



5th Global

VERTICAL FARMING SHOW 2024

10th – 11th September 2024 Le Méridien Hotel, Dubai – UAE

POST EVENT REPORT

Middle East's Largest & Only Exclusive Vertical Farming Event



Thank You Note

I extend my heartfelt gratitude to all participants of the 5th Global Vertical Farming Show, held under the esteemed patronage of the UAE's Ministry of Climate Change and Environment at Le Méridien Dubai Hotel & Conference Centre. Once again, GVF was the most successful vertical farming event in the Middle East.

This year's edition was truly special. GVF not only solidified its position as the largest and most exclusive vertical farming gathering in the Middle East, but also demonstrated its potential to transform the industry. By uniting industry leaders, tech innovators, key ministries, and stakeholders, it fostered collaboration, insightful discussions, and strategic partnerships, driving the sector's growth across the region.

The discussions and expertise exchanged were truly remarkable, with participants from over 35+ countries creating an unmatched platform for networking, innovation, and growth. As organizers, we were honored to host such a dynamic and forward-thinking community.

Looking ahead, we're thrilled to announce our 6th edition, set for September 2025 in Dubai. Stay tuned for more exciting updates!

Warm regards, Tahir A. Bari CEO & MD













Another Edition, Another Success!

On the 10th and 11th of September 2024 at the prestigious Le Méridien Dubai Hotel & Conference Centre, UAE – the Middle East's Largest & Only Exclusive Vertical Farming Event again made history. It was a tremendous success where 5000+ vertical farming stakeholders came together and witnessed business talks, networking opportunities, brand elevation, innovations and much more through a two-day expo + conference.

The show was held under the patronage of the Ministry of Climate Change and Environment (MOCCAE). It was backed by various other industry-specific government bodies including the Abu Dhabi Agriculture and Food Safety Authority (ADAFSA), Arab Authority for Agricultural Investment and Development (AAAID), Food Tech Valley, Emirates Development Bank (EDB), World Green Economy Organization (WGEO), Sharjah Research, Technology and Innovation Park (SRTI Park), Abu Dhabi Food Hub, Sharjah Sustainable City, Environment Agency Abu Dhabi, Oman Food Investment Holding (Nitaj), International Center for Agricultural Research in the Dry Areas (ICARDA), Ind Food & Beverage Association (IFBA), ne'ma, and others.

There was a ribbon-cutting ceremony in the presence of Tahir A. Bari, MD & CEO - TAB group (the organizers), His Excellency Marwan Abdulla Alzaabi, Assistant Undersecretary of Regions Sector - Ministry of Climate Change and Environment (MOCCAE), H.E. Dr. Obaid Saif Hamad Al Zaabi, Chairman of the Board - Arab Authority for Agricultural Investment and Development (AAAID), Her Excellency Bryon Hilless, Australian Consul General to Dubai and Northern Emirates - Australian Embassy/ Australian Trade and Investment Commission (AUSTRADE), Maciej Bialko, Chairman - Polish Business Council and many more.

And then, officially the event began with Tahir Abdul Bari, MD & CEO of TAB group giving the welcoming remark.

The stage was then taken by His Excellency Marwan Abdulla Alzaabi, Assistant Undersecretary of Regions Sector, Ministry of Climate Change and Environment, who delivered the keynote speech that underscored the importance of vertical farming in bolstering regional food security.

Both days saw dignified and reputable names including – H.E. Dr. Obaid S. Al Zaabi, Chairman of the Board – AAAID, Jamie Burrows, Founder & CEO of Vertical Future, the event's strategic partner, Khawla Mohammed Al Marzooqi, Lead Environmental Engineer – ADAFSA, Suresh Vaidhyanathan, CEO – Abu Dhabi Food Hub, Mark Pickering, CCO – Vertical Future, Umesh Chopra, Market Intelligence Manager – Sharjah Cooperative Society, Khuloud Hasan Al Nowais, Chief Sustainability Officer – Emirates Foundation, Mahdi Alhindawi, CEO – Enjazponic, Shadi Kassem, Managing Partner – BIO 520 Beyond Green®, Timothy David Kendrick, President & Chief Designer – BW GLOBAL, Tristan Fischer, Founder – Fischer Farms Ltd, Deepak Pareek, Founder – HnyB, Bilal Ahmad Khan, Partner – EY-Parthenon Strategy (MENA Food Security & AgTech Leader), Abdulla Al Hamed, Vice President – mSMEs – Emirates Development Bank (EDB), Halim Ben Haj Salah, Director – Technical Support Department – AAAID and many more.

Strong Governmental Support, Vertical Farming, CEA - the Center of Attraction and Sustainability in Full Focus!

Government support at the 5th Global Vertical Farming Show GVF 2024 Dubai highlighted the significance of vertical farming and controlled environment agriculture (CEA) in addressing the Middle East's food security challenges and advancing sustainable agriculture practices.

Innovation remained a central theme throughout GVF 2024. We saw some insightful talks on Innovative Solutions & Automation in Vertical Farming, the critical role of automation and robotics in enhancing productivity and sustainability in the vertical farming sector and how food security and safety can be achieved by automation.

The exhibition floor simultaneously was on fire. We saw many global experts on display where vertical farming technology and solution companies exhibited their top-notch best vertical farming products.

Amongst the top exhibiting companies we had Vertical Future, Enjazponics, Sormac, Jasa Packaging Solutions, B-farm, Green Automation, Beyond Green Inc, Enkitek, Subitec GmbH, AMS Osram, FUTR.AG, Nanonord, Enjazponic, Durr Systems AG, Zayndu, Fischer Farms, BW global, GK Horti, LEDin Pro, Wieland Electric, Chemostock, Perfotec, Concert Bio, Cocobot, Responsive Drip, KE Greenduct, BryAir, Total Grow, Compokif, Etepek and more.

As the event drew to a close, the sentiment was clear: GVF 2024 had successfully sowed the seeds for a sustainable future in vertical farming. With innovation, collaboration, and investment at the forefront, the event demonstrated how the Middle East, particularly the UAE, is positioning itself as a leader in the global push for food security through controlled environment agriculture (CEA).











GVF 2024 Stats



Digital Audience





Exhibitors' Feedback Stats of the Participants see GVF as the 89% region's largest & only exclusive vertical farming event in the Middle East. of the Exhibitors are satisfied with the 93% global footfall. 87% of attendees found the conference 96% topics on vertical farming and CEA in the Middle East highly valuable. of the exhibitors are looking forward 85% to the next year's edition in 2024.

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