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When heritage is actively supported by the state, it transcends mere memory and becomes an integral part of a nation's vision for the future. In the UAE, this principle has been a cornerstone of leadership since the time of the late Sheikh Zayed bin Sultan Al Nahyan, may God have mercy on him, who placed great importance on preserving heritage and protecting the environment as a fundamental aspect of his vision for building both people and places. This commitment continues to be upheld and championed today by His Highness Sheikh Mohammed bin Zayed Al Nahyan, President of the UAE, may God protect him.

The visit of His Highness Sheikh Hamdan bin Zayed Al Nahyan, Ruler's Representative in the Al Dhafra Region and Chairman of the Emirates Falconers Club, on the second day of the Abu Dhabi International Hunting and Equestrian Exhibition (ADIHEX) significantly heightened the event's profile, going beyond the specifics of his appearance. HH Sheikh Hamdan has a longstanding relationship with the exhibition, having supported it throughout its evolution. His commitment to preserving heritage, promoting environmental awareness, and showcasing Emirati culture to the world underscores a confident spirit grounded in tradition while remaining receptive to the future.

On its second day, the exhibition continued to draw significant public and media attention, with vibrant corridors filled with families, enthusiasts, and specialists. The falcon auction featured an "Ultra White" falcon, which set a new record, underscoring Abu Dhabi's growing prominence in falconry and its appeal to elite breeders and falconers from the UAE and beyond.

In the Emirati collective memory, the falcon symbolises more than just competition; it represents a deep relationship between humanity and the desert, rooted in respect for nature and its resources. The exhibition juxtaposes falconry with wildlife conservation, equestrianism with sustainability, and traditional crafts with modern knowledge, highlighting that preserving and the environment are interconnected goals.

The UAE has committed to protecting endangered species, preserving sustainable hunting traditions, and passing on heritage knowledge, making these efforts a national heritage responsibility through practice and achievement.

Abu Dhabi solidifies its role as a hub for cultural and economic gatherings, blending heritage with innovation. The diversity and popularity of the 23rd edition of ADIHEX reflect the city's appreciation for its heritage and its ability to revitalise it.

In Abu Dhabi, the past has its place and significance; it serves as a path to the future.



Hamdan bin Zayed visits ADIHEX 2026 and praises its role in preserving heritage

His Highness Sheikh Hamdan bin Zayed Al Nahyan, Ruler's Representative in Al Dhafra Region and Chairman of the Emirates Falconers' Club, visited the Abu Dhabi International Hunting and Equestrian Exhibition 2026, which opened on Friday, 28 August at the ADNEC Centre Abu Dhabi and runs until 6 September under the theme "A Legacy of Pride".

The 23rd edition of the exhibition is the largest in its history in terms of space and number of participants, with wide participation from exhibitors and local and international brands. During the visit, His Highness toured several

national and international pavilions, viewing the latest products and technologies in the hunting, equestrian, falconry and outdoor activities sectors, alongside initiatives and projects promoting innovation, sustainability and the preservation of the environment and cultural heritage.

His Highness said: "The Abu Dhabi International Hunting and Equestrian Exhibition continues to reinforce its global standing as a leading platform for preserving cultural heritage. This remarkable success would not have been possible without the boundless support of His Highness Sheikh Mohamed bin Zayed

Al Nahyan, President of the UAE, may God protect him, which has given the exhibition a prominent regional and international standing and made it a successful model combining authenticity, modernity and innovation."

He added: "The Abu Dhabi International Hunting and Equestrian Exhibition embodies Abu Dhabi's pioneering role in preserving heritage and culture, and we take pride in this role, which contributes to safeguarding our national heritage — an important bridge of communication between generations, as well as a means of bringing peoples and different cultures closer together."

His Highness also met with a number of local and international exhibitors and was briefed on the latest innovations and products showcased by participating companies and institutions, as well as their contribution to advancing the hunting, equestrian and heritage sectors.

