

# Khalifa Port Expansion Plans & Groundbreaking Business Deals

MAKING KHALIFA PORT ONE OF THE GLOBAL EPICENTERS  
FOR TRADE, MANUFACTURING & LOGISTICS

## Expansion Plans



Since the inauguration of Khalifa Port by His Highness Sheikh Khalifa Bin Zayed Al Nahyan, President of the UAE, on 12 December 2012, it has been recognized as one of the most modern and technologically advanced ports in the region as well as being a success story as one of the UAE's world-class infrastructure projects. Growth is a key priority for the port which is why it has embarked on its ambitious expansion plans.

- In August 2016, Abu Dhabi Ports launched its strategy to add a 1,000-meter quay wall to Khalifa port and deepen its channel and basin to -18.5 meters to accommodate the world's largest container and cargo ships for the first time in Abu Dhabi.
- The construction of the new quay wall, completed by National Marine Dredging Company in less than a year, involved the placement of over 6,000 blocks with each block weighing close to 70 tonnes.
- The quay wall will create an additional 600,000 square meters of space to be designated for cargo handling.
- There is over AED 10 billion of committed capital into Khalifa Port by Abu Dhabi Ports and its partners. This includes AED 4 billion by Abu Dhabi Ports in the next 5 years, and AED 4 billion by MSC in the next 30 years while over AED 2.7 billion will be invested by COSCO over the lifetime of its agreement with Abu Dhabi Ports.



## Recent Business Milestones



Abu Dhabi Ports has recently signed several agreements with renowned global industry giants to establish their presence at Khalifa Port. As a result of these partnerships, Khalifa Port will jump to being one of the top 25 ports worldwide in handling containers.

### MSC Mediterranean Shipping Company

- In May 2018, Abu Dhabi Ports signed a 30 year concession agreement with MSC Mediterranean Shipping Company, a Swiss-based leader in global transportation and logistics, to establish a new container terminal in the UAE located at Khalifa Port.
  - MSC will invest a total of AED four billion (USD 1 BN) over the life of concession agreement in operational equipment.
- Developments include:
  - An increase in the current 12 ship-to-shore cranes to make a total of 25 of some of the most technologically advanced cranes in the world

- Deepening the berths to make Khalifa Port the first port in the region capable of receiving the largest shipping vessels in the world that specialise in bulk cargo shipment.
- In addition, Khalifa Port's capacity is expected to increase from 2.5 million TEUs to 8.5 million TEUs in five years.

### COSCO Shipping

- In 2016, Abu Dhabi Ports signed with CSP, the world's largest container operator, who chose Khalifa Port as the hub for its operations in the Middle East.
  - With CSP on board the annual capacity of Khalifa Port will rise to 8.5 million TEUs.
  - In addition to attracting investors from Eastern Asia, it will increase Khalifa Ports' competitiveness and ease the way for more partnerships with companies and friends in China and East Asia, which will draw further investments into Abu Dhabi.
- Abu Dhabi Ports and CSP held their ground-breaking ceremony in Q4 2017 for the CSP Abu Dhabi Container Terminal
- CSP and Abu Dhabi Ports also signed an agreement for the development of the largest container freight station in the region.
  - The new Container Freight Station will provide Abu Dhabi trade with a state of the art facility offering bonded LCL/FCL consolidation and de-consolidation services, cross stuffing, cargo weight reduction, short term warehousing for de-consolidated cargo as well as easy connectivity with the container terminals in Khalifa Port.



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### Autoterminal Khalifa Port

- Autoterminal, a member of the Noatum Maritime Group, and Abu Dhabi Ports, have signed a shareholder agreement for the creation of a joint venture company called Autoterminal Khalifa Port, to manage the roro/car terminal in Khalifa Port under a 15 year concession.
- The 300,000m<sup>2</sup> car terminal, with more than 550m of dedicated quay will provide a geo-strategic location for import traffic as well as excellent communication with other main UAE cities.
- Autoterminal will provide the necessary technology, IT software, Procedures for Quality, Environment & Safety in the Workplace, as well as its international commercial network
- In addition, the new specialized terminal will offer added-value services to all its car terminal users for PDI inspections, vehicle customization and other technical services.



## Further Integrating Khalifa Port with KIZAD & KPFTZ

The close proximity of Khalifa Port to KIZAD and Khalifa Port Free Trade Zone, and the integration between the entities have allowed Abu Dhabi Ports to offer shipping and trade customers a compelling value proposition that combines the competitive advantages of each. This has resulted in an influx of foreign direct investment and partnerships with local industry players.

### Jiangsu Demonstration Zone

- Since July 2017, a total of 15 companies have signed lease agreements for land in the Jiangsu demonstration zone in the free zone (KPFTZ) of Khalifa Industrial Zone Abu Dhabi (KIZAD), with investments totalling \$1 billion.
- This places KIZAD and KPFTZ in a prime position to be of value to the Chinese Belt and Road initiative.



### Recent Agreements

- **Shaheen Chem Investment LLC** - announced the signing of an agreement for the land lease of a two-phase chemical complex in the industrial zone with an expected investment of AED 4 billion. The plant will support the UAE's growing chemical manufacturing sector and pioneer the production of ethylene dichloride in the UAE.
- **Gulf Printing and Packaging** - a subsidiary of Al Khat Packaging Co., officially inaugurated its new UAE base in KIZAD with an investment of AED 100 million. The new facility is located in the heart of the Food & Packaging cluster in KIZAD and aims to employ over 200 people when it reaches its full capacity.
- **DAC** - a factory that manufactures aluminium rods and overhead conductors, was officially inaugurated in KIZAD. DAC's facility has been built close to EGA's Al Taweelah aluminium smelter, one of the largest in the world.
- **Emirates Global Aluminium** - the largest industrial company in the UAE outside oil and gas, has also signed a Memorandum of Understanding with Abu Dhabi Ports, to work together to develop opportunities for Abu Dhabi Ports to upgrade ports, logistics infrastructure and services abroad used by EGA to load raw materials destined for the UAE

