



Bharat Bhatia, CEO, Conares, sends his congratulations to His Highness Sheikh Khalifa Bin Zayed Al Nahyan and His Highness Sheikh Mohammed Bin Rashid Al Maktoum, citizens and residents of the UAE for the aggressive efforts and ambition for winning the World Expo 2020 bid to host it in Dubai.

Boby Joseph, CEO, StorIT Distribution fcco, says that Dubai is one place on Earth where the world is represented in literal terms with more than 200 nationalities, living and working and the city connected to all the continents of the world to more than 200 destinations, we are truly, globally the "Hub of the World" and there would have been no better place than Dubai to host the EXPO 2020, we deserved it, we represented the world," he concluded.

Dilip Rahulan, Executive Chairman, Pacific Controls, sends his heartiest congratulations to the Rulers of the UAE for winning the bid to host the World Expo 2020 in Dubai.

"The efforts to win the bid were tremendous for the past several months. The entire government departments, citizens and residents of the UAE deserve a big appreciation for the ambition and the aggressive campaigning to bring the global mega fair to Dubai," he added

Dr R. Seetharaman, Group CEO, Doha Bank, states that cross-border collaborations and partnerships will stimulate bilateral trade and development between countries. It is necessary that connectivity should be developed between countries to facilitate cross border collaborations and partnerships.

"Dubai Expo 2020 will be an ideal platform for connectivity and would enable links between people, societies and ideas in various countries."

Dr Azad Moopen, Chairman & Managing Director, DM Healthcare, comments that Dubai proved that it's the ideal place on the planet to host the Expo 2020.

The UAE has all the components required to host the World Expo 2020 in Dubai, which enjoys a prominent position in the global tourism map.

Along with the developments to host the Expo 2020, the UAE will undoubtedly grow in all aspects.

Ms. Duygu Kaynak, Cluster Marketing Manager, Bin Majid Hotels & Resorts, says that the Bin Majid Hotels & Resorts congratulates Dubai for hosting Expo 2020.

"The whole UAE is proud of this great achievement and we at Ras Al Khaimah commend the leadership of the UAE government for this historic event. The whole world is watching us till the day Expo 2020 opens so let's work together to make this a great success."

Ms. Nives Deininger, Director of Sales, Golden Sands Hotel Apartments: Wow! Well done Dubai! Congratulations to our leaders for creating history. Now, let's show the world what we can do!

Wael El Behin, General Manager, Hawthorn Suites, says that Dubai is an endless success story. From the first time I heard that Dubai is bidding for the Expo 2020, I was very confident that they will win the bid, reason why because Dubai has it all and really deserve to organize such prestigious event.

It started with His Highness Sheikh Mohamed Al Maktoum Ruler of Dubai ambition and clear vision and then determining the objectives and this has been translated from dream to reality. I am very happy for Dubai and the UAE to get the Expo 2020 and I wish them more success and prosperity in future.

Tarek Aouini, Hotel Manager, Emirates Grand Hotel, says that Dubai's entrepreneurial spirit has always attracted visitors and business men from all parts of the world. Dubai Expo 2020 will significantly contribute in enhancing and seizing added opportunities for this vibrant city.

"This is a confirmation that the UAE is capable of bringing global societies together, and offering its world-class hospitality on an international scale. Mabrook Dubai," he added

Samir Arora, General Manager, Ramada Downtown Dubai, reveals that I am excited to receive this wonderful news. Dubai's win as host for World Expo 2020 will definitely benefit the city in a huge way and this guarantees Dubai's exponential growth for the coming 10 years."

Ifthikhar Hamdani, General Manager, Ramada Hotel and Suites Ajman, comments that we would like to congratulate Dubai for this great achievement. World Expo 2020 will benefit the hospitality business all over the UAE and not just in Dubai. It will generate investment opportunities for the other emirates in the pre-event stages, during the expo, and for at least six months after the expo because of the number of exhibitors and visitors in the UAE.

Ayman Ashor, General Manager, Tilal Liwa Hotel, remarks that we are very pleased with this wonderful announcement. We believe that Dubai and UAE are the right platform to communicate the world's most brilliant ideas, bringing the global community together to learn, share and grow, while introducing significant new technologies and innovations.

Besides, UAE has the status of being a transport and logistics hub. With 2 major international airports, Dubai is represented as an airport city with the urban layout, infrastructure and economy centered around its airports.

