

# GULFTAINER PULSE

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## **OUR PRESENCE**



### CEO MESSAGE



It is an honour to write my first foreword in this quarterly newsletter as the newly appointed Group CEO of Gulftainer. I step into this role with deep humility and immense pride in what this organisation has accomplished over the years. A journey made possible by the dedication of our people, customer loyalty and shared commitment to excellence with our partners.

Rising geopolitical tensions continue to challenge global supply chains and major trade routes, leading to increased uncertainty, delays and higher operational costs for businesses. Conflicts in key regions, heightened tariffs and shifting trade alliances have disrupted the flow of goods, strained logistics networks and compelled many companies to reassess their supply chain strategies and explore alternative shipping corridors.

In response to these ongoing challenges, it is essential for the industry to adopt innovative approaches that enhance supply chain resilience and flexibility. Embracing digital technologies, fostering strategic partnerships and continuously adapting to the evolving global landscape are key to overcoming disruptions and maintaining seamless operations.

As we look to the future, I bring with me a strong commitment to our valued customers, our partners and our people. My focus will be on delivering agile, technology-driven, customer-centric solutions that improve efficiency, create value and support the communities in which we operate.

Together, we will build on our momentum, expand our footprint, pioneer new solutions and strengthen Gulftainer's position at the forefront of the global supply chain, logistics and ports industry.

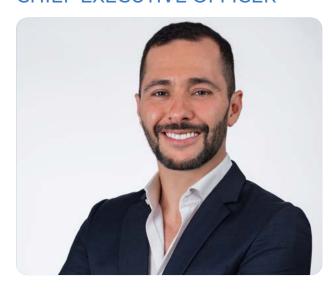
Let us continue to innovate, grow and succeed together.

Farid Belbouab Group CEO, Gulftainer



#### **BUSINESS HIGHLIGHTS**

### GULFTAINER APPOINTS FARID BELBOUAB AS GROUP CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER



Gulftainer announced the appointment of Farid Belbouab as Group Chief Executive Officer.

Farid brings over 20 years of international management experience in supply chain and logistics, with a distinguished track record in driving innovation, operational excellence and strategic growth. His appointment ushers in a new chapter for Gulftainer, one defined by forward-thinking leadership and a commitment to delivering long-term value to customers and stakeholders.

As the company approaches its 50th anniversary, Farid's leadership will be instrumental in shaping the future of Gulftainer as a global leader in port and logistics services.

Commenting on his appointment, Farid Belbouab said: "It is an honour to take on the role of Group CEO at Gulftainer, especially as the company approaches its 50th anniversary. I look forward to building on the strong foundation laid by the previous leadership and to working closely with all our stakeholders to drive future growth and excellence."

### MOMENTUM LOGISTICS EXPANDS ITS FLEET WITH NEW MAN TGX TRUCKS



Momentum Logistics has expanded its fleet with 17 new MAN TGX trucks thus increasing its fleet size to 270, including a range of fuel-efficient flatbeds, curtain-siders, reefer and box trailers.

This addition will significantly enhance the company's first and last mile delivery capabilities across the GCC region and the Middle East.

It reaffirms Momentum Logistics' commitment to operational excellence and sustainable logistics solutions for its regional and global customers to support their supply chain growth.

#### **BUSINESS HIGHLIGHTS**

### GULFTAINER HANDLES ONE OF THE HEAVIEST BREAKBULK CARGO AT JUBAIL COMMERCIAL PORT

Gulftainer welcomed *DA XIN* from China at the Jubail Commercial Port as part of ZHANG JIAGANG operation. The vessel offloaded several units of heavy breakbulk cargo weighing from 165 to 330 tonnes during her port call, which was amongst the heaviest breakbulk cargo ever handled by the terminal.

During the quarter, it has successfully handled several heavy project cargo shipments, a proof of its ability to manage breakbulk operations efficiently.

This accomplishment highlights its expertise in handling sophisticated and complex operations, reaffirming its position as one of the preferred operators in this field.



