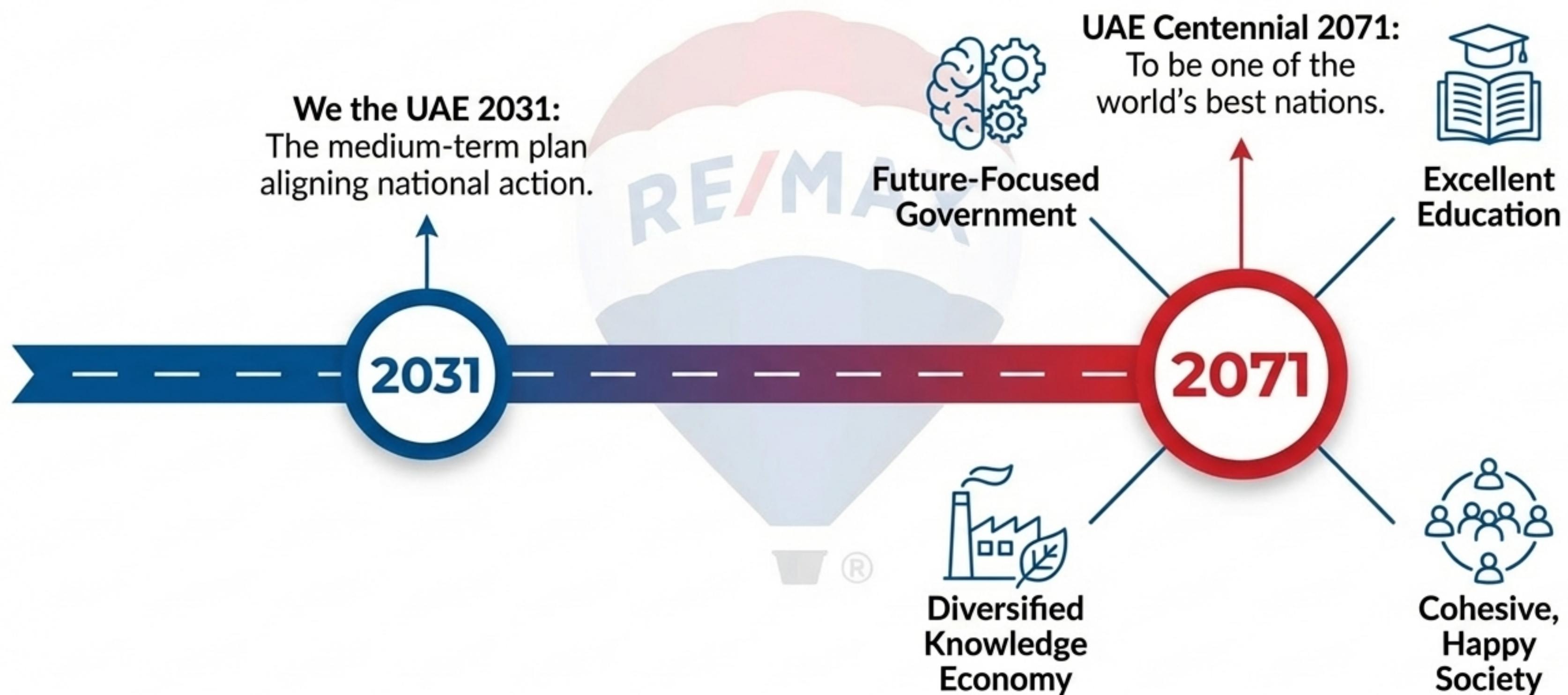
Sharjah

Cultural & Education Leader with a high safety score of 83.7.



