

Dubai Airshow 2025

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Vayu's Samarth Mahajan was in Dubai for the show and reports on the events

Under the patronage of His Highness Sheikh Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum, Vice President and Prime Minister of the UAE and Ruler of Dubai, His Excellency Mohamed bin Mubarak bin Fadhel Al Mazrouei, UAE Minister of State for Defence Affairs, inaugurated the 12th edition of the Dubai International Air Chiefs Conference. The opening ceremony was attended by His Excellency Dr. Ahmad Belhoul Al Falasi, Minister of Sports and Chairman of the UAE Space Agency; His Excellency Lt. General (Staff) Ibrahim Nasser Al Alawi, Undersecretary of the Ministry of Defence; and Major General Rashid Mohammed Al Shamsi, Commander of the UAE Air Force and Air Defence.

The opening ceremony at Atlantis – The Palm, Dubai, witnessed the participation of more than 100 official delegations from around the world alongside senior officers from the Ministry of Defence, Air Force commanders, Chiefs of Staff from friendly and allied nations, as well decision makers and chief executives from major national, regional, and international companies specialising in

defence, aviation, advanced technologies, space sciences, and artificial intelligence.

The conference was organised by the UAE Ministry of Defence in strategic partnership with ADNEC Group, under the theme 'Hypersonic Edge: Re-Envisioning Airpower Across Asymmetric Spaces.' Held ahead of the Dubai Airshow 2025, the event continues to strengthen its position as one of the leading global strategic forums in the fields of air and space defence.

HE Al Mazrouei said in his opening speech: "The UAE is positioned today as a global partner, a capability builder and a place where both leading giants and aspiring start-ups can grow their business with confidence. We are all here because we know that we can together build an enterprising ecosystem for the long haul in the UAE." He added: "Over the past two years, the UAE has committed huge investments in defence procurement and technology partnerships. These investments build localised capability, create high value employment, and strengthen the UAE's role as a regional hub for advanced defence manufacturing. Today, we are at a technology inflection point. We are living through a shift as significant as the arrival of jet propulsion.