#### THOUGHT LEADERSHIP

### GULFTAINER SHARES INSIGHTS ON "GLOBAL TRADE IN TRANSITION: NAVIGATING COMPLEXITY WITH CONFIDENCE"

In an era marked by evolving global trade dynamics and increasing climate pressures, today's supply chain landscape has become more complex than ever. Gulftainer is responding to these challenges with resilience, innovation and a steadfast commitment to operational excellence.

Gulftainer's Chief Operating Officer, Daniel Wright shares insights on how Gulftainer is adapting to the shifting global trade environment, enhancing cyber resilience, advancing sustainability initiatives and ensuring uninterrupted, customer-focused service.





#### THOUGHT LEADERSHIP

# MOMENTUM LOGISTICS SHARED INSIGHTS ON "THE ROLE OF INNOVATION AND TECHNOLOGY IN WAREHOUSING AND SUPPLY CHAIN"

Momentum Logistics' Managing Director, Daniel Caton, shared his views on the role of innovation and technology in warehousing and supply chain management with Cargo Talk Middle East.

Daniel mentioned that the adoption of emerging technologies such as blockchain, autonomous vehicles, drones and robotic solutions is revolutionising logistics and enhancing security across the entire supply chain. He emphasised how these advancements are driving greater efficiency, transparency and reliability in operations, positioning the industry for a more connected and resilient future.



### GULFTAINER SHARES INSIGHTS AT TRADE TECH FORUM PART OF WORLD ECONOMIC FORUM

Gulftainer's Chief Operating Officer, Daniel Wright, spoke at a plenary session at Trade Tech Forum, part of World Economic Forum and co-hosted by The National News in Abu Dhabi, Ministry of Economy, United Arab Emirates and Abu Dhabi Department of Economic Development, on "The Supplier, the Enabler, the Mover and the Investor" in supply chain and logistics.



Daniel said: "Gulftainer has invested in Artificial Intelligence, Machine Learning, Internet of Things technologies and digital platforms to enhance end-to-end supply chain operations and to facilitate real-time information sharing with customers.

"These investments in technology are enabling real-time tracking, increasing transparency, boosting cargo security and improving operational efficiency. In future, we plan to integrate these technologies with various supply chain partners."



#### THOUGHT LEADERSHIP

#### **GULFTAINER SHARES VIEWS ON "RISKS TO GLOBAL TRADE"**

Gulftainer's Chief Operating Officer, Daniel Wright, participated in a panel discussion on "Risks to Global Trade," hosted by the Emirates Shipping Association during the opening session of United Arab Emirates Maritime Week.

He shared that Gulftainer remains steadfast in its commitment to supporting global trade amid a rapidly evolving landscape. The company works closely with its customers and partners to ensure continuity, flexibility and cost-efficiency across its operations in the United Arab Emirates, Saudi Arabia, Iraq and the United States of America.

Its focus on digital transformation is underpinned by the integration of advanced technologies and comprehensive staff training, enabling smooth operations around the clock. Furthermore, Gulftainer continues to invest in sustainable infrastructure and environmentally friendly solutions to future-proof its operations.



### GULFTAINER SHARES PERSPECTIVE ON "PARTNER COLLABORATION – SUCCESS STORY"

Gulftainer's IT Director, Vinay Sharma, participated in a panel discussion titled "Partner Collaboration – Success Story" at TECHTAX Dubai 2025, a Cleartax Partner Event held in Dubai on 28th May.

During the session, Vinay presented Gulftainer's successful implementation of e-invoicing in Saudi Arabia, achieved throughastrong partnership with Cleartax and Savic. He also shared valuable insights and lessons learned from the United Arab Emirates's e-invoicing journey, emphasising how digital transformation is driving operational excellence across the region.





#### THOUGHT LEADERSHIP

### GULFTAINER SHARES THOUGHTS ON "LOGISTICS AND SUPPLY CHAIN INTEGRATION"





Gulftainer's Chief Operating Officer, Daniel Wright, represented the company at the 2nd Arab-Hellenic Maritime Conference held in Athens on 25th and 26th June 2025.

As a keynote speaker, he addressed the topic of "Logistics and Supply Chain Integration," offering insights into the vital role of innovation, infrastructure investment and cross-border collaboration at Gulftainer in building resilient and efficient global supply chains. Drawing on the company's extensive experience, he highlighted how these factors work together to drive seamless supply chain integration and enhance service delivery to both regional and global customers.

