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With the aviation industry set to contribute over \$53 billion to the Emirati economy by 2020, the time is right for investors looking to get in on the action. Aviation is a booming industry symbolising the rapid development of the country. The UAE now boasts two world-class airline carriers and seven international airports. Once the next extension phase of the Al Maktoum Airport in Dubai City is complete, it will become the world's largest airport capable of catering for 160–260 million passengers a year.

The expansion in aviation has gone hand-in-hand with the country's desire to make the UAE a world hub for international travel, tourism and business. There are over 200 international routes currently operating from the UAE. It's hard to believe that an airline like Emirates started flights in 1985 with just 2 aircraft. Figures suggest that the airline industry now employs 250,000 workers directly and many more in support services.

Investors in the airline industry often worry about potential risks such as accidents, but statistics show that on this point airlines in The Gulf region are second to none. Although investment opportunities in this sector do not come cheap, the returns are virtually guaranteed.

Verdict: Only for those with huge capital to invest.



2 Read your article again. Which of the following sentences is true for your industry, according to the text?

- ☐ **1** Our company makes more than a \$1 billion a year.
- ☐ **2** Our industry is very eco-friendly.
- ☐ **3** The UAE is a world leader in this industry.
- ☐ **4** Our company relies on traditional methods.
- ☐ **5** Our industry uses European know-how.
- ☐ **6** Our product is safe thanks to constant scientific checks.
- ☐ **7** Our industry has grown dramatically over the last 30 years.
- ☐ **8** Our company exports most of its products abroad.
- ☐ **9** Our company's products can be good for your health.
- ☐ **10** Our company's products are tailor-made according to clients' requests.
- ☐ **11** Most of our company's products are sold within the UAE.
- ☐ **12** Our industry has a good safety record compared to other countries.