

# **Healthcare Poses Good Business Opportunity**

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ABU DHABI - The healthcare sector in the Middle East and North Africa region, or MENA, presents attractive business opportunities for investors. The GCC's healthcare sector alone is currently valued at Dh44.1 billion (\$12 billion) and is expected to grow to Dh220.8 billion by 2025.

These are some of the facts that will be presented at the first Abu Dhabi-GCC Health and Development Investment Forum, which opened on Sunday at the Emirates Centre for Strategic Studies and Research, or ECSSR, in Abu Dhabi.

The United Arab Emirates is one of the most developed healthcare markets in the region, with an estimated growth of more than 14 percent annually, from Dh11.7 billion in 2005 to reach Dh43.7 billion in 2015.

The two-day forum aims to facilitate the scholarly exchange of ideas and research on the ongoing efforts to strengthen the healthcare system in the UAE and the region.

It is organised by ECSSR in partnership with The National Investor; Santeum Partners, a London-based health strategy and research organisation and The Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria.

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