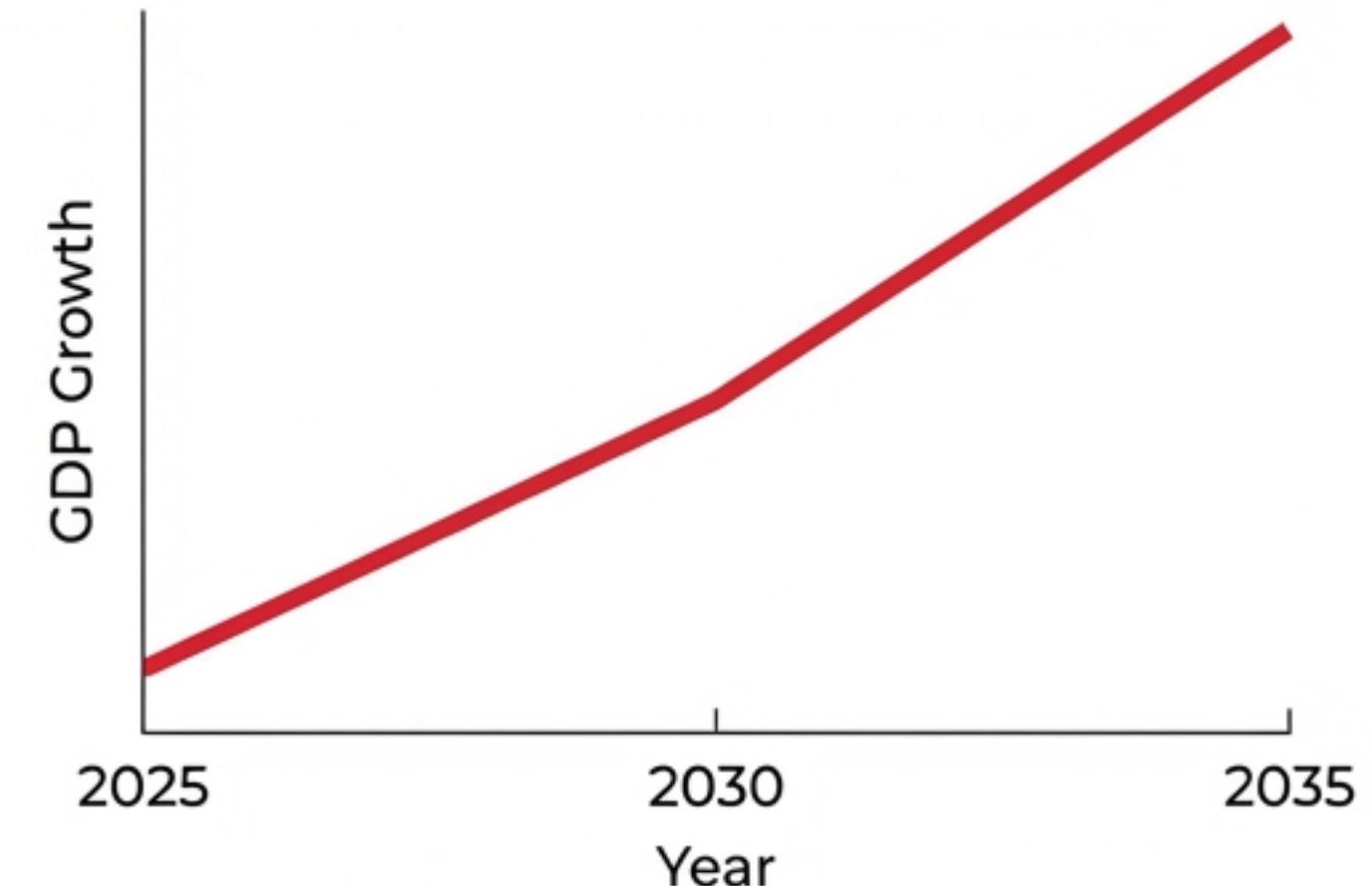
University of Sharjah ranks **#328** in the 2026 QS World Rankings.

Charting the Future: UAE Vision 2031 & Centennial 2071



Economic Outlook 2025–2035

- Annual Growth Forecast: **4-4.6%** through 2028.
- Non-Oil Exports (H1 2025): **AED 462.8 Billion** (+24% YoY).
- **Strategic Investments:** Driving transformation in AI, renewables, logistics, and creative industries toward Net Zero 2050.



The Financial Powerhouse

The vision is backed by world-class **sovereign wealth funds and government-owned enterprises** managing a diverse global portfolio.

ADIA


MUBADALA

ADQ


**INVESTMENT
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