



THE TOP INDIAN LEADERS MAKING AN IMPACT IN THE MIDDLE EAST

Over 200 of the Middle East's biggest and most influential Indian leaders gathered at a dazzling event to celebrate the mutual success and historic ties between the two regions.

In July, Forbes Middle East unveiled its 7th annual ranking of the Middle East's most successful and influential Indian leaders at a glittering gala at the Palazzo Versace, Dubai. For 2019, the ranking reveals the pioneers, executives and CFOs that have had the biggest impact in the region through their tireless work and phenomenal businesses, which have helped build the Arab world into the metropolis it is today.

The event hosted His Highness Sheikh Mohammed bin Maktoum bin Juma Al Maktoum, His Excellency

Navdeep Singh Suri, Ambassador of India to the U.A.E., and over 200 Indian leaders and special guests.

Speaking at the event, His Excellency, Navdeep Singh Suri, said that the annual celebration was one he would never miss as it brings together those individuals whose contributions should be recognized because of the wealth and jobs they have created, the opportunities they seized thanks to the beneficial business environment created by the leaders of the Gulf countries, and the example that they have set for so many others.

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Opening address by **HE Navdeep Singh Suri**, Ambassador of India to the UAE




(L-R) **Rizwan Sajan**, Founder & Chairman at Danube Group, **Khuloud Al Omian**, Editor-in-Chief at Forbes Middle East and CEO of Arab Publisher House, **HH Sheikh Mohammed bin Maktoum bin Juma Al Maktoum**, **Justina Eitzinger**, Chief Revenue Officer at Forbes Middle East, **Tariq Chauhan**, Group CEO at EFS



Shaji UI Mulik, Chairman at Mulk Holdings

“We have a government committed to addressing challenges and to making it generally easier for all of you to experience a better business environment,” he said. “Take advantage of the new India, there is a change happening before your eyes. Take a fresh look and be the bridge between India and the UAE that you have always been, as communities but now also in business.”

The event was held in partnership with: official chocolate partner, Patchi; official travel partner, ITL world; luxury gift partner, Montegrappa; and official entertainment partner, Vento Entertainment. 



Adnan Chilwan, Group CEO at Dubai Islamic Bank



Rizwan Sajjan, Founder & Chairman at Danube Group receiving award from **HE Navdeep Singh Suri**, Ambassador of India to the UAE and **HH Sheikh Mohammed bin Maktoum bin Juma Al Maktoum**



Dhananjay M. Datar, Managing Director at Al Adil Trading Co. LLC



Lalu Samuel, Chairman & Managing Director at Kingston Holdings FZC



Tariq Chauhan, Group CEO at EFS Facilities Services Group with his team



Uday Singh and Shirin Morani



Kiran Asher, Group Managing Director at Al Ansari Trading Enterprise LLC





Surinder Sarna, CFO at Alshaya Group

Members of Standard Chartered team on behalf of CEO, **Sunil Kaushal**

Dr. Anil Gopinathan Pillai, Chairman and CEO Aiolink



Atif Rahman, Director and Partner at Danube Properties with his wife

Dr. BR Shetty, Founder & Chairman at BRS Ventures



Naresh Bhawnani, Chairman of West Zone Group



Dr. Siddeek Ahmed, Chairman & Managing Director at Eram Group with his team and Khuloud Al Omian, Editor-in-Chief at Forbes Middle East and CEO of Arab Publisher House



Nitin Anand, Executive Director of Skyline University College on behalf of Founder and President, Kamal Puri



Sohan Roy, Founder Chairman and CEO at Aries Group



Entertainment by Vento Entertainment



Members of the Lulu Financial Group team on behalf of CEO, **Adeeb Ahamed**



Suresh Vaidhyathan, Group CFO at GA Group Holdings



Rishi Kapoor, Co-CEO at Investcorp



Adel and Sana Sajan



The team from Montegrappa

