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## Naval Group participates to IDEX and Navdex 2021

**On February 2021, Naval Group participates to the 15th edition of International Defence Exhibition & Conference (IDEX) held between the 21st to 25th of February at the Abu Dhabi National Exhibition Center (ADNEC) and to NAVDEX (naval defence and maritime security exhibition). Despite the health and sanitary crisis, Naval Group is present at defense shows to respond to the operational needs of navies.**

### IDEX, NAVDEX and Naval Group's new Abu Dhabi office

As one of the most important world exhibitions, IDEX and NAVDEX constitute an opportunity to meet Naval Group's usual partners and key authorities of the region. Naval Group has a long going history of cooperation with the different navies of the region and has built long-term and trustful relationships for the last 30 years.

For instance, Naval Group is present in Saudi Arabia through a subsidiary which carries out services contracts for the Navy. Another subsidiary has been opened in 2018 in Egypt to carry out the in-service support of the fleet which includes 2 MISTRAL-class Landing Helicopter Docks, 1 FREMM frigate and 4 Gowind corvettes.

"Naval Group has been established in the United Arab Emirates since 2010. We are proud to be working together with our partners to develop sustainable, long-term relations and projects that contribute to national sovereignty and generate lasting benefits in the country. Our group's long-term commitment in the country is illustrated by the recent decision to set up a new office in Abu Dhabi", declared Alain Guillou, Senior Executive Vice President Development at Naval Group.

Through transfer of knowledge and joint research, Naval Group aims to work with its Emirati partners to create highly qualified opportunity for Emirati nationals and progressively achieve country self-reliance and autonomy. In this sense, an initiative has been launched in partnership with Tawazun Economic Council consisting of a virtual internship program known as Sustain & Enhance Emiratization in Defense & Security (SEEDS). This program enables young UAE nationals to pursue virtual internships at Naval Group while being tutored by one of our experts, regardless of the travel restrictions related to the COVID-19 pandemic, in order to contribute to the development of the skills of young Emirati students to enable them to support the country's defense needs in the years to come.

For instance, Naval Group is attentive to the needs of the Emirati Navy in terms of training and is available to develop solutions adapted to their needs. Naval Group's presence in the UAE will also enable the development of innovative technologies to serve the operational needs of the

Navy and Coast Guards. These products can also be directed towards export markets and the economic benefit will positively impact the national DITB and the regional markets. The proximity with the end user will allow for a higher reactivity and efficiency of customer services.

### **Showcasing state-of-the-art technologies for world navies**

Building on its 400 years long experience in supporting the French Navy, Naval Group is the partner of choice for many international navies. Naval Group will showcase the state-of-art innovations created for modern navies at their booth, demonstrating its capabilities as leading naval integrator through high tech naval solutions.

The Belh@rra is the combat and crisis management frigate empowers modern navies, who seek to adapt to the digitization of the warfare. Ensuring naval supremacy, this compact all-digital frigate performs all the operations conducted by large surface vessels with increased precision and high level capabilities in anti-air, anti-surface, anti-submarine and asymmetric warfare domains.

The Gowind is a corvette equipped with a set of state-of-the-art anti-submarine, anti-surface and anti-aircraft systems to NATO standards. The Gowind corvette is a concentrate of the latest technological advances developed and mastered by Naval Group. It integrates the latest generation of combat systems developed by Naval Group, SETIS®, the "Panoramic Sensors and Intelligence Module (PSIM)" - a combination of the integrated mast with its various sensors and the Operational Centre and associated technical premises - and the high level of integration, automation and user-friendliness of the Naval Group systems.

Naval Group will also demonstrate how the combat management SETIS provides intelligent and innovative solutions to improve comfort, safety, accuracy and efficiency of operations management.

Naval Group is also recognized for its drone expertise. Naval Group integrates all types of UAVs -air, surface and underwater- to increase the operational capabilities of an armed fleet. This technological advance represents a new potential for intelligence, surveillance and exploratory missions and become force multipliers provided that they are fully integrated in the ship. Our innovative solutions for the implementation and recollection of UAVs under any sea conditions and those dedicated to the management of drone missions and the integration in real time of the data collected directly benefits naval forces.

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## About Naval Group

Naval Group is the European leader in naval defence. Naval Group uses its extraordinary know-how, unique industrial resources and capacity to arrange innovative strategic partnerships to meet its customers' requirements. As a system-integrator and prime contractor, the group designs, produces and supports submarines and surface ships. It also supplies services to shipyards and naval bases. In addition, the group offers a wide range of marine renewable energy solutions. Attentive to corporate social responsibility, Naval Group adheres to the United Nations Global Compact. The group reports revenues of 3.7 billion euros and has a workforce of 15,168 (data for 2019).

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