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*News and analysis that could affect the status of Dubai as a Global City*

Today's attachment: Dubai at night

Dubai at night (NASA astronaut photo)

This nighttime astronaut photograph of Dubai was taken at approximately 2:00 [REDACTED] local time on September 11, 2009. Orange sodium vapor lights trace the major highways and street grid in and around the metropolitan area, while grey-white mercury vapor lamps fill in the commercial and residential areas. The lighted islands and peninsula of Palm Jumeirah are clearly visible along the coastline. A spiral pattern of lights on the

southeastern fringe of the urban area is a camel racetrack. Nighttime images like these are useful to climate modelers, urban planners, and geographers as they allow for simple definition of urban (densely lit) and rural (sparsely lit) areas.

## **Favorable**

**Dubai airport passenger traffic up 10.7%** *Various Media* – Dubai International saw passenger traffic climb 10.7% in August, while cargo volumes edged up 2.9%... For the first eight months of the year passenger traffic is up 6.7% to 26.9 million, compared to 25.2 million for the year-earlier period. TAGS: *Favorable, Press Release, Dubai, Transportation*

**The Big 5 Exhibition sees positive signs for upturn** *Various Media* – The show is almost fully sold out, with 92% of the 43,000 m2 floor space booked. TAGS: *Favorable, Press Release, Dubai, Real-Estate/Construction*

**Ethan Allen opens design centre in Dubai** *Various Media* – Ethan Allen, a leading interior design company, has opened its first flagship design center at The Dubai Mall. The company plans to use the Dubai launch as a springboard to launch its Middle East expansion... TAGS: *Favorable, Press Release, Dubai, Dubai as Regional Hub*

**Gulf investor confidence continues to climb** *Various Media* – Shuaa Capital's GCC Investor Confidence Index rose to 127.3 points in September, compared to 126.3 points the previous month. The index has now risen in four of the last five months. TAGS: *Favorable, Research/Analyst Report, GCC/MENA, Economy*

## **Neutral**

**Lending conditions improving in UAE** *Reuters* – Lending conditions in the UAE are improving but economic conditions remain fragile, UAE central bank governor Sultan Nasser al-Suweidi said. He also said that the UAE will not rejoin Gulf single currency plans. TAGS: *Neutral, News Story, UAE, Banking/Finance*

**Barclays confident over emerging markets** *Financial Times* By Robin Wigglesworth and Joe Leahy – Barclays' optimism comes as banks operating in the Gulf and India face a surge in non-performing loans. The UAE, and particularly its commercial hub of Dubai, has witnessed a marked rise in bad debts as an extensive property bubble deflates. TAGS: *Neutral, Feature, UAE, Banking/Finance*

## **Unfavorable**

**Contracts reveal recruitment payment violations** *Arabian Business (e)* By Soren Billing – Some UAE construction companies are demanding thousands of dirhams from workers earning as little as AED 600 per month just to get them a job... TAGS: *Unfavorable, Feature, UAE, Human Rights*

## **Other Headlines**

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