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**Abu Dhabi Investment Council sets UAE project implementation record**

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The newly established Abu Dhabi Investment Council has broken UAE records for project implementation by installing a state-of-the-art technology infrastructure within a span of just three months. The infrastructure involving an advanced data center, audio visual solutions, data network and voice systems was installed by a team of specialists from Alpha Data, the UAE's largest systems integrator.

Under a law issued by the President His Highness Sheikh Khalifa Bin Zayed Al Nahyan, the council has established new head quarters in order to operate their independent corporate body and financial and administrative operations. " We needed to set up a full infrastructure that would cater to the immediate needs of a 100 strength personnel team," said a representative of the Council. "We anticipated a rapid exponential increase in data-capacity requirements and required high-availability storage systems to ensure our personnel have 24x7 access to critical information, Alpha Data installed state of the art blade servers, and advanced storage facilities within our data center, ensuring that capacity requirements are met," he added.

"Typically we quote six months for installation of such sophisticated equipment, some of which has never been installed in the UAE before," said Fayez Ibbini, Managing Director of Alpha Data. "The council's key management set this challenging target and it was with their close involvement and full collaboration that we were able to pull all the stops to put this record breaking project in place."

Alpha Data's teams worked non-stop shifts over a 12 week period to provide an integrated IT system for data and voice services across 5 floors and a data center on the ground level. "What was a particular challenge," says Mohammed Behery a Senior Project Manager for Alpha Data, "was that the ground floor of their building was originally used as an auditorium and we needed to convert that space into a core data center." "We converted everything from the flooring, ceiling, and AC units to the international standards required in such a critical center." "The key factors in any data center include the temperature and the amount of water in the air," he added. "Too much of either can result in huge losses for an organisation; valuable equipment such as servers and storage must be maintained in precise conditions." "The equipment we have installed will ensure the air temperature and humidity levels will be kept to manufacturer's specifications.

### **About Alpha Data**

Founded in 1981, Alpha Data is one of the largest IT and Telecom Solutions companies in the Emirates with revenues in excess of \$120 Million and offices in Abu Dhabi and Dubai. Alpha Data strives to build long term client relationships based on mutual trust and respect. With a team of over 650 qualified personnel, Alpha Data provides complete end-to-end solutions in the following areas of expertise: Telecommunications & Radio, Networking & Security Solutions, Infrastructure Cabling, Enterprise Computing, Audio Visual Systems and Applications. Each of our specialist areas are backed up by highly qualified presales and post sales support teams who handle both project implementation and post-sales support. Beyond our offering, what counts most to our clients is the technical skills of our staff. Alpha Data's people have both high level industry certification & in depth experience in their respective fields.

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