His Highness commended the exhibition's continued year-on-year growth and the prominent international standing it has achieved, making it a global platform that brings together experts, specialists, enthusiasts and decision-makers from around the world, and contributing to Abu Dhabi's position as a global capital for heritage, falconry and equestrianism.

His Highness was accompanied during the tour





by His Excellency Sheikh Mohamed bin Hamdan bin Zayed Al Nahyan, Undersecretary of the Ruler's Representative Court in Al Ain Region, His Excellency Sheikh Shakhboub bin Nahyan bin Mubarak Al Nahyan, Minister of State, Sheikh Hazza bin Hamdan bin Zayed Al Nahyan, Sheikh Rashed bin Hamdan bin Zayed Al Nahyan, His Excellency Dr Sultan bin Ahmed Al Jaber, Minister of Industry and Advanced Technology, His Excellency Lieutenant General Dhahi Khalafan Tamim, Deputy Chairman of Police and General Security in Dubai, His Excellency Majid Ali Al Mansouri, Secretary-General of the Emirates Falconers' Club, His Excellency Nasser Mohammed Al Mansouri, Undersecretary of the Ruler's Representative Court in Al Dhafra Region, His Excellency Humaid Matar Al Dhaheeri, Chief Executive Officer of ADNEC Group and a number of officials from various sectors. The exhibition is organised by ADNEC Group, a



Modon company, in strategic partnership with the Emirates Falconers' Club. This year, for the first time, ADIHEX takes place over ten consecutive days, reflecting the accelerating growth of the event and the increasing interest from exhibitors and visitors from within the UAE and abroad.

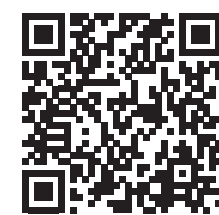
The Abu Dhabi International Hunting and Equestrian Exhibition 2026 continues to offer a packed programme of heritage, cultural and family events, alongside live shows, interactive activities and specialist auctions that attract enthusiasts and hobbyists from around the world.



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New Auction Record Set as Falcon Sells at ADIHEX 2026

Qarmousha Pure Ultra White falcon sells for AED 1.5 million

Abu Dhabi, 29 August 2026: Under the patronage of His Highness Sheikh Hamdan bin Zayed Al Nahyan, Ruler's Representative in Al Dhafra Region and Chairman of the Emirates Falconers' Club, the fifth auction held as part of the 23rd edition of the Abu Dhabi International Hunting and Equestrian Exhibition (ADIHEX) 2026 attracted remarkable turnout, culminating in the sale of a Qarmousha Pure Ultra White falcon for AED 1.5 million (USD 408,000). The sale marks the highest price achieved at any auction during this year's edition of the exhibition.

This forms part of the largest auction programme in the exhibition's history, held under the theme "A Legacy of Pride", organised by ADNEC Group, a Modon company, in strategic partnership with the Emirates Falconers' Club, at ADNEC Centre Abu Dhabi. The exhibition runs until 6 September.

The falcon, owned by Mark Moglich Falcon Farm in the United States, stands out for its rare pure white colouring and exceptional physical characteristics. Weighing 1,000 grams and measuring 16.5 inches in both length and width, the Qarmousha Pure Ultra White attracted considerable attention from leading falconers and bidders.

Humaid Matar Al Dhaheiri, Group CEO of ADNEC Group, said: "The exceptional calibre of the falcons participating in these auctions reflects the global standing they have achieved through the Abu Dhabi International Hunting and Equestrian Exhibition. We remain committed to providing a platform that brings together the finest falcons and bloodlines from around the world. These auctions also play an important role in preserving breed quality and sustainability while reinforcing Abu Dhabi's position as a leading international destination for falconry and its authentic traditions, supporting efforts to safeguard this treasured Emirati heritage for future generations."

This year's edition features 55 leading local and international falcon breeding and care farms, representing a 20% increase compared with last year. Among them are nine first-time participants, highlighting the growing stature of the auctions and their increasing appeal among breeders and falconers worldwide.