Gulftainer's participation in the event further emphasises its leading role in shaping the future of regional and global logistics and supply chains.

#### INNOVATION AND DIGITISATION

### GULFTAINER SHARES VIEWS ON "DIGITAL TRANSFORMATION IN PORTS & LOGISTICS"

Gulftainer's IT Director, Vinay Sharma, shared his views on digital transformation within the port and logistics sector with Enterprise IT World MEA. He stated that the company has embraced advanced technologies such as automation, data analytics and IoT to improve operational efficiency, transparency and customer experience. These pioneering initiatives have empowered ports and logistics operations to optimise supply chain reduce turnaround management, times and enhance overall productivity, positioning Gulftainer to meet the evolving demands of global trade in the digital era.





### GULFTAINER MARKS 10th ANNIVERSARY OF ITS OPERATIONS IN THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

Gulftainer's United States of America subsidiary, GT USA, proudly marked a major milestone this quarter. It celebrated ten years of operations at the Canaveral Cargo Terminal in Port Canaveral, Florida. A decade of steady growth, innovation and strong partnerships, reflecting Gulftainer's commitment to excellence in every aspect of the operations.

The GT USA 10th anniversary celebration took place at the Exploration Tower, Port Canaveral, welcomed over 100 distinguished guests, including dignitaries, customers, port authorities, industry partners and other government representatives.

Insightful speeches from Peter Richards, Executive Board Member of Gulftainer followed by Farid Belbouab, Group CEO of Gulftainer and concluding with Captain John Murray, CEO of Port Canaveral, added depth to the celebration. Each speaker highlighted the journey, partnerships and future aspirations of Gulftainer.

Farid Belbouab said: "Celebrating a decade of success at Port Canaveral is a proud milestone for GT USA and a testament to the dedication of our team, our customers, partners and the industries we serve. Our journey in the United States of America has demonstrated the power of strategic investment, local partnerships and global vision. We are not just moving cargo, we are moving industries forward, from space exploration to global trade. The next decade holds even greater promise and we're ready.

"As we look to the future, we are more committed than ever to investing in infrastructure, embracing technological innovation, advancing trade, supporting critical industries and helping position Florida at the forefront of global logistics and space exploration."

For the next chapter, GT USA's focus remains on scaling operations, deepening customer relationships and driving agile, tech-enabled and sustainable logistics solutions.









### GULFTAINER HOSTS CUSTOMER FAMILIRISATION TRIP TO KHORFAKKAN TERMINAL

As part of United Arab Emirates Maritime Week, a week-long event celebrating the region's maritime industry, Gulftainer welcomed customers for an exclusive familiarisation tour to its Khorfakkan Container Terminal. This special tour provided 15 senior industry leaders with an unparalleled opportunity to visit and experience firsthand, one of the region's award winning, strategically located ports.

Situated just beyond the Strait of Hormuz, Khorfakkan Container Terminal is recognised globally as a world-class natural deep-sea terminal. It boasts exceptional operational efficiency, significant time and cost savings and the capacity to accommodate some of the largest container vessels operating worldwide. During the week, Gulftainer's Chief Operating Officer, Daniel Wright, also joined a panel discussion on "Risks to Global Trade".

Gulftainer takes great pride in being an integral part of the United Arab Emirates's dynamic maritime community. The company remains dedicated to driving growth, innovation and excellence within the sector, continually contributing to the success and resilience of regional and global maritime trade.







### GULFTAINER ATTENDS MULTILATERAL PARTNERSHIP PORTS COOPERATION CONFERENCE IN NINGBO, CHINA

Gulftainer participated in the Multilateral Partnership Ports Cooperation Conference in Ningbo, China, an important platform for dialogue and collaboration within the Belt and Road Initiative.

Gulftainer's Business Development Manager in China, An. Jian, met with Zhu Miao, Board Director, Vice Party Secretary and General Manager at Zhejiang Provincial Seaport Investment & Operation Group and Ningbo Zhoushan Port Group and received the Friend Port Certificate on behalf of the Gulftainer, an encouraging symbol of mutual recognition and future cooperation.

