

## Empowering Communities, Enabling Industries Across the UAE

As we step into the second quarter of 2025, I'm proud to reflect on the momentum we've built and the meaningful milestones we've achieved together. At EDB, we remain unwavering in our mission to empower businesses, support innovation, and drive sustainable economic growth across the UAE.

This past month, we brought to life our 'UAE Develops with Kindness' campaign, a powerful expression of this year's national theme — the Year of the Community. From launching the UAE's first AI Lab for People of Determination, to hosting impactful Ramadan gatherings that united partners, employees, and clients, we demonstrated how economic development and social inclusion go hand in hand.

With every initiative, EDB reaffirms its commitment to accelerating industrial development, supporting SMEs, and fuelling innovation-led sectors that are mission-critical to the UAE's future.

Thank you for your continued support as we move forward with confidence and purpose.

**Ahmed Mohamed Al Naqbi**  
CEO, Emirates Development Bank



## Key Milestones

### Launch of EDB360

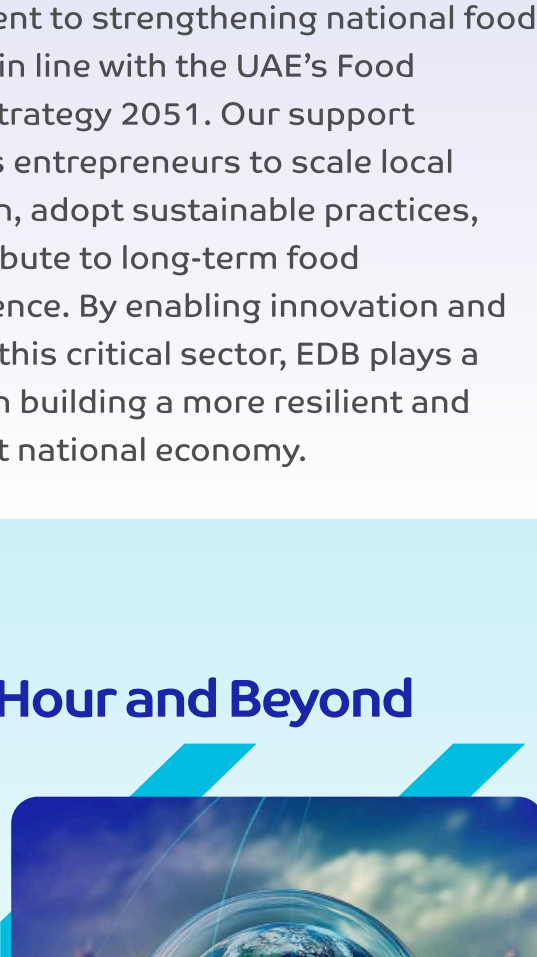


EDB360: The Platform for Growth-Driven Business Banking EDB 360 continues to offer seamless, digital-first banking for UAE businesses — from instant account onboarding and zero fees to flexible financing options tailored for mSMEs. More than a banking platform EDB 360 is a launchpad for business success.

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## Supporting Healthcare During Ramadan

Ramadan is a time of reflection, generosity, and purpose and we, at EDB, remain committed to supporting the UAE's healthcare sector, empowering healthcare pioneers with tailored financing solutions that help build a healthier future for all. Aligned with our leadership's vision, we continue to work with mission-driven businesses that strengthen national wellbeing and deliver long-term impact to our communities.



## Latest News

### Backing the Nation's Food Security: Over AED 1 Billion in Strategic Financing



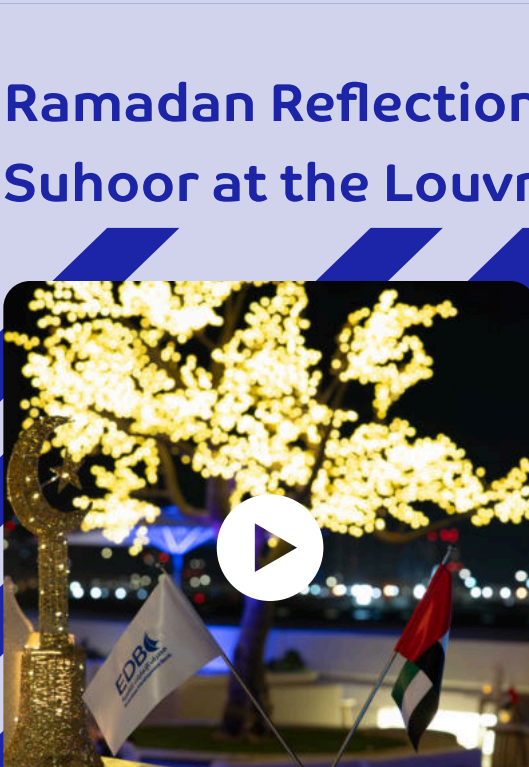
EDB continued to strengthen the UAE's food resilience by surpassing AED 1 billion in cumulative financing to the food sector since April 2021. This reflects our firm commitment to strengthening national food resilience in line with the UAE's Food Security Strategy 2051. Our support empowers entrepreneurs to scale local production, adopt sustainable practices, and contribute to long-term food independence. By enabling innovation and growth in this critical sector, EDB plays a vital role in building a more resilient and self-reliant national economy.

