

Wind Group Websites Supporting Clients Queries



Following last week's announcement by the The Wind FZ-LLC that its website, www.windtowers.net, has been updated to include all the latest information for current clients and customers, clients have been informed that they can now visit Wind International's website, www.windint.com, to browse through all of the group's projects worldwide, including a complete portfolio of projects in Dubai, as it includes comprehensive information on locations, facilities, plans and prices.

Kempinski hotel projects launched on Dubai's Palm island



Taken from Middle East Times

The Emerald Palace Group, a property developer in Dubai, will announce on Saturday the project launch of two hotel properties on the emirate's Palm island, the company said in a press release.

The Kempinski Palm Jumeirah Residence hotel and the Emerald Palace Kempinski hotel are two high-end projects at the Palm Jumeirah in Dubai, a manmade island in the shape of a palm.

Emerald Palace entered into a partnership with Kempinski Hotels, an international hotel chain, for the two projects. Kempinski will manage both properties for a period of 15 years.

The Kempinski Palm Jumeirah Residence hotel is a seven-storey development set on the Palm Jumeirah crescent that will occupy 93,000 square meters (1 million square feet.) The hotel will have 200 apartments, in sizes ranging up to 1,300 square meters. The project's Palladian dome will make it a landmark on the skyline of The Palm Jumeirah, the press release said.

The second project, the Emerald Palace Kempinski hotel, will be a 250-room luxury hotel.

Dubai voted world's second best airport



Taken from Emirates News Agency

Readers of the high profile travel magazine - *Buying Business Travel* in UK have voted Dubai International Airport the second best in the world in a recent survey for the year 2005.

In the World's Best category Amsterdam Schiphol airport came in first with Hong Kong coming in third.

Sheikh Ahmed bin Saeed Al Maktoum, President of the Department of Civil Aviation, and Chairman of Emirates, commented: "We are proud of the recognition that we

have achieved. Dubai International Airport has long been recognized as a premier airport not only in the Middle East but in the world as well. It has been our mission to be recognized as such and this award is a reaffirmation of our efforts to provide the highest standard of service and facility to our customers. It is our aim to provide maximum customer satisfaction and these awards are given by the customers making it all the more valuable."

Over AED 100 million land sales in one day



Taken from Al Bawaba

The total value of land transactions in Dubai Saturday peaked at Dhs100.04 millions, of which sales exceeded Dhs30 million. The total value of mortgages during the period was Dhs69.9 million, according to the Land Department.

Second Dubai Film Festival ends on triumphant note, with admission numbers doubling from inaugural edition



Taken from AMEInfo

The second Dubai International Film Festival ended on a triumphant note today to ringing endorsement from international and regional celebrities, industry representatives, filmmakers, media and UAE-based Festival-goers.

More than 30,000 screening admissions were recorded during the week-long event, a 60 percent increase over last year's attendance. Nearly a fourth of the Festival films, 23 of the 98, were completely sold out, with 72 of the 186 screenings on standby-only status, a nearly 100 percent jump from last year's numbers.

Close to 100 celebrities from around the world also attended this year's Festival, in addition to 420 filmmaker, talent and industry guests. The event also made headlines around the world, with more than 650 members of the world, regional and local press covering the Festival.

The international media also turned out in full force for the Festival, with representation from Sri Lanka, Egypt, the United Kingdom, Switzerland, South Korea, India, France and the United States in addition to the hundreds of UAE-based media.

After more than a year in the making and the combined efforts of more than 600 staff and volunteers, the week-long Festival culminated in a grand gala screening on Friday night, when award-winning French film Joyeux Noel (Merry Christmas) was screened to an audience of close to 800 people. A desert dinner will also be hosted later today (Saturday, December 17) as a mark of appreciation for all Festival visitors, delegates and staff.

The second Dubai International Film Festival ran from December 11 to 17, and featured 98 films including features, retrospectives and short films. The Festival was presented by Dubai Media City and its Founding Sponsors are Dubai Duty Free, Dubai Properties, Emirates, Etisalat and the Madinat Jumeirah - the Arabian Resort. The Festival's Gold Sponsors are Bin Hendi Enterprises, National Bank of Dubai, Showtime, The Kanoo Group and The Palm Jumeirah; the Silver Sponsors are Filmworks, Motivate Publishing and Sony.

For the latest progress and pictures from Wind Tower I and II, please visit:

Wind Tower I:

<http://www.farayand.org/wind%20process/process%20page.htm>

Wind Tower II:

<http://www.farayand.org/wind%20process/process%20pageII.htm>