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**Bin Shabib & Associates, Jebel Ali Free Zone (JAFZA) and Dumon & Partners host cocktail reception in Paris, to celebrate the French Emirati friendship.**

The reception, which took place in Paris on 23 October on the occasion of the SIAL (the largest global international food products exhibition) and the Paris Art Fair, was held at a prestigious private residence along Avenue de Messine. The event was attended by a selection of UAE, Oman, KSA, and Qatar businessmen in addition to French entrepreneurs looking to explore opportunities in the Middle East.

The reception came following numerous collaborations between Bin Shabib & Associates, Dumon & Partners and JAFZA over the last few years to synergise business opportunities between France and the UAE. Jimmy Haoula, Managing Partner and Michael Kortbawi, Partner attended from Bin Shabib & Associates in Dubai, along with H.E. Dr Ahmed Bin Hazeem, the ex head of Dubai Courts.

During their visit to Paris, Bin Shabib was present at the SIAL alongside JAFZA - who were exhibiting at this year's event.

Michael Kortbawi commented *'We are delighted once again to serve as a bridge between the Middle East and France and advise our French clients in relation to opportunities in the region. The demand for expansion is today greater than ever and France has a lot to offer in terms of expertise.'*

Bertrand Dumon, founder of Dumon & Partners who co-hosted the event also commented *'Our day to day cooperation with Bin Shabib & Associates cross fertilises our legal practice and French Arab business network all over the Gulf region and makes our team one of the best in the Middle East for French European companies and entrepreneurs'.*

The visit succeeded in stimulating investor interest in the Middle East region.

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**L-R:** H.E. Dr Ahmed Bin Hazeem, Dr Amer Al Rawas, Michael Kortbawi, Bertrand Dumon, Jimmy Haoula & Cedric Vonsteenkiste



**L-R:** H.E. Dr Ahmed Bin Hazeem, Michael Kortbawi, Joseph Bechaalany (JCB Attorney at Law)



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**L-R:** Bertrand Dumon, Tariq Bin Ghalaita, Abdulaziz Redha (JAFZA), Antoine Karam



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*Notes to editors:*

- **Bin Shabib & Associates** was founded in Dubai in 2001 with the purpose of combining comprehensive knowledge and understanding of local law, with access to key local authorities.
  - Bin Shabib have grown into one of the few regional law firms to have expanded their presence outside of the UAE, establishing offices in Lebanon, Oman and Iraq, in addition to our collaboration with ALF Alanezi Law Firm in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia.
  - Bin Shabib's major areas of concentration include: Arbitration & Dispute Resolution; Banking & Finance; Commercial; Construction; Corporate and M&A; Employment; Insurance and Reinsurance; Litigation; and Real Estate.
  - Clients include a number of public and private sector companies, local businesses and multinationals from various industries, government owned entities and other law firms locally, regionally and internationally.
- **Dumon & Partners** is an independent law firm which operates in the key areas of business law and tax. With offices in Paris and Lausanne, Dumon & Partners offers all the services of an international business law firm. Dumon & Partners works closely with first rank law firms in countries where it is not physically present. As such, Dumon & Partners benefits from a privileged partnership covering the entire Middle East.
- **JAFZA**, the fastest growing freezone in the world, offers a business climate that provides opportunities for unlimited growth in the vibrant networking atmosphere where new relationships and opportunities ensure companies are aligned with complementary industries and businesses to help their operations thrive.

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