

Healthcare And Investment Leaders Gather In Dubai To Shape The Future Of Private Healthcare

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As regional Ministries of Health embark on expansive programmes of public healthcare and drive privatisation, it is clear that change is coming to the region's healthcare sector. From new models of healthcare delivery to new thinking on healthcare investments and finance along with fresh developments in regulations, healthcare insurance and tourism, the MENA healthcare sector is entering a new era.

"The Middle East and the Gulf countries in particular, are seeing a boom in healthcare investment which is expected to continue with an accelerating speed for many years to come. In the UAE alone, spending in the healthcare market is forecasted to grow more than 8% this year, to 31 billion AED," said H.E. Dr. Amin Hussain Al Amiri, Assistant Undersecretary for Medical Practice and License Sector, Ministry of Health, Chairman, Supreme National Blood Transfusion Committee, UAE.

One downside of the increase in the region's standard of living has been the subsequent sharp increase in lifestyle related diseases and conditions such as obesity, diabetes, heart disease and cancer, according to Nabil Kassem, Managing Director of Gulf Capital. According to Dr Sami Alom of Al Noor Hospitals Group, "In more developed Middle East healthcare systems, I see a lot more investment in preventive care in the next five years. Diabetes and obesity are two enormous challenges facing GCC governments, and there have not been significant investments in prevention yet."

It is against this background that Trends In MENA Healthcare Investment And Expansion 2013 report, created with the assistance and guidance of Healthcare Investment MENA speakers, aims to reveal insights into the challenges facing the healthcare sector, and how private investment can help the region achieve its goals of creating a system of quality healthcare that meets the population's needs. Contributors have shared the challenges that they face, the advice they would provide to new investors in the sector and the key differentiators for building exceptional private healthcare facilities in the MENA region.

Featuring crucial debates on healthcare delivery, regulation and financing as well as key insights from veterans on the most profitable strategies for expansion and investment, Healthcare Investment MENA provides direct access to regional governments, healthcare decision makers and high profile investors for the first time in Dubai and will take place at the Address Dubai Mall on 24–26 November 2012.

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