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Etihad Rail is cultivating a thriving transportation ecosystem for our region and the rest of the world that is rooted in collaboration, prosperity, and opportunity. Through the consistent support of His Highness Sheikh Mansour bin Zayed Al Nahyan, UAE Vice President, Deputy Prime Minister, and Minister of the Presidential Court, and the UAE's wise leadership, we aim to further solidify the position of our national project at an international level.

This support is further underscored by the establishment of Global Rail, which provides Etihad Rail with a platform that will enrich the regional transport and logistics sector, ensuring its growing demands are met, and thus further driving its development.

H.H. Sheikh Theyab bin Mohamed bin Zayed Al Nahyan Chairman of Etihad Rail Global Rail unites the world's foremost strategic visionaries, industry leaders, transporters, and financiers, as rail transport leads the way towards efficient, sustainable, and integrated mobility solutions, fostering economic growth and advancing a more connected world.



The railway sector in the UAE and GCC countries represents a pivotal part of our future vision. Global Rail will contribute to forming partnerships and concluding future agreements in conjunction with the launch of the next phase of our journey, especially as we hold the reins of the future of the transportation and logistics sector.

### H.E. Suhail Al Mazrouei

UAE Minister of Energy and Infrastructure

## At a glance

Held under the patronage of His Highness Sheikh Mansour bin Zayed Al Nahyan, UAE Vice President, Deputy Prime Minister, Minister of the Presidential Court and hosted by Etihad Rail, Global Rail Transport Infrastructure Exhibition and Conference unites strategic visionaries with industry leaders, transporters, and financiers, catalysing a future where rail transport leads the way towards efficient, sustainable, and interconnected mobility solutions for a better world.

Purposeful investment is central to Global Rail's mission, which represents a commitment to funding infrastructure solutions that will reshape the industry and leave a lasting impact on future generations. Global Rail stands as a symbol of unity, where industry leaders come together to address the most pressing challenges in public and commercial transport, charting a bold new course amidst evolving global dynamics.

200+
international exhibitors

120+

200+
industry speakers

15,000+

global attendees

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# Envisioning interconnected cities of the future

In a world marked by rapid population growth and diverse transportation demands, Global Rail emerges as the driving force propelling the transportation industry of tomorrow into today's reality. By uniting visionaries, policymakers, financiers, and technical experts from across the globe, Global Rail catalyses dynamic dialogue, collaboration, and transformation.

At its core lies a compelling vision: sustainable mobility, cultivated through strategic partnerships within integrated transport ecosystems. Global Rail applies this vision on a global scale, fostering collaboration among stakeholders to unlock new opportunities, drive progress, and shape the future of transportation.



The Global Rail Transport Infrastructure Exhibition and Conference explores the next generation of railway services, infrastructure and smart systems to realise the sustainable, interconnected transportation ecosystems of the future.

## Benefits of participation

### Forge lasting connections

Connect with decision makers, leaders, policymakers, and global rail experts, fostering valuable relationships for potential collaborations, partnerships, and knowledge-sharing opportunities.

### Stand at the forefront of innovation

Dive into a wealth of insights from global pioneers and stay informed on the latest innovations and best practices for enhancing the logistics and transportation ecosystem in the region.

### **Expand your business horizons**

Showcase your innovations, solutions, and technologies to a diverse and influential audience, opening doors to new business opportunities, partnerships, and potential projects that can drive business growth in the rail ecosystem.

### Shape future policies

Global Rail provides an influential platform to showcase your expertise and innovations to transport policymakers, and thus, driving the development of the transport and mobility industry.

### Position your portfolio

Maximise market visibility by participating as a sponsor or exhibitor. Showcase your brand on a global scale, enhancing recognition, fostering trust, and positioning your organisation as a key player in advancing smart cities of the future.

### Facilitate global collaboration

Engage in collaborative initiatives that transcend boundaries. Join leaders across the rail value chain to contribute to the advancement of an integrated and sustainable global rail and intermodal transport ecosystem.

### The Global Rail exhibition

Experience firsthand international rail solutions that champion sustainability and climate-resilient infrastructure, which drive forward progressive policy frameworks and strategic investments across the industry.



### Smart Mobility & Transport Solutions

Integration of digital technologies such as Al, IoT, and predictive maintenance for enhanced operational efficiency and safety.



### Construction, Infrastructure & Engineering

Development, modernisation, and maintenance of rail infrastructure, including tracks, stations, and signaling systems.



### Logistics & Supply Chain

Automation, integration of intermodal transportation solutions, and adaptation to global supply chain requirements.



# Policies & Regulations

Current and upcoming initiatives under evolving policies and regulations, including safety standards and environmental procedures.