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Premier Motors Showcases Latest Automotive Models at ADIHEX

Premier Motors, a leading automotive dealership in Abu Dhabi and the exclusive automotive partner for the Abu Dhabi International Hunting and Equestrian Exhibition (ADIHEX) 2026, is presenting an impressive array of brands that embody adventure, cutting-edge performance, innovation, and luxury. This exhibition underscores the strong bond between the automotive industry and the outdoor lifestyle, which is central to the region's largest heritage and outdoor showcase.

ADIHEX celebrates the UAE's cultural heritage while embracing innovation, with Premier Motors showcasing its commitment to national events and customer engagement. Visitors will experience the debut of the Dibal brand and its G318 model, alongside flagship models from Defender, Ford, and Lincoln. The exhibition attracts outdoor enthusiasts and conservation advocates, drawing thousands from across the region.

Premier Motors' participation at ADIHEX highlights its dedication to providing vehicles that meet the needs of adventurers, featuring comfort, advanced technology, and exceptional performance.

This year's ADIHEX is marked by a substantial presence with the launch of Changan's Dival brand, which focuses on innovative smart electric mobility solutions. Dival is introducing its G318 Super-Hybrid SUV for the first time at the event, boasting an impressive range of up to 850 KM. With its robust off-road capabilities and cutting-edge smart technologies,

this high-performance hybrid SUV redefines mobility for adventure and exploration enthusiasts, making it an ideal attraction for visitors at the Abu Dhabi International Hunting and Equestrian Exhibition.

Joining the Depal brand at the exhibition stand is a selection of Premier Motors' leading global brands, with the Defender prominently featured. This renowned vehicle showcases its exceptional all-terrain capabilities and versatility, represented by the 130, 90, and 110 models, with the latter being one of the most popular choices in the UAE market. Additionally, various Defender models, including special and limited editions such as the Trophy, are on display.

Ford also presents an impressive array of its most powerful and adventurous Raptor models, which include the Bronco Raptor, Ranger Raptor, F-150 Raptor, and Expedition Tremor. These vehicles are engineered to conquer the most challenging terrains and off-road environments, embodying Ford's legacy of strength, durability, and outstanding off-road performance. The exhibition features vehicles outfitted with off-road gear, as well as a range of accessories and camping equipment tailored for this segment.

In the luxury vehicle segment, Lincoln highlights its flagship Navigator full-size SUV, alongside the stylish Aviator and other limited-edition models. These vehicles exemplify exquisite craftsmanship, cutting-edge technology, and remarkable comfort, demon-

strating that luxury and adventure can indeed coexist in a seamless driving experience. Through its participation in ADIHEX, Premier Motors aims to offer visitors an interactive experience that reflects the values of exploration, advanced capabilities, and innovation. The exhibition provides an ideal platform for customers to discover a wide range of vehicles that cater to diverse lifestyles, from heritage enthusiasts and outdoor adventurers to those seeking luxurious SUVs that combine comfort and sophistication.



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Preservation of Environment & Cultural Heritage Sector

Highlights Local Research, Experiences

The Preservation of Environment and Cultural Heritage Sector is one of the 15 key pillars of the 23rd edition of the Abu Dhabi International Hunting and Equestrian Exhibition (ADIHEX), currently being held at the ADNEC Centre Abu Dhabi until September 6, under the theme “A Legacy of Pride.” This exhibition is organized by ADNEC Group, a MODON company, in strategic partnership with the Emirates Falconers’ Club. This sector underscores the UAE’s commitment to sustainability by promoting science and research.

Sustainable Agriculture

The Khalifa Fund proudly supports the Preservation of Environment and Cultural Heritage Sector. At its pavilion, the Fund provides a unique opportunity to connect with experts who can offer tailored advice for public projects and assist applicants in selecting from one of the seven funded programs. The Fund

guides applicants in determining the most suitable program while providing procurement contracts, skills development, and comprehensive support services throughout the project’s lifecycle—from the initial idea and prototype phase to business development and growth.

