

Leonardo and the UAE

Leonardo has a branch in Abu Dhabi and its history in the UAE dates back to the 1970s in the fields of military pilot training and defence systems. Today, the Emirati Armed Forces continue to make use of Leonardo's advanced technologies, which contribute to the security of the country. The UAE has chosen the MB.339 trainer jet for their national aerobatic team Al Fursan, and Emirati pilots were trained in Italy, using Leonardo aircraft and teaching systems. Leonardo has also provided integrated naval systems for combat management, naval radars, fire control systems, missile electronics, defence systems, and military radios for more than 40 ships in the UAE, including Ghannatha, Baynunah, Falaj 2 and Abu Dhabi-class corvettes. Approximately 90% of the VVIP rotorcraft fleet of UAE is made of Leonardo helicopters, which are more than 100 in the country. Leonardo offers its advanced knowledge in the management of new challenges related to cyber security, drones detection and defeat, and to protection of major events. The Company's goal is to further strengthen its strategic partnerships, which are already creating value through successful collaborations, and – building on its proven track record as a global provider in innovative technology – to increase the level of its cooperation with Emirati national companies.