Gulftainer values opportunities like MPF to contribute to conversations around building a more open Silk Road, enhancing port connectivity and supporting more prosperous global trade. As part of a growing international network, it remains committed to strengthening partnerships that shape a unified, forward-looking port and shipping community.







### GULFTAINER GEARS UP FOR GLOBAL RAIL EXHIBITION AND CONFERENCE

As Gulftainer gears up for the second year's participation at Global Rail Exhibition and Conference, the Group CEO, Farid Belbouab joined the 2025 Global Rail Executive Committee, working alongside industry leaders, including Ahmad Al Musawa Al Hashmi, CEO of Hafeet Rail, to shape the future of global transport and rail connectivity for efficient cargo handling and movement.

For Gulftainer, rail is a core pillar of inter-modality and a driver of sustainable, smart connectivity. As supply chains become more complex, rail offers a strategic advantage: low-carbon, high-capacity and scalable transport. From intercity to cross-border freight corridors, integrating rail into our logistics ecosystem strengthens our ability to deliver efficient, resilient and environmentally responsible solutions.





### MOMENTUM LOGISTICS PARTICIPATES IN CARGO PLUS LOGISTICS CONFERENCE IN BEIJING





Momentum Logistics participated in the Cargo Plus Logistics Network Conference in Beijing, gaining valuable insights into the fast-growing China–Middle East trade corridor. The event strengthened new partnerships and broadened global perspective. With stronger connections and fresh opportunities, Momentum Logistics moves ahead with greater focus, ready to turn these insights into added value for customers.



### GULFTAINER PARTICIPATES IN SELECT USA INVESTMENT SUMMIT 2025

Gulftainer participated in the Select USA Investment Summit 2025 as part of the United Arab Emirates delegation to the event. The summit is the premier USA event promoting global business investment, convening thousands of investors, companies and economic development organisations. Gulftainer continues to pursue opportunities that foster strategic growth and international collaboration.



#### **AWARDS**

### ROSPA GOLD AWARD WIN FOR GULFTAINER'S UNITED ARAB EMIRATES TERMINALS

Gulftainer's United Arab Emirates Terminals won RoSPA Gold Award for its team's outstanding health and safety performance in 2024.

This prestigious award not only acknowledges Gulftainer's achievements but also places the company among a distinguished group of organisations committed to the highest safety standards and the wellbeing of their people. It serves to reinforce the company's ongoing dedication to operational excellence.

This milestone is a direct reflection of the dedication, professionalism and hard work demonstrated by the Gulftainer United Arab Emirates Terminals team. Their continuous efforts to enhance QHSE standards, policies and practices have earned this well-deserved recognition.



Now in its 69th year, the esteemed RoSPA Awards programme receives nearly 2,000 submissions annually from over 50 countries, impacting more than seven million employees worldwide. The awards provide a platform to celebrate an unwavering commitment to continuous improvement and excellence in health, safety and environment.



### GULFTAINER'S UNITED ARAB EMIRATES TERMINALS WIN AN INTERNATIONAL SAFETY AWARD



Gulftainer's United Arab Emirates Terminals won an International Safety Award from the British Safety Council in recognition of its commitment to keeping its workers and workplaces healthy and safe during the 2024 calendar year. This achievement is a testament to the dedication and hard work of the Gulftainer United Arab Emirates Terminals employees.

Now in their 67th year, the International Safety Awards recognise and celebrate organisations that have shown commitment to wellbeing and mental health at work. In 2025, 789 organisations from 45 countries won an International Safety Award. They span all sectors with significant representation from the maritime, construction, manufacturing, oil, gas, mining, power and utility sectors.

Gulftainer extends sincere congratulations to all the teams involved and reaffirms its commitment to maintaining highest QHSE standards and practices. The company's zero-harm policy is driven by our commitment to a strong culture of safety across all our facilities.

#### **CORPORATE SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY**

#### **GULFTAINER ATTENDS HSE EXPO 2025**



Gulftainer's Chief Operating Officer, Dan Wright and Head of QHSE, Aparna Jayadevan, attended the HSE Expo 2025, organised by the Sharjah National Oil Corporation at Al Jawaher Reception.