### Financing a Greener Economy: Our Commitment During Earth Hour and Beyond

This Earth Hour, we reaffirmed our commitment to driving sustainable growth. At EDB, we're financing clean energy projects, green manufacturing, and businesses aligned with the UAE's environmental goals. For us, sustainability isn't a one-hour gesture, it's a long-term strategy that empowers businesses to lead the transition to a greener, more innovative economy.



### Sharjah Ramadan Majlis: Advancing Industry Through Strategic Collaboration.



At Sharjah Ramadan Majlis, EDB engaged with key influential stakeholders to explore how collaboration and smart financing can unlock growth across Sharjah's industrial and innovation sectors. The discussion highlighted the role of strategic partnerships in shaping a resilient and diversified national economy.

## Community Support

### UAE Develops with Kindness' Campaign – Celebrating Ramadan with Impact

As part of our commitment to community engagement during Ramadan, EDB launched the 'UAE Develops with Kindness' campaign to bring people together and support key industries driving the UAE's economic growth. Key highlights included:

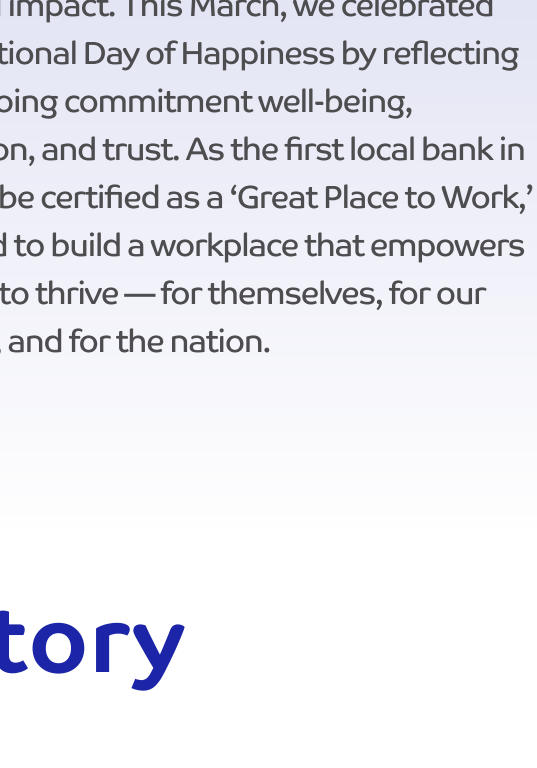
#### Inclusive Innovation in Action: Launch of the UAE's First AI Lab for People of Determination



As part of our 'UAE Develops With Kindness' campaign, EDB launched the UAE's first AI Lab for People of Determination in partnership with the Emirates Down Syndrome Association. This initiative empowers individuals with Down syndrome by providing access to AI and robotics tools, helping them develop vital skills and confidence to thrive future-focused sectors. This meaningful step demonstrates how inclusion, when paired with innovation, creates long-term impact across healthcare, technology, and society.

#### Iftar Gathering with ScanPaper Mill Factory

We hosted an Iftar gathering that welcomed over 300 members of Scanpaper Mill, a key manufacturing business supported by EDB, attended by our CEO and leadership team. The event was an opportunity to celebrate the manufacturing sector's vital contributions and reinforce our commitment to supporting the UAE's industrial growth.



#### Ramadan Reflections: Suhoor at the Louvre Abu Dhabi



In the spirit of connection and generosity, EDB hosted a special Suhoor at the Louvre Abu Dhabi, bringing together our partners and stakeholders for an evening of shared purpose. These gatherings are more than symbolic — they reflect the strength of the relationships that drive long-term economic impact.

