Gulf, France Forge Innovation Pact

Vision Golfe 2025 reshapes cooperation



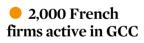
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AI, health, energy drive agenda

Talent seen as key connector

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▼rance and the Gulf couneration, one driven by shared to deeper collaboration in indusinnovation, co-production, and trial strategy, digital health, and ades-old trade relationships into 17,000 exporters and 2,000 subbold, future-focused economic sidiaries in the Gulf have laid role in building the region's partnerships.

That was the message com- economic playbook.



Didier Boulogne, Deputy CEO for Export, Business France

logue on energy, AI, health, and uncertainty." education.

From trade to transformation

Once defined by oil flows and tries are entering a new exports, the France-GCC ecophase of strategic coop- nomic dynamic is now pivoting the foundation for a new joint knowledge economy.

ing out of Vision Golfe 2025, French Minister of Econo- ing Qatar's H.E. Ahmad Ala high-level forum held at the my Éric Lombard described the Sayed and Saudi Arabia's H.E. French Ministry of Economy moment as "strategic, human, Dr Nouf Alnumair, framed the in Paris, where over 1,200 par- and forward-looking," adding, "I shift as a strategic investment in ticipants, including 550 Gulf believe our countries can serve resilience, well-being, and innodelegates and five ministers, each other as platforms to ac-vation capacity. "France has long took part in two days of deals, cess new markets, especially in been a leader in public health,' roundtables, and sector-led dia- a context marked by tension and

AI, education, and health

From artificial intelligence and clean energy to digital medicine and workforce reform, the forum highlighted sectoral convergence. New collaborations such as the École Poly-



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said Alnumair, "and Saudi Arabia brings scale and integration to transform care into an engine for growth."

Platform for shared value

Organised by Business France, Vision Golfe 2025 hosted 10 sectoral roundtables, 80 speakers, and more than 2,000 formal and human capital, recasting dec-talent development. France's technique-MBZUAI partnership informal meetings. Ministers, underscored a growing French CEOs, and technocrats aligned on building co-investment platforms that merge France's transformation agendas. Gulf representatives, includindustrial strength with Gulf



French subsidiaries now operate in the GCC, reflecting France's shift from traditional exporter to long-term innovation partner across Gulf economies.



H.E. Ahmad Al-Sayed, Minister of State for Foreign Trade Affairs, Qatar



Laurent Saint-Martin, French Minister Delegate for Foreign Trade and French **Nationals Abroad**



H.E. Dr Nouf Alnumair, Secretary **General of the Ministerial Committee** of Health in all Policies, Saudi Arabia

atives to smart city development and climate adaptation, the event showed how France and the GCC are moving from transaction to transformation, rewriting their economic terms for a world that demands both From inclusive sports initi- resilience and reinvention.

Oil prices seesaw as investors await Iran response to US strikes

London, United Kingdom

il prices wobbled and stock markets wavered Monday nuclear facilities over the week-

European markets retreated and

Brent North Sea Crude:

▼ 0.9% at \$76.31 per barrel

West Texas Intermediate: ▼ 1.0% at \$73.10 per barrel as traders awaited Tehran's re- Asian equities were mixed, with Monday, international bench-

sponse to US strikes on Iranian markets keeping a close eye on mark crude contract Brent and whether Iran will block the cru- US equivalent WTI both jumped cial Strait of Hormuz, which car- more than four percent to hit That is the big question," said US stocks edged higher while ries one-fifth of global oil output. their highest price since Jan- Bjarne Schieldrop, chief com- porting just under half of the senior market analyst at Trade When trading opened on uary.

They later dipped briefly into the red and then wobbled, stand- this morning it is clear that the ing down around one percent as oil market doesn't assign a very to be that the US involvement European markets closed.

"Will Iran choose to choke ing," he added. off the Strait of Hormuz or not? modities analyst at SEB bank.

But, "looking at the oil price per day. high probability of it happen- will prove limited militarily,

gest oil-producing country, ex- bitions," said David Morrison, 3.3 million barrels it produces Nation.

"The prevailing view appears yet effective, by seriously un-Iran is the world's ninth-big- dermining Iran's nuclear am-