They participated in a key panel discussion titled "Integrating HSE into Project Lifecycles: Strategies for Contractor Compliance." The insights gained during this session will contribute to Gulftainer's ongoing efforts to enhance workplace safety and environmental sustainability.

Gulftainer adopts a proactive approach to HSE management and remains committed to continuous improvement in safety standards. Their participation in the expo highlights the company's dedication to fostering a culture of safety and compliance across all operations.



#### **CORPORATE SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY**

#### **GULFTAINER CELEBRATES GLOBAL SAFETY DAY**

At Gulftainer, it is recognised that true workplace safety extends beyond physical precautions to encompass mental, emotional and psychological wellbeing. The company has adopted a holistic approach to mental health, conducting workshops across all its global locations as part of Global Safety Day 2025.

These initiatives include expert-led mental health workshops, site-specific safety engagements and leadership-focused training sessions. Such programmes provide teams with valuable tools to manage stress, foster resilience and cultivate a culture of psychological safety.

Participants have gained crucial insights into recognising mental health risks, supporting their teams effectively and integrating wellbeing into workplace policies. By prioritising both awareness and proactive measures, Gulftainer reinforces its belief that employee wellbeing is fundamental to achieving operational excellence.



### GULFTAINER SUPPORTS 'GET ACTIVE FOR EDUCATION' INITIATIVE BY THE AMERICAN UNIVERSITY OF SHARJAH

Gulftainer proudly participated in and supported this year's 'Get Active for Education' initiative by the American University of Sharjah, reinforcing its commitment to fostering an inspiring environment where education, community and action come together.

As a strategic partner of the American University of Sharjah, Gulftainer actively supports programmes designed to empower students facing social, financial and personal challenges.

Looking ahead, Gulftainer is eager to continue working closely with the University on future initiatives that empower and inspire the next generation of leaders.





### **CORPORATE SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY**

#### **GULFTAINER IRAQ HOSTS ANNUAL EMPLOYEES GATHERING**

GulftainerIraqhosteditsannualEmployees gathering, bringing together staff from across the organisation to share in the spirit of togetherness. The event fostered a sense of community and appreciation, providing an opportunity for employees to connect, reflect and celebrate the values of unity and gratitude.

Ibrahim Serhan, Director - Business Development at Gulftainer Iraq said: "This gathering not only highlighted Gulftainer's commitment to nurturing a supportive and inclusive workplace but also reinforced the company's dedication to honouring cultural traditions and strengthening team bonds."



#### **GULFTAINER SPONSORS KHORFAKKAN MARATHON**

Gulftainer was the 'Golden Sponsor' for the third edition of Labbaik Khorfakkan Ramadan Night Race, organised by the United Arab Emirates Athletics Federation and in cooperation with Khorfakkan Cultural and Sports Club and Endurance Sports Services.

Over 2,000 runners participated in the event, which featured a special 8 km wheelchair category for People of Determination, as well as a family race,



promoting the importance of sports as a cornerstone of a healthy lifestyle. The race began in front of the iconic Khorfakkan Amphitheatre, one of the city's most renowned tourist attractions, further reinforcing Khorfakkan's reputation as a leading destination for both sports and tourism.

Gulftainer's Managing Director - United Arab Emirates Terminals, Jonathan Grace received Token of Appreciation as a recognition of the company's social support and valued contribution.

Gulftainer is committed to supporting community wellness and active lifestyles, working together to build a healthier society.

### **CORPORATE SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY**

#### **GULFTAINER SPONSORS GCC TRAFFIC WEEK**

Gulftainer proudly supported and sponsored GCC Traffic Week 2025, demonstrating ongoing commitment to promote road safety and sustainable transportation initiatives across the region. As a key sponsor, Gulftainer played an important role in helping raise awareness and encourage safer traffic practices throughout the GCC region.

During the ceremony, Saeed Naqbi, Director – Government Relations was honoured to receive the Certificate of Appreciation on behalf of Gulftainer, recognising its active contribution and partnership in this significant regional event.

This sponsorship aligns with Gulftainer's dedication to corporate social responsibility and the commitment to supporting initiatives that enhance the safety and well-being of the communities in which it operates.









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