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I think you have a very valid doubt here. Being an Indian Passport holder, given that I have lived in Dubai, UAE for 40 years - I think I can answer your question with ease.

I want you to consider the following points before making your decision

1. **TOO GOOD TO BE TRUE?**When something is too good to be true - like no one can believe it or an opportunity that no one else would get - there is absolutely something to be suspicious about. Taking your example - If everyone is offering is 15 Lakhs and all of a sudden one company is offering you 35 Lakhs - doesn’t that look suspicious to you? It does look suspicious to me. Keep me in mind - every month more than 100,000 people come to UAE to look for employment. So unless you are the truly the World’s Best in your Industry and Someone who is the most unique personal brand in his career - don’t fall for such offers.
2. **YOU CANNOT CHANGE YOU JOB EASILY**You can leave any job in India and take up another job - You can change your employer 54 times in 54 weeks in India. In Dubai, UAE once you take up a job YOU CANNOT break the contract EVEN IF you do not like the Employer. The employer reserves the rights to let you go. In fact - do you even know that your passport will be taken away from you once you join?
3. **YOU END UP DESTROYING YOUR CAREER BECAUSE…**Most people only calculate the pros & cons of working in UAE versus India only in this manner - how much salary am I making here versus India. But the biggest one is - If you work in UAE - nothing you do in UAE will be considered valid and as an experience in India.  
   Want proof?  
   Check with people who left India and came back - they were not welcomed so easily.
4. **ARE YOU AWARE OF THIS FACT?**  
   Your employer can make you work 12 hours to even 14 hours per day and ask you to come to work 6 to 7 days a week under the guise of “We are understaffed and you have to complete your targets?” WITHOUT extra pay or remuneration?
5. **UAE IS NOT INDIA**  
   Let me give you a simple comparison. I was staying in Dubai, UAE before and now I reside in Koh Samui, Thailand. So now if I tell you that  
   My Annual Income (UAE) - **USD $147,014**  
   My Income (Thailand) - **USD $32,669**  
   **Now if I ask you which one is better - you would 100% say Dubai is better.**But then consider the expenses….  
     
   **Expense in UAE**Annual Rent Private Villa -**USD $32,669**  
   Food - **USD $29,811**  
   Electricity & Water - **USD $3,920**  
   Mobile + Internet - **USD $6,533**Car + Expenses - **USD $54,449**TOTAL - **USD $127,382  
     
   Expense in Thailand**Annual Rent Private Villa**- USD $3,067**  
   Food - **USD $9,937**  
   Electricity & Water - **USD $490**  
   Mobile + Internet - **USD $326**Car + Expenses - **USD $993**(Scooter)TOTAL - **USD $14,813**So now when I deduct Income Minus Expense  
   **Savings in UAE**USD $147,014 - USD $127,382 = USD $19,632  
   **Savings in Thailand**  
   USD $32,669 - USD $14,813 = USD 17,856  
     
   And I have only factored in the “basic” expenses of living. No shopping and other expenses. So when you look at this - even though the income in UAE of USD $147,014 looks incredibly high in comparison to the income of Thailand USD $32,669 - Look at what remains in the end?  
     
   So do not compare the money you earn in India to the money you make in UAE - when you consider all other factors - in the end - you are actually making the same.

So given these points - I hope and you understand that getting a job in the Middle East is NOT your ticket to success, happiness and “happily-ever-after”. Dubai, UAE is where hundreds of thousands of people come every single day to look out for a job. So if in case you are overhyped or they have offered you something with extraordinary expectations - the relationship will not last very long.

Remember, in the end when the whole world is offering you 15 Lakhs and all of a sudden someone is offering you 35 Lakhs - there is absolutely something fishy about the deal.

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