Mohamed Fekry, General Manager, Concorde by Mourouj Fujairah, says that Dubai's win to host the World Expo 2020 is an excellent achievement for the entire UAE. As the first city in the Middle East to host this momentous event, this will provide an opportunity to showcase the beauty of the region and fortify its economic stability. It will also bring great benefits to various sectors, especially in the hospitality business.

Gamal Sadek, General Manager in Al Ketbi Consultancy, says: "We congratulate Dubai and the UAE, leadership and nation, on their win to host "Expo 2020". This achievement is the first of its kind in the Middle East, Africa and Southeast Asia. There is no doubt that it is an addition to Dubai's leadership and excellence as a world-class city and a leading economic and tourist center on the international map. "We look forward with confidence and optimism to "Expo 2020", which will provide tremendous business opportunities that will drive economic growth and sustainable development not only to the UAE but also to the Gulf region and the Middle East as a whole", he added.

Glen Ogden, Regional Sales Director Middle East, A10 Networks, says that A10 Networks would like to congratulate the UAE on its well deserved win. The UAE is full of amazing opportunities and this win only serves to increase the possibilities for companies like ours in this jewel of a region."

Jonathan Morris, CEO, Standard Chartered UAE, reveals: "Expo 2020 will be an exceptional event that will position Dubai and the UAE for its next phase of economic growth and prosperity. Winning the bid is a result of the visionary leadership of the UAE and is another testament to Dubai's strong position as a global city that is shaping the future of the world."

K. Muroleedharan, CEO, SFC Group, offers his sincere congratulations to His Highness Sheikh Khalifa Bin Zayed Al Nahyan, His Highness Sheikh Mohammed Bin Rashid Al Maktoum and the People of the UAE, on the occasion of the successful bid for the much anticipated World Expo 2020.

Ali Hyder, CEO, Focus Softnet, says that Expo 2020 would be one of the best things to happen for Dubai markets. It has been moving positively and would see a sharp upward movement immediately.

The market's sentiments would be very positive and all the projects that were in the planning stages would get back into action immediately.

For the next 6 years Dubai would see something that was already seen during the 2003-2007 phase. Already Dubai is one of the best cities in the world and with the 2020 Dubai would probably be one of the wonders of the world.

Lal Ganwani, Chairman, Lals Group, says: "The United Arab Emirates is celebrating 42 years of unification on Dec 2nd and Lals Group congratulates the country's leadership and its people for achieving yet another important milestone.

Forty-two years ago, the country was put firmly on the path of progress under the guidance of the late His Highness Sheikh Zayed Bin Sultan Al Nahyan.

Today, blessed with a wise and unified stewardship of its able leaders, the nation has delivered prosperity to its people while reaching massive heights of development. We are very grateful to the wise rulers of UAE and wish them success in the years to come."

DY Kim, President - LG Electronics Gulf, discloses that LG Electronics has fully backed Dubai as the ideal host for Expo 2020 and believes it is the only country that should stage such a global and renowned occasion. "It has never been held in the Middle East before and this is the ideal time for the region and Dubai to have Expo 2020 here.

Mahendra Singh, Managing Director, SPFF Realty, pays thanks to the dynamic leadership and initiatives of His Highness Sheikh Mohammed Bin Rashid Al Maktoum, Vice President and Prime Minister of the UAE and Ruler of Dubai, for his vision and making it possible for the residents of Dubai."

Farhad Irani, Head of Retail Banking Group, Mashreq, says that Dubai winning the Expo is reflective of a restoration of world order! why? because Dubai is where trade began and trade flourished. Dubai sits at the epicenter of the most attractive growth regions on the planet, is blessed with leadership, tolerance, safety and commercial law.

"Dubai is the beacon of tomorrow truly reflecting the locus of economic enterprise in the next decade as power shifts from the West to the East."

Nigel D'silva, Commercial Manager, Marine Management Services, says: "Dubai winning the Expo 2020, would be adding another building block to the ongoing constructive development to a well seasoned and tested platform. "In such a short period of time Dubai is already showing its potential in the recovery from the global economic down turn."

Raj Sahni, Founder and Chairperson of RSG International says: "Congratulations Dubai for this momentous achievement. It is entirely due to the wise and visionary leadership provided by His Highness Sheikh Mohammed Bin Rashid Al Maktoum Vice-President of UAE and Ruler of Dubai that has made the journey - from bidding to winning it - a successful one."

