

UAE Ministry of Investment and China Securities Advance Strategic Cooperation to Strengthen Cross-Border Investment

The UAE Ministry of Investment and China Securities are advancing a long-term partnership across asset management, capital markets and investor connectivity to strengthen economic and investment ties between the UAE and China

The partnership is intended to support China Securities' establishment and growth in the UAE, while creating mechanisms to develop cross-border capital flows and investment cooperation over time

The partnership builds on the UAE and China's established Comprehensive Strategic Partnership and a strong economic relationship, with China being the fourth-largest source of foreign direct investment stock in the UAE

Hong Kong, China, 13 October 2026 – The Ministry of Investment of the United Arab Emirates and China Securities Co., Ltd. (CSC), a Beijing-headquartered, publicly listed full-service securities firm and one of China's leading investment banks, are advancing a strategic framework to deepen cooperation across asset management, capital markets and investor connectivity. The partnership is intended to support China Securities' establishment and long-term growth in the UAE and wider region, while developing new mechanisms for cross-border capital flows and investment cooperation between the UAE and the People's Republic of China.

To support this next phase of the relationship, the two sides signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) establishing a framework for longer-term cooperation. The agreement reflects the UAE's commitment to enabling productive international partnerships that reinforce the nation's position as a global hub for investment, capital flows and cross-border business.

The MoU was signed by His Excellency Mohammad Abdulrahman Alhawi, Undersecretary of the UAE Ministry of Investment, and Mr. Liu Cheng, Chairman of China Securities Co., Ltd.

The Ministry will act as the federal gateway to the UAE's broader business and investment ecosystem, supporting China Securities with regulatory guidance, facilitating introductions to relevant authorities, stakeholders and investor networks, and enabling engagement with relevant stakeholders in China through established channels.

The framework builds on the UAE and China's established Comprehensive Strategic Partnership and is expected to reinforce the two countries' economic relationship by further facilitating Chinese investment into the UAE. China is the fourth-largest source of foreign direct investment stock in the UAE and ranked among the top ten sources of greenfield investment between 2021 and 2025, with close to US\$ 4 billion in cumulative capital expenditure. China Securities' recently announced regional office in the Dubai International Financial Centre further reflects this momentum and its commitment to the UAE as a base for regional growth.

His Excellency Mohammad Abdulrahman Alhawi, Undersecretary of the UAE Ministry of Investment, also participated in the China Securities 2026 Global Investors Conference in Hong Kong, where he joined a

fireside chat on investment opportunities in Middle Eastern markets. During the discussion, he highlighted the UAE's investment proposition, its opportunities across priority sectors, and discussed the growing momentum of the UAE-China relationship as well as the potential to further strengthen two-way investment through long-term partnerships spanning capital, technology and knowledge.

His Excellency Mohammad Abdulrahman Alhawi, Undersecretary of the UAE Ministry of Investment, said: “China Securities' plan to expand into the UAE reflects both the strength of the UAE's investment ecosystem and the growing depth of the UAE-China economic relationship. China is today the fourth-largest source of foreign direct investment stock in the UAE, demonstrating the confidence that leading Chinese companies continue to place in our market and long-term growth prospects. Through this agreement, the Ministry of Investment will work alongside China Securities as it advances its expansion in the UAE, helping the firm navigate the ecosystem, connect with the right stakeholders and unlock opportunities for growth across the region. We see this as another important step in strengthening the UAE-China investment corridor and creating new pathways for capital, expertise and investment between our two countries.”

Mr. Liu Cheng, Chairman of China Securities Co., Ltd., added: “The signing of this Memorandum of Understanding marks an important step in deepening China-UAE investment cooperation and advancing two-way connectivity between our capital markets. China Securities regards the Middle East as a strategic priority in its international expansion. Going forward, we will leverage our integrated strengths in capital markets, cross-border finance and corporate internationalization services to establish a long-term and stable cooperation mechanism with the UAE Ministry of Investment, providing professional and comprehensive financial services to support Chinese companies expanding into the UAE and the broader region and Middle Eastern capital investing in Chinese assets.”

This new cooperation framework reflects the UAE's ongoing commitment in establishing strong and lasting international partnerships that create long-term value, deepen economic connectivity and support the sustained growth and resilience of its economy.

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About the Ministry of Investment of the UAE

The Ministry of Investment plays a pivotal role in solidifying the UAE's position as a global investment hub with world-class connectivity to international markets. By attracting foreign direct investment in critical sectors and fostering public and private sector collaboration, the Ministry leverages the UAE's fit-for-purpose, investor-friendly environment and ambitious economic diversification goals, positioning the nation as a resilient and forward-looking destination for global investors and enterprises.

About Invest UAE

Invest UAE is a platform by the Ministry of Investment dedicated to enhancing the UAE's investment ecosystem and positioning the UAE as a leading global investment hub. Under the Ministry's leadership, Invest UAE aims to attract and facilitate foreign direct investment across multiple sectors of the UAE's economy and encourage partnerships between global investors and nations. Its purpose is to create a

setting where people, businesses, and capital can thrive, reinforcing the UAE's position as a compelling investment destination for all.

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