

Wind International to Launch TV Channel in June



Wind International Design & Property Development has announced that it is launching an educational satellite television channel on June 1.

The channel, duly named Wind Int. TV, has been set up in the United States, and production will take place worldwide at studios in Iran, Dubai and elsewhere.

Dr. Azizi, founder of the channel has explained his vision:

Today, a channel enters the world of satellite television with the intention of leaving an imprint on all civilizations. It will speak with a universally symbolic language for all civilizations, colors, and tunes. Academics believe that the best method of communication and interaction between worlds, including extra-terrestrial life, would be by using the basics of mathematics. By using colors and tunes, emotions, senses and beliefs can be transferred easily.

Our channel intends to relay the emotions of life through music into the homes of viewers. By doing so, the conquests of man in the fields of seven arts, science, and development would be delivered to you through a universal language.

In these days, this phenomenon takes place in black and white, in an unpleasant fashion, causing viewers to switch to another channel, where the depth of the subject matter is compromised. Our vision is to relay our goals in the best possible fashion.

We will present music with art, painting, architecture, cinema, development, and sports. Our

goal is to deliver the music with the hard-work that is a pivotal component of society and civilization.

To tune in your decoder, please use the following frequency information

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The newsletter will bring the latest developments about Wind Int. TV in the following editions.

Dubai needs more mega projects: Tatweer



Taken from Zanya

This week's launch of the Dh100-billion Bawadi project, which will create 31 hotels and other facilities in the next eight years, has not killed Dubai's appetite for mega plans,

chief of the government firm responsible for the development said yesterday.

"What we are (already) building is not enough," Saeed Al Muntafiq, chief executive officer of Tatweer told *Gulf News*.

Dubai received six million tourists last year and hotel occupancy rates were reported 90 per cent. The city has set a target 15 million tourists by 2010.

"As far as our data is concerned, Dubai needs 80,000 rooms in total by 2010," Al Muntafiq said.

He said the government has many plans to bridge the gap between demand and supply of hotel accommodation.

"Bawadi is just one of those plans. There are many other projects that are in the pipeline in terms of tourism and leisure," the Tatweer chief said.

He said Bawadi, which means "deserts" in Arabic, is "a great opportunity" for the global players to come and operate the planned hotels when they are built.

In total there are three phases and the first phase is scheduled for completion by 2010.

"The first phase is going to focus on infrastructure and building hotels. The second and third phases will be predominantly investor projects. The whole project will be completed by 2016," Al Muntafiq said.

The flurry of mega projects is being supported by "so much liquidity in the region that is trying to find a home," he said.

In the last three years, 70 per cent of all investment in Tatweer's projects Dubai Healthcare City, Dubai Industrial City, Dubailand has come from the Gulf and 30 per cent from outside.

A few days ago, Abu Dhabi announced it would develop tourism projects worth Dh100 billion on Saadiyat island.

However, Al Muntafiq finds such large-scale investments inadequate to support the region's tourism growth potential.

"Tourism into the Gulf region today is fixed around one city. This has to change and this will change in the next 10 years as a result of these projects in Dubai, Abu Dhabi, Oman and Qatar. I think this is healthy. The pie is becoming bigger, therefore, your piece of the pie, even if stays at the same percentage, is also bigger," he said.

The centrepiece of Bawadi will be the world's largest hotel, Asia-Asia. The 6,500-room hotel will be shaped like the Petronas Twin Towers of Kuala Lumpur.

Most Bawadi projects will be created in the shape of iconic buildings around the world.

Dubai Properties, ESG to develop Dh2.56b resort



Taken from Zanya

Dubai Properties, a member of Dubai Holding, has signed an agreement with Emirates Sunland Group (ESG) to develop the Dh2.56 billion Palazzo Versace Resort located at the Culture Village.

The signing ceremony took place in the presence of Hashim Al Dabal, CEO of Dubai Properties, Soheil Abedain, ESG Joint Managing Director, and Raza Jafar, Managing Director of Emirates International Holdings (EIH).

Dubai-based contractor Arabtec has been awarded the main construction contract.

The 215-suite Palazzo Versace Resort will be developed on 130,000 square meters of prime land in the Culture

Village along Dubai Creek, being developed by Dubai Properties.

Al Dabal said: "Dubai Properties' partnership with ESG is in line with our long-term strategy to develop a diversified portfolio of world-class real estate projects that focus on unique value creation.

"Culture Village represents a fusion of traditional and contemporary concepts, and Palazzo Versace's trademark of art and glamour reflects those essentials, while complementing the dynamics of the local environment."

Conceptualised by the Versace Group and ESG, Palazzo Versace Dubai will include 220 condominiums, restaurants, a spa and 204 luxury villas that will be furnished with an exclusive line of products from the Versace Home Collection. A highlight of the resort will be an artificial temperature-controlled beach to attract the elite leisure traveller.

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UAE building boom will spark 60% rise in electric capacity



Take from ITP

The acceleration in the number of real estate projects across the UAE means that the country's capacity for electricity

will have to increase by 60% in just four years, a report by the Emirates Industrial Bank (EIB) has concluded this week.

The surge in the number of projects, in particular the influx of mega-sized shopping malls, has meant that the current total capacity for electricity production in the UAE is now around 16,200mW, compared with just 9,600mW five years ago.

And power industry experts estimate that by 2010 the total capacity required will surpass 26,000mW.

"The UAE has the highest projected increase in demand, which is expected to continue to grow at a minimum rate of 10% per annum until 2010," said the EIB report.

"Dubai has the greatest demand potential and is growing at about 12 to 14% a year when compared with other areas such as Abu Dhabi and Sharjah."

Construction activity is currently running at its highest level for almost two decades and shows no sign of slowing down.

During 2005 there were over 1,800 construction projects being implemented within the GCC, with a large percentage of those in the real estate sector.

Blue line plans finalised



Taken from AMEinfo

Plans have been finalised to add a third track to the Dubai Metro rail link, reported Gulf News. The 47km-long Blue Line will link Dubai International Airport with

the new airport being built at Jebel Ali. It will also serve residential communities along Emirates Road.

RAK moves on unlicensed brokers



Taken from AMEinfo

The Ras Al Khaimah Economic Development Department has warned of an increase in unlicensed property brokers, according to Gulf News. The department says brokers practicing without holding licences have negatively affected the business of licenced brokerage offices. It plans to reorganise the emirate's brokerage business to eliminate unlicensed practices.

Land sales reach \$36.2m



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Taken from ameinfo.com

Land transactions in Dubai yesterday totalled \$36.2m, with sales accounting for \$14.2m of this, according to the Land Department. Nine sale transactions were recorded yesterday, the most valuable being a plot in Jumeirah-1, which was sold for \$6.8m. A plot in Al Mararr went for \$2m.

Picture of the Week:



Outdoor Parking

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