



Progress at the wind site

With regards to the reports given by the Engineers of Wind International Design and Property Development, of Wind Tower I has being acquired at during the previous week. According to the schedule given by the main contractor and the project management of the project, the deadline of Jumeirah Lakes towers is end of the year 2008. Currently at the Wind Tower I site Water proofing, gahning and cathodic protection preparation is taking place, where once it is completed Cathodic protection will take place will take a couple of days, no problems have being faced during these levels of construction and no future faults are estimated.

At Wind tower II gahning and cathodic protection preparation is taking place. Once these have been completed the main construction will commence.

Al Ahmadiyah JV for \$204m HHH Tower

Taken from Ame Info

A joint venture of local construction firm Al Ahmadiyah Contracting & Trading and Hong Kong-based Hip Hing Overseas has signed an estimated \$204m deal to build the 70-storey HHH Tower in Dubai. The project comprises 454 apartments, offices and leisure facilities. Dubai's Deputy Ruler Sheikh Hamdan bin Rashid Al Maktoum is the client, represented by Dubai International Real Estate. International Project Management is the project manager.

Dubai rents up on delivery delays

Taken from Ame Info

Dubai rents rose in Q1 2007 as delays in key projects affected expected delivery of units, according to research cited by Emirates Today. Rent rates for two-bedroom

apartments increased by 18% in the first three months, according to Asteco. Only about 14,000 of an expected 40,000 units were delivered in the period. Asteco said rents will stabilise when more properties hit the market by the end of the year.

Nakheel project spend 'just begun'

Taken from Ame Info

Dubai developer Nakheel has spent only 7% of the total estimated cost of its announced projects, Gulf News reported. Significant funds are still to be invested in projects such as its Palm Deira and Jebel Ali projects and Dubai Waterfront. The company commands a \$30bn land bank in Dubai, making up 55% of the total area available for developing in the emirate.

Dubai airports to reach target for ADSB technology by 2020

Taken from Khalej Times

A senior civil aviation official yesterday said Dubai would be able to equip its airports fully with automatic dependent surveillance broadcast (ADSB) by 2020, nine years after this most advanced technology in air traffic control (ATC) will have been made mandatory in Europe.

The official stressed that Dubai started implementing some procedures pertaining to the latest airport technology, particularly on GPS (global positioning system) approaches, years ago.

He said this has provided so much room for improvement, stressing that the same services had been privatized in first-world countries such as Canada, the UK and Germany.

He added that ADSB would be made mandatory in Europe by 2011. He said he expected all airports in the Middle East to be equipped with ADSB from 2015 to 2025. Experts said the ADSB technology provides full automatic dependent surveillance (ADS) and controller-pilot data link communications (CPDLC) every second. This makes communication between the air traffic controller and the aircraft pilot become a written message on screen instead of them exchanging messages verbally, providing for a more accurate visibility and movement clearance for the aircraft. They also added that its installation and network connection would cost an airport some Dh184 million (\$500,000), as compared to over Dh36.7 million (\$10 million) for the average radar. He added that typical radars have many limitations with regard to covering important manoeuvring areas, shadowing and intermittent performance problems.

UAE accounts for 85% of Gulf tourism projects

Taken from Ame Info

The UAE accounts for 85 per cent of the Gulf's Dh1 trillion tourism projects, a survey shows. The country has an area of 558 million square metres under development for tourism projects, representing more than 75 per cent of the combined land area under development for tourism in the Gulf. These projects are expected to be completed by 2018, according to a recent market survey conducted by Reed Exhibitions. Dubai accounts for more than 50 per cent of the value of the UAE's tourism projects with over Dh450 billion in investment, followed by Abu Dhabi at Dh305 billion. Oman has Dh61 billion in tourism projects under way, followed by Qatar with Dh31.1 billion. In Bahrain Dh20.77 billion worth of projects are under way and in Saudi Arabia their value is Dh16.44 billion.

Hollywood-based theme park for UAE

Taken from Gulf News

A \$2.5 billion project with a theme park based on Hollywood blockbusters will be built in the UAE. The announcement follows a licensing agreement between US film producer and distributor Paramount and Ruwaad Holdings, a real estate, hospitality and tourism investment and development company. Earlier this year US children's TV network Nickel-odeon and US film studio Universal said they will open theme parks in Dubai. Ruwaad officials said yesterday they will develop and finance a Paramount Pictures-branded entertainment destination featuring various rides, simulators and shows based on titles such as Titanic, Mission Impossible and The Godfather, as well as Bollywood and Arabic films. They said the project's size, location, completion date and name has not been finalised, but revealed it will include hotels, residential property and retail outlets. The development, Ruwaad's first, is set to be replicated in Asia, the Middle East and Africa. "Paramount will provide the content and we will take it to the market place and make it work," he said. Paramount Licensing will not invest funds, but instead provide access to the Paramount Pictures' intellectual property library and its intellectual capital through the oversight of planning and design aspects.

Pictures

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Wind Tower I



Plastering Wind Tower I



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