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

Favorable

Dubai International Airport 'on Track' to Set New Passenger Traffic Record in 2009 *Khaleej Times* By Issac John –

Dubai International posted three consecutive months of double-digit growth till August this year, and is well “on track to set a new record” of exceeding 40 million passengers by end-2009, according to Paul Griffiths, CEO of Dubai Airports. TAGS: *Favorable, Feature, Dubai, Transportation*

Home furnishing retailer Crate & Barrel enters franchise agreement with Al Tayer Group to open stores in the Middle East next year *Various Media* – “Dubai represents an excellent growth opportunity and launching pad to extend our brand internationally,” says Crate & Barrel's CEO. TAGS: *Favorable, Press Release, Dubai, Dubai as Regional Hub*

Emirates Steel says sales and output up *Reuters* – State-owned Emirates Steel Industries boosted steel output and sales in the third quarter from the second quarter... “We ramped up the mills so we are running at full capacity of 1.8 million tonnes per year,” a top executive said. TAGS: *Favorable, News Story, UAE, Economy*

Unfavorable

No big project launches seen at Cityscape *Reuters* – Dubai's top property exhibition, once the stage where multibillion-dollar developments were announced, will be a smaller and more reflective affair this year as the cash-strapped industry licks its wounds. TAGS: *Unfavorable, Feature, Dubai, Real-Estate/Construction*

Build it and they will come – and stay *Media Week* By Ben Flanagan – The comparison between Dubai Media City and twofour54 is stark. The former is sometimes unkindly referred to as a ‘glorified landlord’, making its money by charging high rents, with little interest in the actual business of media... TAGS: *Unfavorable, Editorial/Opinion/Op-Ed, UAE, Media*

Cooking ban hurts workers *The National* By Praveen Menon – “This is the first time I am seeing anything like this happening,” Mr. Rahman said. “There is no place to eat for us. We cannot afford to eat at restaurants every day.” TAGS: *Unfavorable, News Story, Dubai, Employment/Labor*

Neutral

[Amlak and Tamweel likely to emerge as Islamic bank with AED 5 billion in capital \(Arabic\)](#) *Al Khaleej* – TAGS: *Neutral, News Story, Dubai, Banking/Finance*

[Lagoons buyers offered new deal](#) *The National* By Bradley Hope – Property investors who bought homes in the stalled Lagoons project in Dubai are being offered alternative apartments within Executive Towers or Jumeirah Beach Residences. TAGS: *Neutral, News Story, Dubai, Real-Estate/Construction*

[Dubai to open doors to funds](#) *The National* By Uta Harnischfeger – Dubai's financial services watchdog is expected to liberalise the rules governing its funds industry to attract more of the investment vehicles to the emirate. TAGS: *Neutral, News Story, Dubai, Banking/Finance*

[Because I heart Dubai too](#) *Maktoob Business* By Mishaal al-Gergawi – We did not want our wake up call to be this bad; I surely didn't want the price for my lesson to be 80% depreciation in the real estate that I own. But we're here and we should have a frank debate on how to move forward. TAGS: *Neutral, Editorial/Opinion/Op-Ed, Dubai, Dubai as Regional Hub*

[Architect major sees cash shortfall from developers](#) *Arabian Business (e)* By Alex Delmar-Morgan – Global architect firm RMJM, which designed Dubai's iconic Emirates Towers, has admitted it may never see all the money that it is owed by UAE developers. "That is part of risk in business..." says RMJM's director of global emerging markets... TAGS: *Neutral, Feature, Dubai, Real-Estate/Construction*

[Revamped Olympic Air to axe European routes](#) *Financial Times* By Kerin Hope – Marfin Investment Group, the Dubai-backed Greek investment holding company which paid \$257m for the assets of the state-controlled Olympic Airlines and took over management in March, aims to make the "new" Olympic a competitive full-service carrier in southern Europe and the eastern Mediterranean. TAGS: *Neutral, News Story, Dubai, Overseas Investments*

[UAE wants its fighters its own way](#) *The National* By Ivan Gale – Upgrades and modifications have been a central theme of the UAE's arms deals since the 1980s as it faced a major constraint in its homeland security efforts: manpower. TAGS: *Neutral, Feature, UAE, Politics*

[Middle East tourism shows sign of turnaround, UN report says](#) *The National* By Rebecca Bundhun – Tourist numbers fell 13% in the first seven months of the year compared with the same period last year, the UN World Tourism Organisation reported... Globally, there was a 7% drop in tourism this year to July... TAGS: *Neutral, Research/Analyst Report, GCC/MENA, Tourism/Lifestyle/Sports*

Other Headlines

[Dubai Police arrest two for stealing mobile phones worth Dh3 million from Jebel Ali warehouse](#)

[Nineteen of 22 schools in Dubai that were rated "unsatisfactory" by education chiefs last year will not be included in the full inspection to begin in October](#)

[Police and forensics experts from across the country will meet to consider setting up a nationwide DNA database](#)

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[Newsweek selects the late Sheikh Zayed amongst the top 10 leaders who changed the world \(Arabic\)](#)

[Monetary Union between Saudi Arabia, Kuwait, Bahrain and Qatar to be Ratified by Year-end](#)

[Gulf finance leaders warn banks not to expect government bailouts in the event of financial catastrophes created by defaulting borrowers](#)

[Nayef's rise muddies UAE, KSA future](#) *The National* By Sultan Sooud al-Qassemi – If Nayef is next in line to the throne, the UAE has a dilemma because he has been party to most of the major bilateral diplomatic incidents for nearly four decades. TAGS: *Other Headlines, Editorial/Opinion/Op-Ed, GCC/MENA, Politics*

[Kuwait denies losing \\$94 billion as reported by UN agency \(Arabic\)](#)

[Qtel says it has completed syndication of a \\$2 billion loan facility for general corporate purposes including refinancing existing debt](#)

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