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# DIGITAL news

# The latest news from EU **and** GCC

# Interviews and opinions

- Nearly 50 residents in the region intend to move in next 12 months due to covid-19 pandemic. Link
- How women are still fighting to break glass ceiling in the Gulf. Link

# European Union

- Single European Sky: for a more sustainable and resilient air traffic management. Link
- الرابط نائب رئيس المفوضية الاوروبية يشارك في الاجتماع الوزاري للتجارة والاستثمار لمجموعة العشرين

### Bahrain

- منظمة العمل: جائمة كورونا تقلص الدخل من العمل عالميا بنحو 3.5 تريليون دو لار الرابط
- المجلس العام للبنوك والمؤسسات المالية الإسلامية يعقد الاجتماع الأول لمجموعة عمل الاستدامة الرابط

### Kuwait

- Kuwaits national assembly panel passes law to reduce expat numbers. Link
- Moody's downgrades Kuwait's credit rating to A1; changes outlook to stable. Link







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### Oman

- Port of Salalah climbs 7 places to emerge 44th in global ranking. <u>Link</u>
- E-Census work in Oman 92% complete, results expected this year. <u>Link</u>
- Oman to attend WIPO's general assembly meetings. <u>Link</u>
- Nominal GDP drops to RO 4.6 bn in first quarter. <u>Link</u>
- How women are still fighting to break glass ceiling in the Gulf. <u>Link</u>
- Wage level delinked from academic qualifications. <u>Link</u>
- One-stop-shop for investors at Masar Service Centres. <u>Link</u>
- TIR global transit system to accelerate cross-border trade. <u>Link</u>
  - السلطنة تنجح في إصدار صكوك سيادية محلية بمبلغ 200 مليون ريال عماني الرابط
    - الفاو تؤكد أنَّ السَّلطنة حققت تقدمًا ملحوظًا في الحد من انعدام الأمن الغذائي الرابط
      - منتدى الرؤية الاقتصادي بعنوان /الطريق إلى رؤية عمان 2040/ الرابط

### Qatar

- · WIM promoting gender diversity in Qatar's financial sector. Link
- Doha Trade Exhibition 2020 to open on September 24. <u>Link</u>
- Al Attiyah Foundation: Weekly energy market review. <u>Link</u>
- Qatar's industrial production rises by 2.3% in July. <u>Link</u>
- QFZA signs pact for Qatar's first electric vehicles factory. <u>Link</u>
- Qatar's Embassy to France Participates in European Heritage Days. <u>Link</u>
- HH the Amir to participate in the 75th session of the UN General Assembly.
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- QU to develop Qatar's first solar agriculture greenhouse in collaboration with MME. <u>Link</u>
- Qatar launches guidance tool for employment in the hotel sector. <u>Link</u>
- WATCH:Qatar extends financial and economic incentives for private sector.
   Link
- Call for good planning to turn challenges into opportunities. <u>Link</u>
- Qeeri, a growing force in solar technology research. <u>Link</u>
- · Qatar's hospitality sector very resilient, says expert. Link
- Qatar Sustainability Week 2020 to kickstart in October. <u>Link</u>





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## Saudi Arabia

- Webinar highlights benefits of Tatween Emiratization program. Link
- Healthcare startups raised \$111.4bn in total funding, a 34% jump year-onyear. Link
- BAB confirms banks' readiness to defer loan installments. Link
- Great Place To Work reveals 2020 Middle East Best workplaces. <u>Link</u>
  Path ahead for Saudi Arabia post COVID is one of acceleration and
  transformation Serco ME. <u>Link</u>
- Global oil & gas project sanctioning is set to recover and exceed pre-COVID-19 levels from 2022. Link
  - 817% نسبة نمو قطاع التجارة الإلكترونية و115 % للسجلات النسائية خلال العام 2020 الرابط
    - · تقدم كبير للمملكة في المؤشرات الدولية لبيئة الأعمال والتنافسية الرابط

## United Arab Emirates

ICD and Dubai South launch 'City of Trade' to connect global wholesale buyers and sellers. Link

Still a gender imbalance in UAE corporates and in need of some quick fixes. <u>Link</u>
Industrial Co-ordination Council looks at ways to attract technology investment.
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World Future Energy Summit to be held in April 2021 in Abu Dhabi. <u>Link</u> Mubadala and Barings in alliance to offer financing for mid-market European businesses. <u>Link</u>









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