### Sustainability

Initiatives promoting
eco-friendly practices,
electrification of rail lines,
adoption of renewable energy,
and measures to reduce
road carbon emissions, all
contributing toward achieving
net-zero targets.



### Passenger Experience

Operational and management aspects of rail services, with a focus on efficiency, enhancing customer satisfaction, and improving the overall journey experience.

# Specialised Areas

Engage with industry leaders at the International Projects Pavilion, Finance Pavilion and Innovation Hub. These dedicated areas, unique to Global Rail, are essential for identifying new frontier market opportunities, discussing advanced financing models for current and future large-scale projects, and connecting with the latest technologies poised to revolutionize the rail and transport industry.



### **Innovation Hub**

Experience innovations at the forefront of rail technology and sustainable practices in this dynamic space dedicated to presenting groundbreaking digital solutions, smart infrastructure advancements, and disruptive solutions that are transforming the rail transport landscape.



### **Projects Pavilion**

Connect with contemporary and forthcoming transport infrastructure rail projects in emerging markets; initiate strategic conversations with counterpart rail operators and developers in rail, engineering, infrastructure, real estate and benefit from a unique platform facilitating direct access to developing frontier markets, investment, opportunities into sustainable capital allocation, that will accelerate projects, economic growth and inclusive prosperity.



### **Finance Pavilion**

The Finance Pavilion at Global Rail is your gateway to forging valuable connections with top financiers and investment leaders who are at the forefront of funding the rail industry's most ambitious projects. This dedicated space offers an unparalleled opportunity to engage in meaningful discussions, explore innovative financing solutions, and collaborate on strategies that will bring the next major rail projects to life. Whether you're looking to secure capital for your ventures or seeking insights from industry experts, the Finance Pavilion is the ideal platform to turn your rail project aspirations into reality.

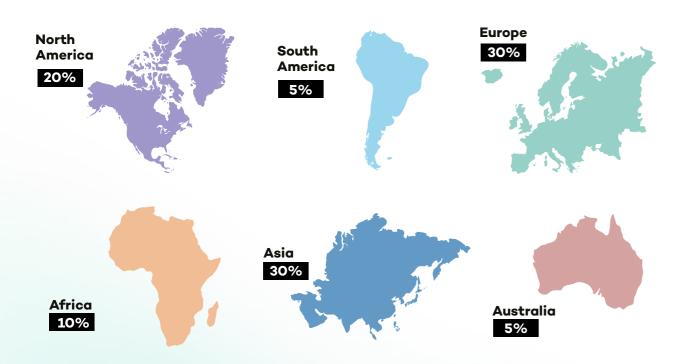


### **Construction Hub**

Spotlighting advancements in railway construction across track laying, station development, depot facilities, rolling stock assembly and more, the Construction Hub redefines industry standards and demonstrates leadership in construction methods, state-of-the-art equipment and effective project management strategies.

