



**ANNUAL INVESTMENT MEETING IN DUBAI:  
WHERE GROWTH OPPORTUNITIES MEET INVESTORS**  
**The tale of modern promotion of developing nations and promising economic sectors**

The **Annual Investment Meeting to be held in Dubai from May 10-12, 2011** was announced last January by **His Excellency Abdulla Al Saleh, Undersecretary of the United Arab Emirates Ministry of Foreign Trade** in front of an audience of national, regional and international business reporters including Gulf News, Reuters, ABS CBN (Philippines) to name few.

The news was then reported worldwide and perceived as an attempt from the Ministry of Foreign Trade to create in Dubai an exceptional platform aimed at revitalizing foreign trade relations, boosting investments in economies with the most anticipated growth sectors and potential for long-term sustainability.

The underlying mission of the event with its exhibition and conference is to create a comprehensive roadmap of investment opportunities by countries & sectors for institutional, corporate and private investors who have regained confidence in the markets and seek to spend their capital on prosperous portfolios of assets.

The end of January 2011 has witnessed a slew of social and political events that shook up global perception of the stability of the regional markets and that would have undoubtedly affected the dynamics of macroeconomic indicators at stake. Despite analysts' predictions, expected spike in fuel price did not come to realization. A joint announcement by the **OPEC** (Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries) and the **IEA** (International Energy Agency) confirmed that oil demands are met with sufficient supply. Furthermore the message across the board is that the global economy is definitely marching towards recovery.

Rumors of the consolidation of mammoth trading institutions namely the **Toronto Stock Exchange & LSE (London Stock Exchange), Deutsche Borse & NYSE** circulate along the crafty halls of busy stock markets and lofty meetings rooms of investment powerhouses across the globe. What does it entail? What will be the impact on regional stock markets, local economies, trading practice?

Regardless, the future seems to be bright for developing economies. South Africa a key trader of the UAE has, after garnering high praises for its flawless organization of the 1<sup>st</sup> Soccer World Cup on African soil and managed to increase substantially its GDP, received the most coveted prize for economies vying for top ranking in the global race for market shares and competitiveness. In 2011, South Africa has joined the exclusive group of the 21<sup>st</sup> century top developing economies: BRIC - Brazil, Russia, India & China forming thus the BRICS. BRICS is an acronym synonymous with prospects, prosperity and perspective.



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**BRICS & Annual Investment Meeting** in Dubai: where is the link? Besides constituting UAE most important trade partners, the BRICS embody the very mission and objective of the Annual Investment Meeting: building confidence in fast developing economies.

The **Annual Investment Meeting in Dubai in May 2011** showcase prospects, present a guideline for prosperity and offer a refreshing perspective with reliable insights into the current world's most sustainable and viable economies.

**Supported by the WAIPA (World Association of Investment Promotion Agencies)** the AIM 2011 is committed to bring about a series of concrete investment solutions for institutional, corporate and private investors seeking intelligent briefing, realistic figures, factual display of real-time projects with potential presented by IPAs' CEOs, Private sector business development directors and public sectors' institutions heads.

An outlook at the current list of attendees with an **over-representation of private equities, investment houses from all corners of the planet (with a lion share coming from GCC, Singapore, Hong Kong, China...)** confirms the utter necessity of this platform to link capital holders and opportunities promoters.

The **line-up of high profile speakers invited at the AIM Conference** promises high octane talks, strategic discussions and exceptional networking opportunities at C-level executive, ministerial and mayoral levels.

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