The sector includes the Abu Dhabi Award, which recognises individuals dedicated to sustainability and environmental conservation, reflecting the UAE’s commitment to these practices. One notable figure is Amna Khalifa Al Qamzi, who transitioned from traditional Quranic schools to organic farming. For over 40 years, she has mentored others in sustainable farming methods, enhancing self-reliance and food security while promoting environmental awareness. Her contributions earned her honours from the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) for her dedication to organic farming and sustainability.

Falcon Care

The story of Hamama Obaid Khamis, a recipient of the Abu Dhabi Awards, illustrates her remarkable journey from her upbringing in Al Dhaid. Hamama inherited her talent for providing herbal remedies from her father and has dedicated over seven decades to her expertise in herbal medicine, cauterisation, and midwifery. During a time when access to modern healthcare was limited, Hamama became a vital figure in patient care, turning her home into a sanctuary for those seeking treatment from across the UAE and the Gulf region.

The Abu Dhabi Awards also highlights individuals making significant contributions in various vital sectors, including falcon care. Among them is Dr. Margit Muller, the Executive Director of the Abu Dhabi Falcon Hospital, renowned as one of the world’s leading centres for falcon care and veterinary medicine.

Dr. Muller has made remarkable strides in the field, dedicated to enhancing the quality of care for these majestic birds and improving their chances of survival. In addition to her expertise in over 20 veterinary procedures, her research has played a crucial role in developing a treatment for Protzel disease and in mitigating the spread of avian influenza in the UAE. Furthermore, Dr. Muller actively shares her knowledge with falconers and publishes her research to emphasise the importance of falcons in the cultural heritage of the UAE.

Emirates Biotechnology Research Centre (EBRTC) showcases cloning experience

Camels and sheep draw the attention of visitors at the Emirates Biotechnology Research Centre (EBRTC) pavilion, which is participating in the exhibition for the second year in a row. However, many passersby may be unaware that these animals are cloned as part of a project that commenced in 2019 with camel cloning. Since then, the centre has made significant strides in mammal cloning, having successfully

cloned sheep, cows, dogs, and wolves—all of which are endangered species.

As explained by the pavilion staff, the cloning process begins with obtaining a skin biopsy from a female camel. The extracted cells are then multiplied and stored in a biobank. Surrogate mothers are selected, and their eggs are retrieved. The DNA undergoes purification, and a nucleus containing the new DNA of the organism to be cloned is implanted. The fertilised egg then develops in a laboratory setting for 10 days to two weeks before being placed in incubators. Remarkably, up to 400 camels can be cloned each year.

This research initiative aims to bolster livestock and food security by preserving various animal species and serving as a resource for potential global emergencies.

The Emirates Biotechnology Research Center (EBRTC), located in Abu Dhabi, focuses on advancing the fields of animal cloning, genetic engineering, stem cell research, and veterinary

medicine. The center was established to meet the growing demand for advanced biotechnology solutions, with a focus on research, development, and translational applications. It features state-of-the-art laboratories, specialised animal care facilities, and a cutting-edge biobank. Its mission is to leverage genetics, biotechnology, and biobanking to promote sustainability, protect biodiversity, and enhance animal health, translating discoveries into practical solutions for a resilient future.





Founder's Office

Showcases Sheikh Zayed's legacy

The Founder's Office is participating in the Abu Dhabi International Hunting and Equestrian Exhibition (ADIHEX) 2026, being held at AD-NEC Centre Abu Dhabi, and is showcasing an interactive cultural experience inspired by the royal stables. The experience offers visitors the opportunity to learn about the legacy of the Founding Father of the UAE, the late Sheikh Zayed bin Sultan Al Nahyan, and the values and principles that shaped his approach to leadership and nation-building.

Additionally, the experience emphasises the Office's role and responsibilities in preserving, documenting, and promoting Sheikh Zayed's legacy, along with its ongoing efforts and initiatives to ensure that this legacy remains vibrant and relevant for both current and future generations.