#### Partner & Media Suhoor at in5 Design

Our Suhoor gathering, hosted at in5 Design in Dubai Design District, a hub of creativity and innovation, brought together EDB's leadership, key partners, and media. The evening provided a valuable platform to reflect on shared successes, strengthen partnerships and reinforce EDB's commitment to empowering businesses driving innovation across the UAE.



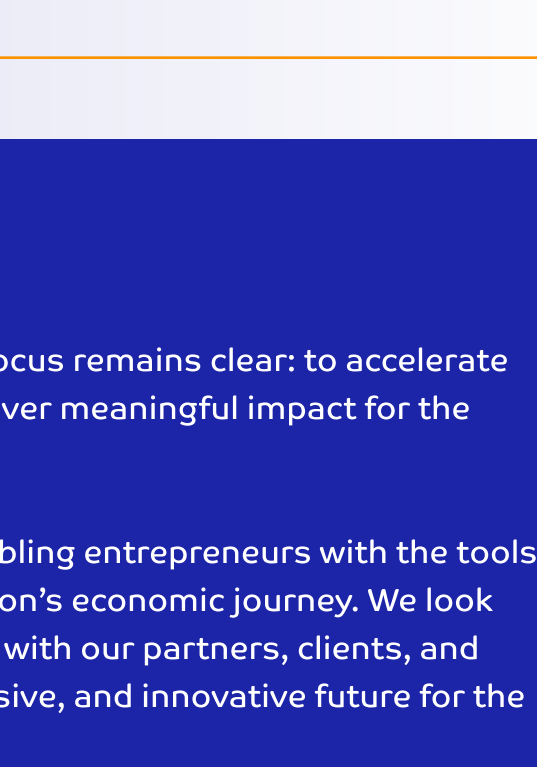
#### Employee Iftar – Bringing Our Team Together



Our internal Iftar gathering brought our employees together beyond the workplace offering a moment to reflect on the values that define EDB, Collaboration, Commitment, and Innovation. The evening fostered meaningful conversations and strengthened the sense of unity that fuels EDB's vibrant workplace culture.

#### Powerful Leadership on International Women's Day

In celebration of International Women's Day, we welcomed Dr. Eng. Suaad Al Shamsi, the UAE's first female aircraft engineer, for an inspiring conversation on leadership, innovation, and breaking barriers in aviation and beyond.



#### Culture of Positivity: Celebrating the International Day of Happiness



At EDB, we believe that happy employees create meaningful impact. This March, we celebrated the International Day of Happiness by reflecting on our ongoing commitment well-being, collaboration, and trust. As the first local bank in the UAE to be certified as a 'Great Place to Work,' we're proud to build a workplace that empowers our people to thrive — for themselves, for our customers, and for the nation.

## Client Success Story

### Empowering Industrial Growth: ULI Thrives with EDB's Credit Guarantee Scheme

Through EDB's Credit Guarantee Scheme and our strategic partnership with Emirates Islamic, we're proud to support innovative UAE manufacturers like Uma Lime Industries (ULI).



With access to tailored financial support, ULI is expanding its operations, contributing to industrial self-sufficiency, and advancing the UAE's economic diversification agenda.

This collaboration reflects EDB's continued commitment to enabling SMEs with impactful financial solutions and empowering national champions to grow, compete, and lead in strategic sectors.

## UAE Economic Insights

### UAE's Economic Growth Continues to Accelerate

The UAE's economy continues to grow, driven by innovation, diversification, and forward-thinking reforms.

At Emirates Development Bank, we are proud to play a key role in this progress by empowering mission-critical sectors such as advanced technology, renewable energy, healthcare, food security, and manufacturing. By supporting businesses in these industries, we're not just driving economic growth, we're strengthening the UAE's long-term resilience.

Through collaboration between businesses, government and financial institutions, we're helping to shape a more sustainable and competitive future for the nation.

Learn more about the UAE's economic outlook and the power of strategic investments in this insightful article: [here](#)



## Upcoming Events

#### EDB Connect - Abu Dhabi

Manarat Al Saadiyat, Saadiyat Cultural District, Abu Dhabi

12 May

#### Make It In The Emirates Forum

ADNEC Centre, Abu Dhabi

19 - 22 May

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