**NEW FOR 2025** 

# A global assembly of rail and infrastructure innovators



Global visibility and exposure

Attention to your brand

Insights to rail industry trends

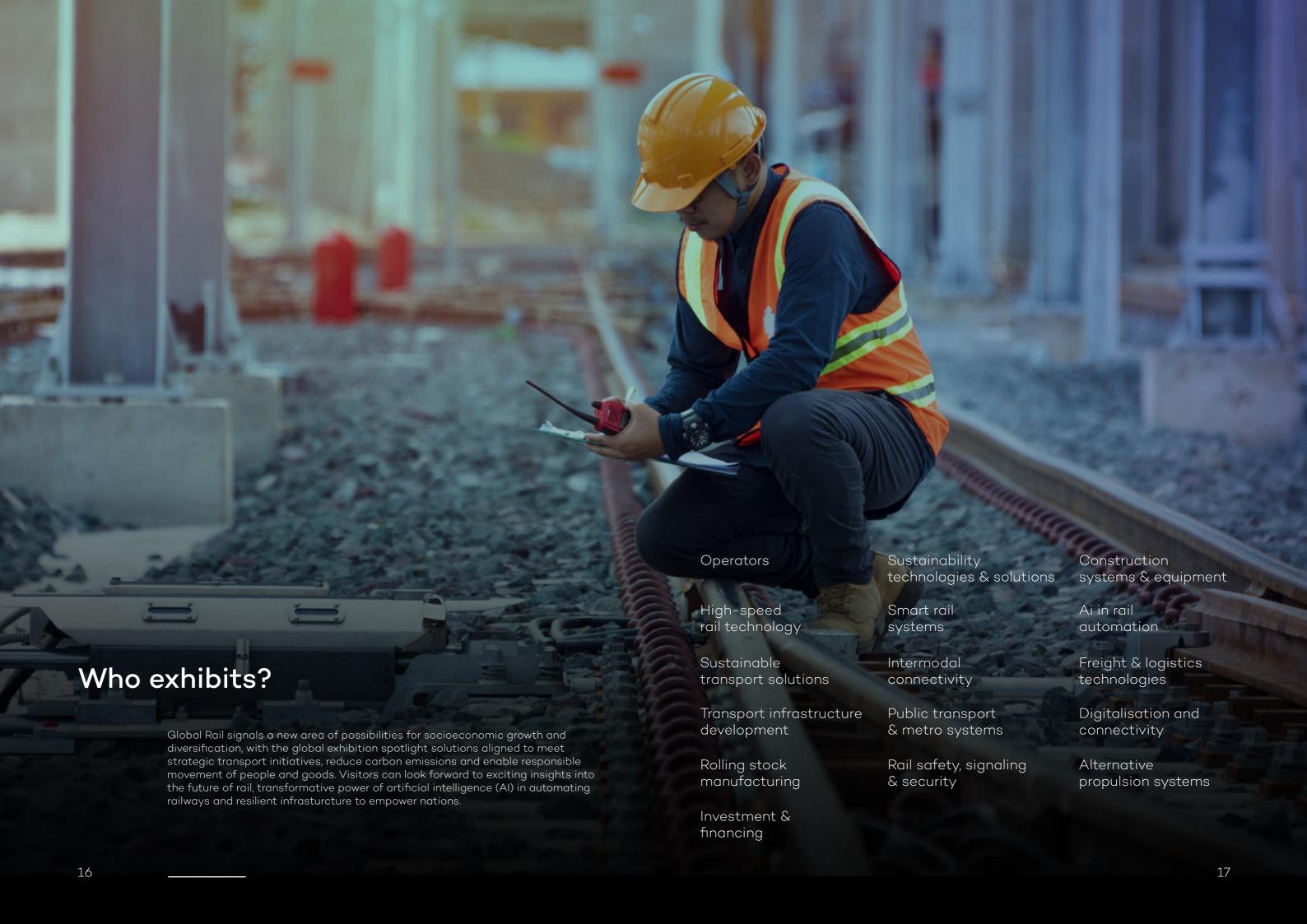
Breakthrough innovations

Access to rail projects

Opportunities on the horizon

# Who will you meet at the 2025 edition?

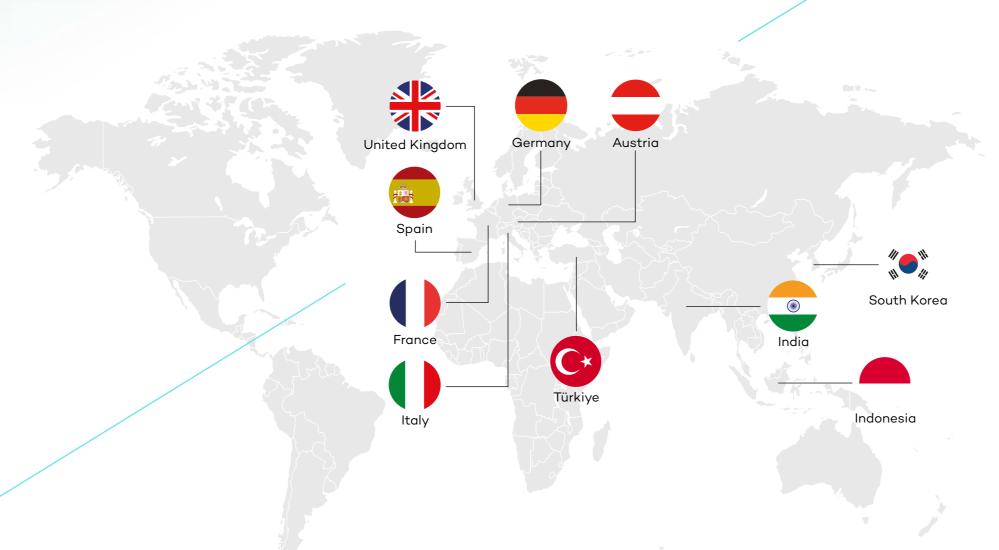
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# Representation from international country pavilions

The Global Rail 2024 country pavilions will unlock a wide range of opportunities, enabling rail and rail infrastructure solution providers to showcase cutting-edge products, technologies, and expertise to over 15,000 international professionals. Pavilion exhibitors will benefit from the collective strength and reputation of their country's rail industry, ensuring enhanced visibility and credibility among visitors actively seeking solutions for future needs.

