

Middle East Airports Set for Massive Expansion

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The Middle East aviation sector is poised for significant growth, with airports in the region set to invest over \$151 billion in capacity expansion and passenger facility upgrades. According to the latest report from the Airports Council International (ACI) World, the global airport industry is experiencing a surge in demand, with passenger traffic expected to reach 9.5 billion in 2024.

The Middle East, in particular, is witnessing substantial growth. By 2040, it is projected that airports in the region will handle 1.1 billion passengers annually. To accommodate this surge, airports are undergoing major expansion and modernization projects, totaling over \$1.3 trillion in investment.

Dubai, a global aviation hub, is at the forefront of this growth. The Dubai World Central airport, under the visionary leadership of His Highness Sheikh Ahmed bin Saeed Al Maktoum, is undergoing a \$35 billion expansion to become the world's largest airport, capable of handling up to 260 million passengers per year.

The 24th edition of The Airport Show, scheduled for May 6-8, 2025, will serve as a crucial platform for industry professionals to connect, collaborate, and explore the latest technologies and innovations. The event will showcase a wide range of solutions for enhancing airport operations, improving passenger experiences, and promoting sustainability.

As the aviation industry continues to evolve, airports in the Middle East and around the world are committed to providing seamless travel experiences and contributing to the global economy.