

Free Zones on the Rise

The size and impact of free trade zones on the Dubai economy is on the rise.

1 Foreign Trade through Free Zones

Exports plus re-exports rose by 7.1 per cent to AED 193.1 billion

Imports increased by 4.9 per cent to AED 280.0 billion

2 Dubai's International Merchandise Trade

It has continued to increase in the first half of 2018, compared to the first half of 2017

Direct trade and free zones rose from AED 640 billion to AED 645 billion

3 Dubai's Free Zones

There are now 30 free zones in Dubai for various purposes and functions:

- finance
- health care
- higher education
- media production
- design
- gold and diamonds, etc.



Port of Jebel Ali
9th Largest container port in the world

The three stations for containers, oil materials and general shipments will expand to a fourth station after 2018

4 The Geographical Distribution of Dubai's Foreign Trade

The top 4 countries (China, India, USA & Saudi Arabia) account for 32.2 per cent of Dubai's total trade

Trade with neighbouring Saudi Arabia rose strongly by almost 12 per cent to AED 58.4 billion, 4.5 per cent of total trade

Top 4 Trade Countries:

