

# **EDGE GROUP STATEMENT ON UAE ARMED FORCES UNIFICATION DAY**

On the 46th UAE Armed Forces Unification Day, we honour and offer our profound appreciation and gratitude to all those who serve, and have served, in our nation's Armed Forces – and to those who have earnestly contributed to our country's safety and security. Their unwavering dedication to support and defend our nation has been vital in safeguarding peace and growing prosperity for all citizens and residents of the UAE.

UAE Armed Forces Unification Day is an opportunity to honour and to collectively reflect on the sacrifices of our service personnel, who, without hesitation, serve on the frontlines to protect and keep us safe. Today, we salute them for their past achievements and ongoing work, and we honour their relentless commitment to ensure a strong sovereign state.

As we pay tribute to those who serve, we must remember our late founding father Sheikh Zayed bin Sultan Al Nahyan and the leaders of the Emirates who made the wise decision to unify the UAE Armed Forces, underscoring the vision to establish a powerful nation capable of maintaining its security and defending its interests.

On this national occasion, we also extend our deepest appreciation and congratulations to His Highness Sheikh Khalifa bin Zayed Al Nahyan, President of the UAE and the Supreme Commander of the UAE Armed Forces, His Highness Sheikh Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum, Vice President and Prime Minister of the UAE and Ruler of Dubai, and His Highness Sheikh Mohamed bin Zayed Al Nahyan, Crown Prince of Abu Dhabi and Deputy Supreme Commander of the UAE Armed Forces, for driving the continued modernisation of our country and guiding the Armed Forces in promoting peace and stability at the regional and international levels.

At EDGE, one of our core priorities is to support the UAE Armed Forces in their efforts and endeavours to enable a secure future. Testifying this commitment, we have placed a major focus on transforming the country's advanced technology capabilities and making it fit for an evolving digital era. Since our inauguration in November 2019, we have thrived on innovation, and have moved with speed and agility to develop disruptive solutions that meet the evolving requirements and strengthen military readiness.

Based on the advancing nature of the modern battlefield, we have mapped out our roadmap and core priorities for the future, to be able to deliver the most effective service and solutions to stay ahead of threats and support soldiers on the frontlines. We are truly honoured to work closely with the UAE Armed Forces, acknowledging their valuable operational insights that help us advance future developments.

Moving forward, we remain steadfast and focused on strengthening synergies with our nation's Armed Forces, evolving technologies and capabilities, and maintaining the highest level of quality and unmatched performance for the UAE Armed Forces to meet today's demands and tomorrow's challenges.