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The Founder's Office is hosting an immersive pavilion (040-5) at ADIHEX for the first time in Hall 5. It showcases cultural and interactive content based on thorough historical research, highlighting Sheikh Zayed's life, legacy, and his seven core values: wisdom, respect, human development, determination, sustainability, unity, and generosity. Visitors will learn about the significance of these values in Sheikh Zayed's philosophy and their continued impact on UAE

society.

The pavilion also features the "Meylas Me-gnas," which presents a range of activities and sessions in collaboration with various organizations. This initiative provides the public with opportunities to engage, participate, and learn about diverse topics and aspects related to the legacy of Sheikh Zayed and his values.

Her Excellency Reem Yousif Alshimmari, Director General of The Founder's Office, said:



"The Founder's Office was established to preserve and promote the authentic legacy of the Founding Father through meticulous documentation, in-depth research, and meaningful public engagement.

"Our participation at ADIHEX embodies this commitment by transforming documented history into an immersive experience that allows individuals to explore Sheikh Zayed's val-

ues, leadership, and cultural heritage in ways that are engaging, accessible, and relevant for all generations. We aspire for this experience to strengthen people's connection to his legacy and inspire them to uphold the values that continue to shape our nation."

Community members are encouraged to share their memories and stories related to Sheikh Zayed, as well as bring along photographs of themselves with him to discuss with a specialised team at the pavilion. This team will document these narratives and relevant information, contributing to the preservation of the UAE's collective memory and ensuring that his legacy continues to inspire future generations.



The pavilion features a variety of carefully curated heritage initiatives that highlight key aspects of Sheikh Zayed's legacy. Among these is the documented recipe for Sheikh Zayed's traditional Arabic coffee, a staple of his majlis traditions and a symbol of Emirati authenticity, generosity, and hospitality.

Visitors will have the opportunity to learn about the significance of coffee in his majlis, as well as its connection to the values of respect, dialogue, and communication with diverse segments of society.



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Abu Dhabi Agriculture and Food Safety Authority

Showcases Livestock Sustainability Initiatives

The Abu Dhabi Agriculture and Food Safety Authority (ADAFSA) has participated in the 23rd edition of the Abu Dhabi International Hunting and Equestrian Exhibition (ADIHEX) 2026, which is being held at ADNEC Centre Abu Dhabi until September 6. Their expansive pavilion highlights a diverse array of specialised programmes and initiatives aimed at promoting the region's cultural heritage.

Through its pavilion, the ADAFSA has showcased its efforts to protect animal health, enhance biosecurity, and ensure the sustainability of livestock. It presented a comprehensive range of veterinary, research, and regulatory services that contribute to food security and public health.

The Authority underscored its commitment to these objectives. Its participation reflects a dedication to raising community awareness of the importance of animal health and to reinforcing the "One Health" concept, which connects human, animal, and environmental health.

Additionally, ADAFSA seeks to educate visitors about the vital role of veterinarians and veterinary care services, promote awareness of zoonotic diseases and their prevention, and highlight career opportunities, specialisations, and pathways within the veterinary field, thereby attracting students and young individuals to pursue veterinary medicine. ADAFSA's pavilion features key insights into the UAE's livestock sector, highlighting its

regulatory role and efforts in enhancing biosecurity through veterinary services, preventive measures, and research. Key initiatives include animal identification and vaccination, veterinary care, feed quality testing, and breed development.

The pavilion emphasises the interconnectedness of various sector aspects, which are essential for food security and livestock sustainability, aligning with the Authority's vision for animal and public health.

Additionally, the Abu Dhabi Food Safety and Control Authority's participation underscores the Abu Dhabi International Hunting and Equestrian Exhibition's importance in preserving the UAE's cultural heritage.



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ing over the past seven years, with returning customers who know exactly what they are looking for. The exhibition has consistently proven beneficial for business, and this year is anticipated to yield similar success.

