

Dubai Maritime City's 'Maritime Centre' showcased at Seatrade Middle East Maritime 2008

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Dubai Maritime City, the world's first purpose-built maritime centre and a member of the Dubai World Group of companies, showcased its Maritime Centre during Seatrade Middle East 2008, currently being held at the Dubai International Convention and Exhibition Centre from December 14-16.

The show - the Middle East's biggest maritime industry event - was the ideal platform to promote the Maritime Centre, which is considered the focal point of Dubai Maritime City.

The Maritime Centre, the heart of the Dubai Maritime City, comprises a cluster of five high-rise towers called the Creek Towers and Plaza; Landmark Tower located at the head of the man-made peninsula; and seven plots reserved for potential developers planning to construct their own towers. The Centre will also feature a 5-star business hotel and premium service apartments, thus emerging as the first exclusive maritime cluster in the world.

'A study by renowned consulting firm DNV Maritime Solutions revealed that Dubai is set to emerge as one of the world's most competitive maritime clusters. The Maritime City has been singled out as one of the important elements that will help mould Dubai into a maritime powerhouse within the next few years, and the Maritime Centre forms the core of this visionary development,'

said Amer Ali, CEO, Dubai Maritime City.

Located at the tip of the 227-hectare man-made peninsula, the Maritime Centre is the focal point of Dubai Maritime City, serving as the universal capital for all maritime businesses. Designed as an urban corporate park, the Centre offers the choicest business amenities; it incorporates a series of multilevel facilities aimed at diverse functions and purposes such as state-of-the-art international maritime conference facilities, retail outlets consisting of shops and restaurants, with walkways and promenades, attractive landscaping, and recreational areas.

Currently in its third and final phase of development, Dubai Maritime City comprises a community encompassed within a unique maritime-themed lifestyle and divided into six clusters: The Marina District; Industrial Precinct; Dubai Maritime City Campus; The Maritime Centre; Harbour Offices; and Harbour Residences. The project's 'green building' policies, whereby all developers are required to obtain green building certification to ensure energy conservation and optimised living conditions, make it the first maritime centre to implement such strict environmental compliance and long-term sustainability initiatives.

'There is nothing quite like Dubai Maritime City in terms of size, and even environmental compatibility. Every conceivable issue that may affect the project has been thoroughly scrutinised and addressed. We have also maintained a high level of flexibility to be able to accommodate future trends and requirements as this has been one of the important aspects that ensure Dubai Maritime City's long-term sustainability,'

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