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Abu Dhabi skyline. Setty images/Cultura Exclusive/Lost Horizon

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## Abu Dhabi Ports ramps up digital transformation with **Dell Technologies**











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Abu Dhabi Ports has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Dell Technologies that will see the organisations combine their expertise in maritime and IT to develop technology-based concepts, solutions and services specifically for the maritime industry.



The MoU with Dell Technologies is designed to provide Abu Dhabi Ports with consulting services and help them leverage high value-added technologies such as blockchain, and artificial intelligence (AI) to fuel their digital transformation journey. In addition, this strategic partnership will also see an exchange of industry best practices and expertise needed to develop truly integrated smart ports that can better serve the customers and other stakeholders of Abu Dhabi Ports.



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The agreement was signed by Abdullah Al Hameli, Executive Vice President –
Corporate Support at Abu Dhabi Ports, and Mohammed Amin, Senior Vice
President, Middle East, Turkey & Africa at Dell Technologies in the presence of
Michael Dell. The signing took place at Dell Technologies World 2019 in Las
Vegas – the annual flagship event hosted by Dell Technologies that allows
decision makers, customers, partners and analysts to discover how to learn new
capabilities, reinvent processes, innovate faster and create value that will change
the game across industries.

Abdullah Al Hameli, executive vice president, Corporate Support at Abu Dhabi
Ports, said, "At Abu Dhabi Ports, innovation is at the heart of everything we do.
We are excited about the growth and opportunities created by the Fourth
Industrial Revolution, and we are constantly striving to deliver products and
services that transpose the latest emerging technologies into a maritime context.

"We are delighted to partner with Dell Technologies on our ongoing digital journey. Dell has long been a leader and pioneer in IT, and we look forward to combining their knowledge and insights with that of our own maritime experts. Together, we will explore ways to harness the most exciting technologies to make the future of maritime operations and services safer, more efficient, and more sustainable."



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Mohammed Amin, senior vice president, Middle East, Turkey & Africa at Dell Technologies, said, "At Dell Technologies, we primarily aim to help organization build their digital future and transform their infrastructure. We are well positioned with end to end solutions to enable Abu Dhabi Ports modernize their IT infrastructure to efficiently operate their traditional applications as well as run their cloud native applications allowing them to unlock the potential of artificial intelligence and blockchain to develop new services. It is a pleasure to partner with Abu Dhabi Ports to achieve their visionary step towards transforming the logistics and industrial services in Abu Dhabi and the UAE and lead the disruption of the maritime industry in the region."

Ahmed Auda, Managing Director Middle East, Turkey & North Africa at VMware, said, "As Abu Dhabi Ports drives ahead with its digitization agenda, VMware, a Dell Technologies company, is excited to provide cutting edge technologies that will help Abu Dhabi Ports leverage the full strengths of its network and tap into the benefits of fast developing technologies including cloud, AI and blockchain."













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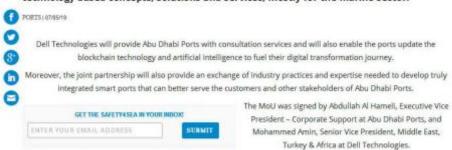


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#### Abu Dhabi ports signs MoU with Dell technologies

Abu Dhabi ports announced that they signed a Memorandum of Understanding with Dell Technologies, with the aim of joining their expertise in maritime and IT to develop technology based concepts, solutions and services, mostly for the marine sector.



The signing ceremony occurred at Dell Technologies World 2019 in Las Vegas.

Abdullah Al Hamell, Executive Vice President - Corporate Support at Abu Dhabi Ports commented

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### Dell Technologies to accelerate Abu Dhabi Port's digital transformation journey

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The signing took place at Dell Technologies World 2019 in Las Vegas. (Image source: Abu Dhabi Ports)

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Over the past few years, Abu Dhabi Ports has made significant strides in harnessing innovative digital solutions for trade and port communities. In 2018, it launched Silsal, a blockchain-based solution aimed at streamlining trade flows and supply chains. The MoU was signed by Abdullah Al Hameli, executive vice-president – Corporate Support at Abu Dhabi Ports, and Mohammed Amin, senior vice-president, Middle East, Turkey & Africa at Dell Technologies.

Al Hameli said, "At Abu Dhabi Ports, innovation is at the heart of everything we do. We are excited about the growth and opportunities created by the Fourth Industrial Revolution, and we are constantly striving to deliver products and services that transpose the latest emerging technologies into a maritime context.

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Amin added, "We are well-positioned with end to end solutions to enable Abu Dhabi Ports modernise their IT infrastructure to efficiently operate their traditional applications as well as run their cloud-native applications allowing them to unlock the potential of artificial intelligence and blockchain to develop new services.

According to Ahmed Auda, managing director Middle East, Turkey & North Africa at VMware, as Abu Dhabi Ports drives ahead with its digitisation agenda, VMware, a Dell Technologies company, is excited to provide cutting edge technologies that will help Abu Dhabi Ports leverage the full strengths of its network and tap into the benefits of fast developing technologies including cloud, Al and blockchain.



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# One of world's largest container ships docks at Abu Dhabi



China's COSCO Shipping Pisces, one the world's largest container ships with a capacity of 20,000 TEUs, docked at Abu Dhabi Terminal at Khalifa Port in Abu Dhabi, the United Arab Emirates on Saturday, signifying that the service capacity of the Abu Dhabi Terminal has once again been upgraded to a higher level.

Pisces has been the largest container ship docking at the terminal since its entry into operation following the upgrading on April 20. The unloading work is expected to take 12 hours.

The CSP Abu Dhabi Terminal, built and operated by China's COSCO Shipping Ports Limited (CSP) and Abu Dhabi Ports, has a designed handling capacity of 2.5 million TEUs.



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"Today I docked our country's, also one of the world's largest container ships to our terminal. According to my 40 years of work experience, I can tell that the management at this terminal is world-class," said Xu Dexiang, Captain of Pisces.

The Abu Dhabi Terminal has 800 meters of coastline, seven bridge cranes and 16 rail-mounted gantry cranes. The depth of water is 18 meters.

The entry into operation of the Abu Dhabi Terminal following the upgrading, a key project under the China-proposed Belt and Road Initiative, will further increase the capacity of Khalifa Port and make it a competitive shipping hub in the Gulf region.

"I'm feeling very proud that I'm part of this project. So I've seen this terminal start from scratch like it was nothing, from that. Now it was like this as you've seen. So I was aware that this is part of the Belt and Road Project, Initiative of China and it's such a huge project that I've seen including other parts, also of Africa, that I've been into. So I'm just feeling proud about that," said Alex, a staff member at the Terminal.



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China is the largest non-oil trading partner of the UAE. In 2017, trade between the two countries increased 15 percent to more than 53 billion U.S. dollars, representing 14.7 percent of the UAE's total foreign trade.

The Belt and Road Initiative, referring to the proposal to build a Silk Road Economic Belt and a 21st Century Maritime Silk Road, was proposed by China in 2013 to improve policy coordination, connectivity of facilities, unimpeded trade, financial integration, and strengthened people-to-people exchanges on a trans-continental scale.

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