Perkins Steel, United Kingdom

Before exhibiting, the founder of Perkins Steel attended ADIHEX as a guest. He was impressed by the diverse range of nationalities and the genuine interest in handmade outdoor and hunting tools, which convinced him that this was the ideal show for his brand. Five years later, he has participated in the exhibition four times, and the positive response from the local UAE audience has grown with each appearance. The knives offered are crafted with Damascus blades, hand-forged from various steel types, suitable for kitchen, camping, hunting, and bushcraft applications. This year, he anticipates his most successful edition yet, as the integration of the Falconry and Knives sectors has broadened the visitor base.

The Art of the Blade

Master Craftsmen Bring World's Knife-Making Traditions to ADIHEX

Knives have been an integral part of human culture for millennia, serving various roles, from hunting tools to ceremonial objects, collectibles, and works of art. They embody a rich history of culture, craftsmanship, and evolution. At ADIHEX 2026, the Knives Sector attracts artisans from around the world, each bringing their unique traditions and a collective dedication to the art of knife-making.

Zavialov, Russia

Zavialov is a renowned Russian family forge with origins dating back to 1820, tracing its lineage to a serf craftsman whose artistry was acknowledged by the Tsar himself. The pieces showcased at this year's ADIHEX exhibition reflect that rich history, featuring handcrafted, artistic knives, Damascus-patterned blades, folding knives, and practical hunting and outdoor tools, with every engraving and etch-



family business. Returning for a second year with a significantly larger collection, the team faces the dual challenge and opportunity of introducing obsidian to those discovering it for the first time.

Pak-Cutlery Master-Cut, Pakistan

Situated in Wazirabad, a city renowned in the trade as the "mini Sheffield," Pak-Cutlery Master-Cut boasts a long-standing history in cutlery manufacturing and has been a regular presence at ADIHEX—longer than many exhibitors in the knife sector. Their handmade hunting knives, crafted from stag horn, wood, and Damascus steel, have attracted a loyal follow-



ing meticulously hand-finished. This marks their second year at the exhibition, and they have returned with an expanded stand, as last year's response showed genuine interest among attendees in knives as a form of art. Visitors are truly curious about the craftsmanship process, and sharing that experience is as integral to their participation as the act of selling.

N.L. Knives, Russia

Every detail of an N.L. Knives piece is meticulously handcrafted, including the screws. This Russian company specializes in producing strictly limited runs for collectors and discerning buyers seeking unique items that won't be replicated. Following a brief introduction in 2019 with just two products, they are fully par-

ticipating this year for the first time, unveiling an entire collection created specifically for the exhibition. The UAE market represents new territory for them, and they have chosen ADIHEX as the platform to explore it, aiming to attract collectors and individuals seeking exceptional bespoke gifts. Custom orders are available for any design, steel, or material.

Stone Age Obsidian Knives, Armenia

Long before steel was forged, obsidian served as the preferred blade material—a razor-sharp volcanic stone that naturally occurs in over 40 colors and has been employed as a cutting tool for more than 10,000 years. For many visitors at ADIHEX, encountering this material is a new experience, and educating attendees about its value is a key focus for this Armenian





International Falcons of Diverse Breeds at ADIHEX

KZ Falcons, a company specialising in falcon trading, is showcasing a remarkable collection of falcons imported from Germany at the Abu Dhabi International Hunting and Equestrian Exhibition (ADIHEX). This collection represents a variety of international lineages and breeds, underscoring the company's dedication to offering high-quality birds tailored to the needs of falconers and hunting and falconry enthusiasts.

Khalifa Abdul Latif Al Azazi, the owner of KZ Falcons, noted that the company is presenting an impressive array of falcons with distinguished pedigrees and proven lineages. He emphasised that the birds on display hail from renowned regions, including Russia, Canada, the United States, and Siberia.

