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The Middle East region is undergoing a significant economic and social transition. Many countries across Middle East have captured the world's attention as they aim to diversify their economies and transit to a green and sustainable future. These reforms present new opportunities for companies across a wide range of industries.

**Bahrain's** economy is the most diversified amongst all regional Gulf countries with non-oil sectors contributing about 82% of its GDP. The financial sector is the largest contributor of total GDP, followed by the manufacturing sector. Bahrain is seeking to develop industries such as tourism, logistics, financial services and ICT. The Global Financial Centres Index (GFCI) rated Bahrain as one of the emerging international contenders. In 2022, the number of visitors arriving for tourism reached 9.9 million, up by 19% over the target.

**The United Arab Emirates** was ranked first in the Arab region and 25<sup>th</sup> globally in the Global Competitiveness Report 2019. It has well-established infrastructure, a stable political system and one of the most liberal trade regimes in the Gulf region. "We the UAE 2031" strategy to diversify the economy includes goals to generate more non-oil exports, boost tourism as well as accomplishing a world leading position in terms of quality of life and attracting talent.



## Itinerary

The high-level delegation will meet with senior government officials, chambers and businesses. Meetings will include business matching sessions, company visits, and networking sessions.

20 April - Self-arranged flight from HK-Bahrain, check-in to hotel

21-22 April - Manama, Bahrain

23-26 April - Dubai, Abu Dhabi, Sharjah

## Registration

This mission is exclusive to members only. Seats are limited and on a first-come-first-served basis.

To register, please download the registration form with the QR code aside and return the form to us **before 20 March 2024**.



## Fee

The fee for each member is HK\$ 23,800. This **includes** hotel accommodation (with breakfast), local transport, business matching meetings, administrative expenses and the flight between Bahrain and UAE, but **excludes** the flights to and from Hong Kong, visas or insurance.

## Visas

If participants need to apply for a visa, members should apply by themselves in advance.

## SME Export Marketing Fund

This mission will be reviewed by the Trade and Industry Department to determine eligibility for the SME Export Marketing Fund, whereby each successful applicant can receive a rebate of up to 50% of the total expenditure incurred by an applicant. However, members will need to apply for the rebates themselves. For more details, please visit [www.smefund.tid.gov.hk](http://www.smefund.tid.gov.hk)

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# Tentative itinerary

(Subject to change)

## Saturday, 20 April 2024

*Members self travel to BAHRAIN & Check-in hotel*

- ▶ Depart Hong Kong – Dubai – Manama (EK381, Hong Kong - Dubai 0035/0435 (8hr 20min)  
Self transfer and check into hotel / Free Day /
- ▶ Welcome Reception Networking Dinner Hosted by HKBBA

## Sunday, 21 April 2024

**Bahrain**

- ▶ Meeting with Bahrain Economic Development Board
- ▶ Meeting and Business Matching with Bahrain Chamber of Commerce
- ▶ Networking luncheon
- ▶ Meeting with Ministry of Industry and Commerce
- ▶ Site Visit to Bahrain World Trade Centre
- ▶ Welcome dinner and networking session

## Monday, 22 April 2024

**Bahrain - Dubai**

- ▶ Check out of hotel
- ▶ Visit to UOB Cloud Innovation Centre
- ▶ Meeting with Authorized Economic Operator
- ▶ Networking Lunch
- ▶ Depart for Airport
- ▶ Fly to Dubai 17:50 pm arrive 20:00 pm
- ▶ Check in hotel

## Tuesday, 23 April 2024

**Dubai**

- ▶ Meeting and Networking Reception with the Dubai Chambers
- ▶ Meeting with Investment Corporation of Dubai
- ▶ Meeting with the Department of Economy and Tourism
- ▶ Meeting and Networking Reception with HKETO / HKTDC Dubai

## Wednesday, 24 April 2024

**Abu Dhabi**

- ▶ Meeting and Networking Session with Abu Dhabi Chamber of Commerce
- ▶ Meeting with Abu Dhabi Investment Office
- ▶ Meeting with local entrepreneurs

## Thursday, 25 April 2024

**Sharjah**

- ▶ Meeting and Networking Session with Sharjah Chamber of Commerce
- ▶ Site visit and Networking Session with Sharjah Entrepreneurship Center
- ▶ Site Visit and Networking Session at Sharjah Research, Technology and Innovation Park (SRTIP)
- ▶ Site Visit Sharjah Museum of Islamic Civilization

## Friday, 26 April 2024

**Dubai - HK**

- ▶ Site visit to Museum of the Future
- ▶ Site Visit to Dubai Mall
- ▶ Visit to Sky View Observatory to see Burj Khalifa
- ▶ Sheikh Zayed Grand Mosque
- ▶ Depart for Airport
- ▶ Arrive in Hong Kong