These pavilions will act as central hubs for showcasing each country's rail and transport capabilities, bringing together a diverse array of companies under one roof, allowing visitors to assess competitive solutions. Additionally, the Global Rail country pavilions will provide insights into participating countries' rail landscapes, resources, policies, and investment opportunities-critical information for identifying potential partnerships or distribution channels.





# Setting global connectivity in motion

Central to Global Rails mission is purposeful investment – a commitment to funding infrastructure solutions that will leave a lasting impact on the industry and future generations. Global Rail stands as a symbol of unity, where industry leaders unite to address the most pressing challenges in public and commercial transport, charting a bold new course amidst evolving global dynamics.

200+

45+
impactful sessions

40+
hours of insights

### **THEMES**

- Integrated transport ecosystems for tomorrow
- Global collaboration driving purposeful investment for growth
- Innovation driven mobility for sustainable living

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### Global Rail conferences

The three-day Global Rail agenda will feature thematic streams, keynote addresses, panel discussions and fireside chats. These sessions will address global trends in rail, sustainable rail infrastructure, multimodal integration challenges, environmental impact, new regulatory frameworks, financing, logistics, and advanced security and safety practices. The event will engage more than 150 speakers including global policymakers, government representatives, institutional leaders, and railway pioneers, all of whom will come together to set an example of the international dialogue that is necessary to link principal centers of population and industry for an interconnected future.

### **Strategic Conference**

The strategic conference will gather over 150 global speakers for keynote speeches, panels, and interactive sessions. It will focus on developing smart, sustainable transport ecosystems, unlocking value in rail projects through collaboration, integration, and digitalisation, and driving innovation and competitiveness in the global transport ecosystem through policy and governance.

### **Technical Conference**

The technical conference will address cutting-edge R&D case studies, from technology pioneers, research institutes, consortiums, industry, and academia. It aims to disrupt rail operations, maintenance, passenger experience, and project delivery, unlocking value for stakeholders across the rail, transport, and mobility value chains.

### **Roundtables**

In a closed-door setup, the roundtable discussions will bring together government officials, CEOs, and C-level executives to debate key industry market dynamics. This includes discussions on financing and governance, addressing the questions and needs of the industry.

### Conference themes



Intermodal Connectivity



Smart Mobility



Infrastructure Resilience



Policy and Governance



Cost
Optimisation and
Value Creation



Sustainable Financing



Digital
Transformation and
Communications



High Speed Project Delivery



Digitally Connected Mobility



Smart Cities

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# Featured speakers of the 2024 flagship edition









































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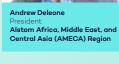
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Dr. Naser Al Bustami



Prof. Paul Plummer
Director, Birmingham Centre for
Rail Research and Education
(BCRRE), Lead for UK Rail
Research Network (UKRRIN)











# Etihad Rail pioneering transport excellence

Etihad Rail was formed under Federal Law No. 2 with the mandate of managing the development, construction, and operation of the UAE's national railway, which was built to link the principal centres of industry, manufacturing, production, population and import/export points of the UAE and will form a vital part of the planned GCC railway network. Built to best international practice, Etihad Rail's state-of-the-art network improves the way goods and people move, opening new trade corridors and journey opportunities. The railway network is being developed and operated in line with the Abu Dhabi Economic Vision 2030 and UAE Centennial 2071.



### The opportunity

The UAE National Railway network is expected to generate AED 200Bn in economic, strategic, and environmental opportunities over the next 50 years.

### The commitment

Etihad Rail is contributing to a reduction in CO<sub>2</sub> emissions in the UAE road transport sector by 21% per year, by 2050, equivalent to removing 8.2 million tonnes of CO<sub>2</sub>.

### The legacy

In December 2021, His Highness Sheikh Mohamed bin Zayed Al Nahyan, President of the United Arab Emirates and His Highness Sheikh Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum, UAE Vice President, Prime Minister and Ruler of Dubai, launched the UAE Railway Programme, the largest integrated system for transporting goods and passengers across the country.