Al Azazi noted that notable types on display include the pure Gyr Falcon and the Gyr Falcon-Peregrine hybrid. He mentioned that different origins give these breeds unique characteristics and advantages in quality, production, and physical abilities. For example, Russian-origin birds are recognised for their breeding quality and growth, while other breeds have distinct traits that falconers consider when choosing their birds.

According to Al Azazi, the falcons showcased are specially trained for hunting and falconry, activities that truly highlight the birds' remarkable abilities in terms of speed, strength, altitude, and soaring capacity. These factors are crucial for falconry enthusiasts when selecting the ideal bird.

The prices for the falcons offered by the company range from AED15,000 to AED25,000, aiming to provide affordable options for buyers, particularly considering that some birds on the market can exceed one million dirhams.

Al Azazi noted that all falcons come with identification papers, and passports are issued after purchase for birds entering or leaving the UAE. Applications are submitted electronically, and an identification chip is implanted for regulatory compliance.

He praised the Abu Dhabi International Hunting and Equestrian Exhibition as an excellent opportunity to connect with falconers worldwide and display a variety of falcon breeds.



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ADIHEX draws collectors, professionals, and industry players from across the world. But it also draws families, and with them, children who are discovering the exhibition for the first time. Curious, unfiltered, and entirely themselves, the youngest visitors at ADIHEX 2026 offer a different lens on what the exhibition is and who it belongs to.

Athba, 11, might be one of the youngest exhibitors at the show. She is working her brother's stand, selling plants, T-shirts, stickers, and sunglasses, and already has the instincts for it. When told the interviewer lives in an apartment with no garden, she does not miss a beat: the balcony, she suggests, would work perfectly. Between customers, she slips away to the VR kayaking and drumsticks set up nearby. Asked whether she is here to work or play, she considers it briefly. "Work-life balance," she decides.

Abdul Hadi, 12, is visiting from India and attending ADIHEX for the first time. What strikes him most is the variety, the history, the animals, and the sense that every corner holds something new. His favourite are the falcons, which he finds both beautiful and historically significant. He is not ready to leave. He plans to come back every remaining day of the exhibition and means it.

His sister, Iqra, 9, came for the plants. She has a passion for gardening and left with exactly what she came for, a plant she picked up at the exhibition. She did not need to look far, nor did she need much convincing. She knew what she wanted, and she found it.



Sophie is seven, dressed in a traditional Arabic dress she was clearly delighted by, and has already done more at ADIHEX than most. She rode a horse, tried shooting, carried a falcon on her arm, and played with the dogs. Sophie, seven and one of the youngest interviewed, answered that she enjoyed "the falcons" the most and wants to see more of them. She's also the most adventurous.

Dario, 11, came with his family but also wanted to come for himself. He is an outdoors kid through and through: camping, hiking, mountain climbing, and off-road biking. He trains with a practice butterfly knife at home. ADIHEX, with its campers, hunting culture, and off-road vehicles, fits naturally into the life he already lives.

Then there are Omar and Abdulrahman, 13 and 14, both at ADIHEX for the first time and already planning their return. But the similarity ends there; Omar is interested in falconry, and the birds absorbed him completely from the moment he arrived. Abdulrahman, a car enthusiast, was impressed by how ADIHEX catered to everyone, whether they came with a specific interest or without any fixed idea, finding exactly what they needed.

ADIHEX, it turns out, does not have a typical visitor, and for the youngest ones, whether they came for falcons, plants, horses, or cars, the exhibition had something waiting for them.

ADIHEX 2026

في عيون جيل المستقبل

Through the Eyes of the Next Generation



وقد خاضت في المعرض تجارب تفوق ما خاضه معظم الزوار، فقد امتطت حصاناً، وجربت الرماية، وحملت صقراً على ذراعها، ولاعبت الكلاب. وحين سُئلت عما استمتعت به أكثر، جاءت إجابتها: «الصقور»، وهي تريد أن ترى المزيد منها. وتعدّ صوفي من أصغر المتحدثين معنا، وربما أكثرهم حباً للمغامرة. وحضر داريو، البالغ من العمر 11 عاماً، برفقة عائلته، لكنه أراد الحضور من أجل نفسه أيضاً، فهو محب للأنشطة الخارجية بكل معنى الكلمة: التخييم، والمشي في الطبيعة، وتسلق الجبال، وركوب الدراجات في الطرق الوعرة.

