

PROPAPER DUBAI 2026 CONFERENCE

Theme

'Weathering the Geopolitical Storm; Strategies of Sustainable Growth in the GCC Paper and Packaging Industry'

20 - 22 OCT 2026
Festival Arena
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DAY 1- TUESDAY, 20 OCT 2026

11:00 – RIBBON CUTTING

11:10 – 12:00 | OPENING PLENARY: 'LEGENDS & LEGACIES' SERIES



Chief Guest
H.E. Fahad Al Gergawi
Undersecretary
Ministry of Foreign Trade
UAE

Keynote: *"Beyond Paper: Are We Still in the Paper Industry? From Paper Manufacturing to the Emerging Renewable Materials Economy"*



Abdel Rhman Obaid
GCEO
Union Paper Mills (UPM)
Branch of M.A.H.Y Khoory & Co L.L.C
UAE

Keynote: *"Localizing Resilience: Manufacturing Capability in a Disrupted Supply Chain"*



Hamad Abdulla Al Ghurair
SVP – Special Projects &
Commercial,
PURL by Al Ghurair
UAE



Closing Remarks :
Aejaz Ahmed Munshi
Secretary General
DuPAT,
General Manager
Star Paper Mill, UAE



12:00 – 13:00

**Resilience in Practice: Executive
Round Table for
Paper Mill CEOs @ Majlis'**

*Entry by invitation only
Followed by Lunch*

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12:00 – 12:20 SESSION 1

Keynote: *Current outlook of Paper Industry in Middle East- Exploring the next horizons of growth and optimisation of resources.*



Sami Safran

Vice Chairman

MAF- Manafa Featured Trading Company
Saudi Arabia

12:20 – 12:40 SESSION 2

Keynote: *Redefining Packaging Logistics: Risk Mitigation and Supply Chain Agility*



Oliver Hoelzl

Managing Director

Alexander Global Logistics
UAE

12:40 – 13:10 SESSION 3

'Analysing key growth drivers of the Corrugated Packaging industry in Middle East'

'Optimizing Reliability: Technical Service Solutions for Starch Performance in Paper & Packaging'



Kaunain Shahidi

Group Procurement Manager
ALMARAI
UAE



Johan Schrijver

Senior Vice President
Industrial Starch
PURL by Al Ghurair
UAE

Lunch Break

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14:30- 15:30 SESSION 4

Panel Discussion

'A boot camp for paper recyclers: From waste to gold; leveraging recycling for sustainable growth and resource security in Gulf'.

Moderated by:



Dina Mongy

Head of Corporate
Affairs and Sustainability
Nestlé Coastal Arabia



Speakers



Eman Al Madani
Manager – Responsible Business
Dubai Chambers
UAE



Dr. Mike Cheetham
Group Chief Sustainability &
Corporate Affairs Officer
HOTPACK
UAE



Paresh Karia
Executive Director Commercial
BEEAH
UAE



Sharjas Muhamed
General Manager
Green Arabia
UAE



DAY 2- WEDNESDAY, 21 OCT 2026

11:00 – 11:40 | SESSION 5

Special Panel Discussion

'Redesigning the Future: Global Packaging Trends and the Power of Light weighting'



Maroun N. El Khoury
Deputy CEO
Takamul- UAE
Express Pack Print
UAE



Rahul Khandurie
VP - UAE Business
United Paper Industries
Company (UPIC)
UAE



Moiz Vahanvaty
CEO
Pinnacle Packing
Industries
UAE



Urban Edman
Area Sales Manager
Heinzl Group
Austria



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11:40- 12:10 SESSION 6

Keynote: - The 'Next- BIG Thing' for Middle East - the business of Paper Sacks & Bags



Ehab Abohashish
MEA Sales Director
ENPI Group
UAE



ENPI GROUP



Pulkit Bhardwaj
CEO
Ecopack Packaging
UAE



Eco Pack

12:10 – 12:50 SESSION 7

Special Panel Discussion

'Closing the Loop: GCC Circular Packaging'



Sanjay Khanna
General Manager-Sales & Marketing
Union Paper Mills
UAE



Ali Motiwala
Managing Partner
Soft & Hygienic Paper
Manufacturing LLC
UAE



Haluk Ekin Cig
General Manager
Union Wood Works
UAE



Thomas Gents
General Manager
Union Sustainable Packaging
Solutions
UAE Franchisor
PalletBiz
UAE

Lunch Break

14:30- 15:10 SESSION 8

Panel Discussion

'Global landscape and local impact; Voices of Middle East Tissue Business Leaders'

Moderated by:



Aejaz Ahmed Munshi,
Secretary General – **DuPAT**
General Manager
Star Paper Mill
UAE



Rajamahendiran
Chief Executive
Emirates Industrial Converting
Factory (EICO)
UAE



Ali Jalal
Chief Procurement Officer
Fine Hygienic
UAE



Andrea Tomei
Area Sales Manager
MAFLEX | Tissue Converting
Machinery
Italy



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15:10- 15:50 | SESSION 9

Panel Discussion

'Future of Mono cartons and FMCG packaging: Advancing innovation, circularity and market Expansion'.

Moderated by:



Aaliyah Munshi
Founder and ESG
Professional - Gen
Nova Terra Solution



GEN NOVA TERRA
SOLUTIONS



Ahmed Hesham
UAE-Sales Director
Interplastic
Qatar



Shweta Tiwari
Strategic Growth Manager
Gulf Printing & Packaging
Co L.L.C (GPP)
UAE.



Alisha Sachdeva
Senior Research Associate-
Packaging Development
Himalaya Global
Research Centre
UAE