



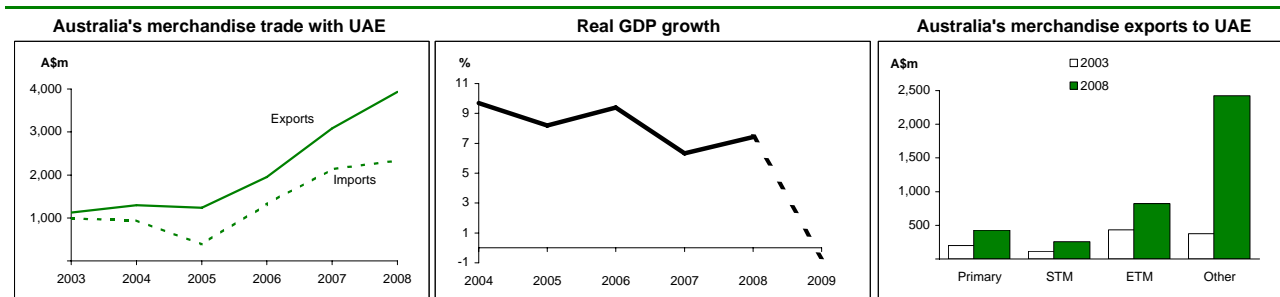
# UNITED ARAB EMIRATES *Fact Sheet*

## General information:

Fact sheets are updated biannually; May and September

<b>Capital:</b>	Abu Dhabi	<b>Head of State:</b>	HH Sheikh Khalifa bin Zayed Al-Nahyan
<b>Surface area:</b>	84 thousand sq km	<b>Head of Government:</b>	Prime Minister HH Sheikh Mohammed bin Rashid Al-Maktoum
<b>Official language:</b>	Arabic		
<b>Population:</b>	4.8 million (2008)		
<b>Exchange rate:</b>	A\$1 = 2.3830 Dirhams (Feb 2009)		

<i>Recent economic indicators:</i>	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008(a)	2009(b)
<b>GDP (US\$bn) (current prices):</b>	107.3	135.2	164.2	180.2	260.1	215.2
<b>GDP PPP (US\$bn) (c):</b>	120.4	136.7	154.4	168.6	185.0	185.6
<b>GDP per capita (US\$):</b>	28,531	32,927	38,819	40,147	54,607	43,857
<b>GDP per capita PPP (US\$) (c):</b>	32,003	33,293	36,498	37,556	38,830	37,820
<b>Real GDP growth (% change yoy):</b>	9.7	8.2	9.4	6.3	7.4	-0.6
<b>Current account balance (US\$m):</b>	9,801	24,291	37,079	28,986	41,090	-12,032
<b>Current account balance (% GDP):</b>	9.1	18.0	22.6	16.1	15.8	-5.6
<b>Goods &amp; services exports (% GDP):</b>	88.6	93.2	87.8	91.0	93.4	69.4
<b>Inflation (% change yoy):</b>	5.0	6.2	9.3	11.1	11.5	2.0



## Australia's trade relationship with UAE (d):

Australian merchandise trade with UAE, 2008:		Total share:	Rank:	Growth (yoy):
Exports to UAE (A\$m):	3,931	1.8%	13th	27.5%
Imports from UAE (A\$m):	2,336	1.0%	19th	9.2%
Total trade (exports + imports) (A\$m):	6,267	1.4%	17th	20.0%

### Major Australian exports, 2008\* (A\$m):

Gold	1,538
Passenger motor vehicles	375
Zinc	181
Meat (excl beef)	111

\*Includes A\$843m of confidential items, 21% of total exports.

### Major Australian imports, 2008 (A\$m):

Crude petroleum	2,065
Liquefied propane & butane	46
Glassware	26
Ships & boats (incl hovercraft)	16

### Australia's trade in services with UAE, 2008:

		Total share:
Exports of services to UAE (A\$m):	na	na
Imports of services from UAE (A\$m):	na	na

## UAE's global merchandise trade relationships.

### UAE's principal export destinations, 2007:

1	Japan	25.4%
2	India	6.0%
3	Iran	4.2%
49	Australia	0.1%

### UAE's principal import sources, 2007:

1	China	9.7%
2	India	9.6%
3	United States	6.6%
13	Australia	2.1%

Compiled by the Market Information and Research Section, DFAT, using the latest data from the ABS, the IMF and various international sources.

(a) all recent data subject to revision; (b) IMF/EIU forecast; (c) PPP is purchasing power parity; (d) Total may not add due to rounding.

na Data not available.