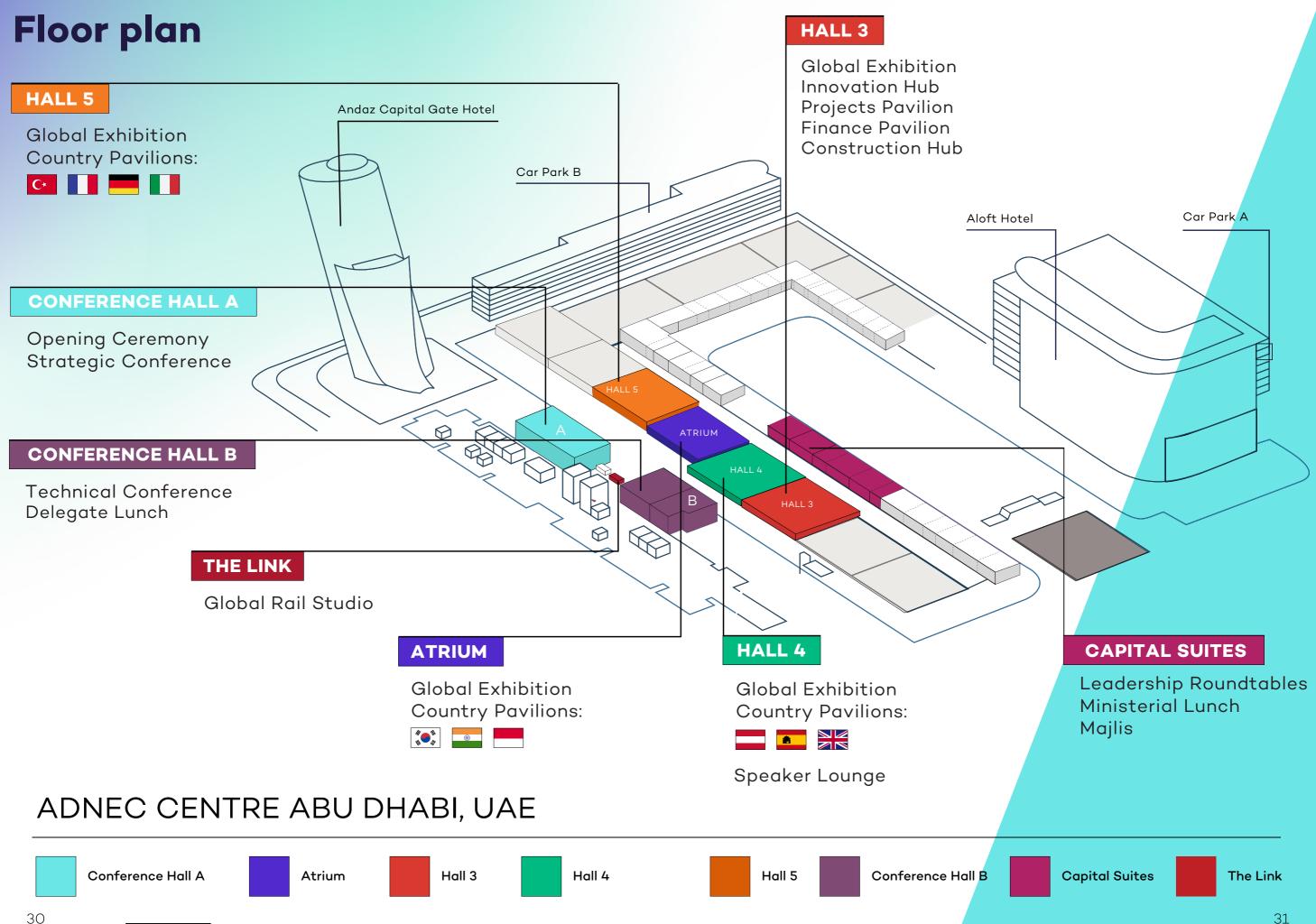


### The responsibility

Rail carries 8% of the world's passengers and 7% of global freight transport, representing only 2% of total transport energy demand.

### The impact

Rail uses 80% less energy than trucks per ton of freight carried and has four times less emissions than





### **Etihad Rail**

Etihad Rail was established under Federal Law No. 2 with the mandate of overseeing the development, construction, and operation of the UAE's national freight and passenger railway network.

Since 2016, Etihad Rail has successfully operated the Shah-Habshan-Ruwais route, transporting granulated sulphur for export, and establishing rail as a safe and sustainable mode of transport with a proven track record. In 2023, construction on the network expansion was completed, marking the inauguration of the UAE National Railway Network and the launch of full freight operations from Ghuwaifat to Fujairah.

Etihad Rail now links all the emirates, connecting industrial and commercial centres with 11 terminals, including four major ports: Ruwais Inland Terminal, Ruwais Port, Industrial City of Abu Dhabi (ICAD), Khalifa Port, Dubai Industrial City (DIC), Jebel Ali Port, Al Ghail Dry Port, Fujairah Port, Ghuwaifat Terminal, Shah Terminal, and Habshan Terminal.

### dmg events

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The global portfolio works closely with key stakeholders across industries to facilitate pragmatic dialogue, serving as platforms for the latest discussions at the forefront of change.

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