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Cisco Joins Stargate UAE Initiative

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Cisco to collaborate with G42, OpenAI, Oracle, NVIDIA, and SoftBank Group to power AI innovation and infrastructure development in recently announced UAE-US AI Campus in Abu Dhabi

News Summary

- Cisco to provide networking, security and observability hardware and software solutions for OpenAI workloads, advancing AI infrastructure in the Middle East.
- Strategic partnership supports the Stargate Project's commitment to safe, broadly distributed AI development and responsible capital stewardship.
- MOU signed by Cisco's Chair and Chief Executive Officer, Chuck Robbins, together with G42, OpenAI, Oracle, NVIDIA and SoftBank Group.
- MOU aligns with President Trump's visit to the region last week and complements Cisco's recently announced initiatives focused on powering the AI ambitions in the Middle East.
- UAE President His Highness Sheikh Mohammed bin Zayed highlighted this milestone project in Abu Dhabi, during a signing ceremony attended by Cisco President and Chief Product Officer Jeetu Patel.

SAN JOSE, Calif., May 22, 2025 /PRNewswire/ -- Cisco (NASDAQ: CSCO), the global leader in networking and security, today announced the signing of a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) to join the Stargate UAE consortium as a preferred technology partner. The strategic MoU, signed by Cisco's Chair and Chief Executive Officer Chuck Robbins together with other consortium partners, G42, OpenAI, Oracle, NVIDIA and SoftBank Group, envisions the construction of an AI data center in Abu Dhabi with a target capacity of 1 GW, with an initial 200 MW capacity to be delivered in 2026.

As a partner in this initiative, Cisco will provide advanced networking, security and observability solutions to accelerate the deployment of next-generation AI compute clusters.

"With the right infrastructure in place, AI can transform data into insights that empower every organization to innovate faster, tackle complex challenges, and deliver tangible outcomes," said **Chuck Robbins, Cisco Chair and CEO**. "Cisco is proud to join this consortium to harness the power of AI and

deliver the infrastructure that will enable tomorrow's breakthroughs."

Today's announcement follows Robbins' recent visit to Bahrain, Saudi Arabia, Qatar, and the UAE where Cisco announced a series of strategic initiatives across all phases of the AI transformation in the region. These new initiatives employ Cisco's trusted technology across the region's AI infrastructure buildouts, leveraging the company's deep expertise in networking and security together with longstanding regional partnerships. By fostering the development of secure, AI-powered digital infrastructure and collaborating with key Cisco partners, the company is delivering world-class, trusted technology to the region. For more information on Cisco's recent announcements in the Middle East, see [here](#).

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