



## Wind in Buildec



During the previous week Wind Italian Design part of Wind Group of companies participated in the Buildec Exhibition 2007 which was held in Sheikh Maktoum hall at the Dubai International Convention and Exhibition centre. This exhibition namely The Iran Building Industry, Stones and decoration exhibition was a success for Wind Group of Companies.

Even though the Wind Italian Design Products are being designed by prestigious Italian Designers and are made in Italy, Wind promoted its products and attracted many Iranians and people from around the world who were present at the exhibition. Wind Italian Design had a great number of buyers who were impressively interested and many meetings were scheduled for the buyers to visit Wind Italian Design and purchase their desired material.

The finished materials which were offered during the exhibition include Lightings, various

furnitures, sanitary materials and so on which have been all designed by experienced Italian Designers. Wind announced this Exhibition a success and was very pleased of the out come of this event.



## Emirates to build rugby stadium

*Taken from Ame Info*

Emirates airline will build a multi-purpose sporting facility which includes a new rugby stadium to host the 2009 World Cup Sevens, Gulf News reported. As well as a 40,000-seat stadium (with 10,000 permanent and 30,000 temporary seats), the complex will have tennis and squash courts, swimming pools and six outside rugby pitches. It is due for completion in November 2008.

## Multiplex wins \$570m Dubai hotel deal

*Taken from Arabian Business*

Emirates Hotels & Resorts has awarded Multiplex a AED2.1 billion (\$571.8 million) contract to build Emirates Park Towers Hotel on Sheikh Zayed Road, the Australian developer announced on Wednesday.

Work will begin next month and will include construction of two 80-storey hotel towers with over 900 guest rooms and 300 serviced apartments. The complex will feature restaurants and rooftop bars, as well as an auditorium, banquet hall, business centre and a health club.

"This is a significant contract for Multiplex, increasing our presence in the region and we are very pleased to be working with Emirates and their consultant team on this

exciting project," said Graeme Robson, managing director of Multiplex, Middle East and UK. The project

## Industry is slammed for not thinking of long-term goals

*Taken from Arabian Business*

Construction in the UAE is not being carried out with social responsibility towards energy efficiency and sustainability, according to Dr Abdalla Mohamed Al Amiri, associate professor, College of Engineering, UAE University. Amiri is also chairman of the Emirates Energy Awards, which will be held in September this year under the patronage of HH Sheikh Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum, UAE vice president, prime minister and ruler of Dubai. Speaking to Construction Week, Amiri said: "Energy efficient construction will only take precedence once the authorities begin to enforce it seriously, where contractors and consultants are given strict guidelines and are monitored closely for the use of irresponsible energy consumption methods and products, with fines for those who don't comply."

It's the master developers who have to bring in this sort of practice," said Matt Plumbridge, project manager, Dubai Waterfront. "They have to insist on the use of district cooling on all their projects. Nakheel, for example, has implemented this on most of its projects very successfully and anyone working on its projects has to follow this." Banishing all claims that contractors are to blame when buildings are not energy efficient, Ani Ray, country director, Simplex Infrastructures, said: "Contractors have the least to do with design and selecting energy efficient products and methods. We just implement what has been decided. Ideally, the standards need to be set by the master developers and the concerned government authorities."

## DM set to build four fire fighting centres

*Taken from Arabian Business*

Dubai Municipality is undertaking a US \$13.3 million (AED49 million) project to construct four civil defence centres in the city. Three will be located in Port Saeed, Umm Al Sheif and Leseily in order to help Dubai Civil Defence fight fires.

DM has also allocated a plot of land to use for construction of another centre in Jebel Ali.

One of the significant features of the buildings is the construction of observation towers which will help civil defence personnel foresee any imminent untoward incidents or respond to such incidents - in case of their occurrence - in a swift and effective manner," said Hussain Nasser Lootah, acting director general, Dubai Municipality. The project also involves the construction of offices, a firefighters' room, recreation and training halls, along with parking areas with space for fire engines. A similar centre is also planned for Dubai Marina.

Work on the project is currently underway and the centres are expected to be ready by April next year.

## UK architect eyes Dubai base

*Taken from Arabian Business*

Dubai-based private equity investor is looking for an acquisition to help its affiliate, British architect Norman Foster's firm, expand its business in the Middle East. Dubai's Ithmar Capital invested \$30 million in Foster & Partners through UK private equity group 3i and is looking to buy a United Arab Emirates architectural firm in the next two months, Faisal Belhouli, Ithmar's co-founder and managing partner, told Reuters.

Foster, the architect of London's iconic "Gherkin" office tower and the Stansted Airport terminal, sold a minority stake in Foster & Partners in May to 3i. It will enable Foster to offer its full services in the region from the concept development to more detailed design and supervision," Belhouli said, declining to name the target.

3i and Ithmar own about 40 % of Foster & Partners, he said. Norman Foster has been looking to tap into the construction boom in the Gulf Arab region, where governments are ploughing windfall oil revenues into real estate developments and other infrastructure projects, he said. The architect, famous for his glass and steel designs, is working on several projects in the region, including Dubai's 328-metre (1,076 ft) The Index tower, he said. Foster is also involved in Clean City in Abu Dhabi, the largest member of the UAE federation. Developer Masdar says Clean City will be the first "zero-carbon, zero-waste" city in the world.

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## Wind Tower I



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## Wind Tower II



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