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The Navigators Annual Business Conclave 2025 was held in the vibrant city of Baku, Azerbaijan, from 13th to 15th November, bringing together the company's middle and senior management for three days of strategic dialogue, collaboration and shared vision. Set against the stunning backdrop of a city where modern architecture blends seamlessly with rich cultural heritage, the conclave provided an ideal environment for both professional engagement and meaningful networking.

The conclave was designed to reflect Navigators' forward-looking approach, focusing on business performance, leadership alignment and future readiness. A series of insightful presentations were delivered by team leaders and members of the management, highlighting key achievements, market developments, operational milestones and strategic priorities. These sessions allowed participants to gain a comprehensive understanding of the organization's progress across regions and verticals, while also fostering open discussions on opportunities and challenges in the evolving logistics and freight forwarding landscape.

A major highlight of the conclave was the presence of two distinguished guest speakers who added significant value to the knowledge-sharing sessions. One guest speaker represented the Indian Association Azerbaijan (IAA), offering valuable perspectives on industry trends, regulatory developments and the growing role of India in global trade and supply chains. The second guest speaker was from Silk Way group cargo airlines, who provided in-depth insights into air cargo operations, emerging routes, and the increasing importance of the Eurasian region as a logistics and aviation hub. Their thought-provoking presentations sparked engaging conversations and reinforced Navigators' commitment to staying connected with industry leaders and partners worldwide.

Beyond the conference halls, the conclave also emphasized team bonding and cultural immersion. Participants enjoyed guided sightseeing tours across Baku, exploring iconic landmarks, historic sites, and the city's unique blend of eastern and western influences.



These shared experiences helped strengthen relationships among colleagues, encouraging informal interactions and cross-functional connections that are often just as important as formal meetings.

The evenings were marked by exquisite lunch and dinner gatherings, carefully curated to offer both fine cuisine and a relaxed atmosphere for networking. These social settings gave team members the opportunity to exchange ideas, reflect on the day's discussions and build camaraderie in a more informal yet equally engaging environment.

Overall, the Navigators Annual Business Conclave 2025 in Baku was a resounding success. It not only reinforced the company's strategic direction and leadership alignment but also celebrated the collective spirit that drives Navigators forward. By combining the business insights, industry expertise, and cultural experiences, the conclave once again demonstrated Navigators' commitment to nurturing its people, strengthening partnerships, and preparing the organization for sustained growth in an increasingly competitive global marketplace.

SUCCESSFUL PROJECT CARGO MOVEMENT TO AFRICA

Navigators' Projects Team recently executed yet another successful heavy cargo movement, reinforcing its expertise in handling complex logistics assignments. An articulated dump truck, weighing approximately 30 tons, was safely moved from Jebel Ali to Africa as part of this operation.

The cargo was meticulously secured and prepared to withstand the rigours of its sea voyage, adhering to stringent safety and quality standards. Despite the vessel schedule being preponed by two days, the team demonstrated exceptional coordination and agility by arranging timely cargo mobilization to meet the revised vessel cut-off.

This successful execution was made possible through proactive planning, seamless teamwork, and strong support from the client. The operation once again highlights Navigators' capability to deliver reliable and time-critical project cargo solutions, even under challenging timelines.



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As the transportation minister of the Sultanate of Oman gently pressed the take-off countdown button, the "Archer" large, unmanned transport aircraft, carrying 60 kilograms of medical supplies, flew through the 3,352-meter-high Hajar mountains and delivered the goods to a mountainous town 100 kilometers away.

The aircraft completed its delivery in less than 50 minutes, marking the first commercial logistics flight of a Chinese large-scale UAV in the Middle East.

This landmark mission, named "Sky Bridge," was executed



DP WORLD PARTNERS WITH TEAM AKER DÆHLIE AS OFFICIAL LOGISTICS PARTNER



Global smart logistics leader DP World is entering Nordic winter sports through a new partnership with Team Aker Dæhlie, one of the most innovative and progressive ski teams in the world. The collaboration brings together two organisations built on high-performance, movement and pushing human potential further through competition.

The partnership marks DP World's debut in cross-country skiing and builds on its long-standing relationship with Aker Solutions, the parent company of Team Aker Dæhlie, through their joint venture with Drydocks World, part of the DP World group. It also strengthens DP World's global sports strategy, which already spans the DP World Tour, Ryder Cup, McLaren F1, International Cricket Council and SailGP.

As the official logistics partner, DP World will support the team's operations, including travel planning, equipment movement and race-week logistics insights. DP World's branding will feature on Team Aker Dæhlie's race kit and equipment throughout the season. The agreement also opens opportunities for commercial introductions across the wider Aker network and co-promoted business events and forums.

Source: Online news portals

by Times Flying Phoenix Technology Co., Ltd., a high-tech enterprise initiated by China Aerospace Science and Technology Corporation and based in Kunshan, China. Backed by Oman's Ministry of Transport, Ministry of Health and Civil Aviation Authority, the flight demonstrates the capability of Chinese-manufactured large UAV systems to operate reliably in harsh environments characterized by high temperatures, sandstorms and strong winds, and represents the systematic introduction of China's low-altitude economic solutions in the Middle East.

Source: Online news portals



ETIHAD AIRWAYS TO MAKE HISTORY AS FIRST MIDDLE EAST AIRLINE TO FLY TO LUXEMBOURG

Etihad Airways has announced the launch of flights to Luxembourg, marking a historic milestone as the first airline from the Middle East to serve the country. When services commence on 29 October 2026, Etihad will also become the only airline offering nonstop flights between Luxembourg and Abu Dhabi, creating a new direct air link between two important European and Middle Eastern centres.

The new route reflects growing demand from travellers across Luxembourg, the Benelux region, France and Germany for direct access to Abu Dhabi. Services will operate to Luxembourg Airport (LUX), providing guests with direct access to the beautiful emirate of Abu Dhabi, the UAE's vibrant capital and a gateway to Arabian culture, world-class hospitality and year-round sunshine.

Flights will operate three times weekly using Etihad's state-of-the-art A321LR, offering guests the most premium direct travel option between Luxembourg and the UAE. The A321LR features the airline's acclaimed three-class cabin, including first suites and lie-flat business seats all with direct aisle access, delivering elevated comfort, privacy and Etihad's renowned hospitality throughout. Next-generation economy seats feature generous legroom, 4K touchscreen TVs and Bluetooth pairing; all complemented by high-speed Wi-Fi throughout the aircraft.

Source: Online news portals



BARQ AND ELROY AIR TEAM UP FOR \$200M AIRCRAFT MANUFACTURING PLANT IN ABU DHABI

Abu Dhabi smart mobility company Barq Group has teamed up with Elroy Air to develop a manufacturing facility in the emirate for the US logistics firm's unmanned Chaparral cargo aircraft, helping to advance the UAE's autonomous goals.

The joint venture will invest \$200 million in the project to produce the Chaparral, an uncrewed hybrid-electric vertical take-off and landing (VTOL) cargo system, the companies said in a statement on Friday.

The development aims to establish local production capacity serving the UAE and wider Middle East and North Africa, where demand for autonomous logistics is growing, they said.

The partnership is a "commitment to building a self-sustaining aerospace ecosystem", and is aligned with the Make it in the Emirates campaign and Abu Dhabi's Smart and Autonomous Vehicles Industry cluster, said Ahmed AlMazrui, chief executive of Barq Group.

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