ويأتي المعرض بما يقدمه من مخيمات وثقافة مرتبطة بالصيد ومركبات الطرق الوعرة منسجماً على نحو طبيعي مع نمط الحياة الذي يعيشه بالفعل.

ويزور عمر وعبد الرحمن، البالغان من العمر 13 و14 عاماً، المعرض للمرة الأولى، وقد بدأ بالفعل في التخطيط للعودة. غير أن التشابه يقف عند هذا الحد، فعمر مهتم بالصقارة، وقد استحوذت الطيور على اهتمامه بالكامل منذ لحظة وصوله، أما عبد الرحمن فمن عشاق السيارات، وقد لبى المعرض هذا الشغف أيضاً، لكن أكثر ما لفت انتباهه أن المعرض كان قادراً على تلبية اهتمامات كل من حوله بصرف النظر عما جاؤوا من أجله. جاء أحدهما بحثاً عن شيء محدد فوجده، وجاء الآخر من دون فكرة مسبقة فوجد كل شيء.

ومعرض أبوظبي الدولي للصيد والفروسية لا يجذب نوعاً واحداً من الزوار، وبالنسبة إلى أصغرهم سنّاً، سواء جاؤوا من أجل الصقور أو النباتات أو الخيول أو السيارات، كان المعرض يحمل شيئاً بانتظارهم.

يستقطب معرض أبوظبي الدولي للصيد والفروسية هواة جمع المقتنيات والمتخصصين والعاملين في مختلف قطاعات الصناعة حول العالم، ومن بين زوار المعرض تبرز العائلات ومعها أطفال يستكشفون المعرض للمرة الأولى. وبفضولهم وعفويتهم وحضورهم على سجيّتهم، يقدم أصغر زوار المعرض في نسخته لعام 2026 رؤية مختلفة للحدث، ولما يمثلّه، ولمن ينتمي إليه.

قد تكون عذبة، البالغة من العمر 11 عاماً، واحدة من أصغر العارضين في المعرض، فهي تعمل في جناح شقيقها حيث تبيع النباتات والقمصان والملصقات والنظارات الشمسية، وقد بدأت بالفعل في اكتساب حسّ تجاريّ واضح. وبينما تنشغل بالعمل مع الزوار، تتسلّل بين الحين والآخر لتجربة التجديف الافتراضي (VR) وقرع الطبول. وحين سُئلت عما إذا كانت هنا للعمل أم للعب، فكرت لحظة ثم حسمت الأمر قائلة: «التوازن بين العمل والحياة».

أما عبد الهادي، البالغ من العمر 12 عاماً، من الهند، فيزور المعرض للمرة الأولى، وأكثر ما لفت انتباهه التنوع والتاريخ والحيوانات، وذلك الإحساس بأن كل ركن يخبئ شيئاً جديداً. وتظل الصقور المفضّلة لديه، إذ يجدها فاتنةً وذات دلالة تاريخية في آنٍ واحد. وهو غير مستعدّ للمغادرة بعد، إذ يعتزم العودة في كل يوم متبقي من أيام المعرض.

وجاءت شقيقته إقرا، البالغة من العمر تسعة أعوام، من أجل النباتات، فهي شغوفة بالبيستنة، وغادرت وقد نالت ما جاءت من أجله بالضبط: نبتةً اقتنتها من المعرض. لم تحجّج إلى البحث طويلاً ولا إلى كثير من الإقناع، فهي تعرف ما تريد ووجدته.

وصوفي في السابعة من عمرها، وترتدي فستاناً عربياً تقليدياً بدا واضحاً مدى سعادتها به،

