

Fact Sheet

Dubai: Cities within a City

From the top of the world's tallest tower Burj Khalifa, due to open in early 2010, the view will encompass a theme park twice the size of Disney World, as well as three man-made, palm tree-shaped offshore islands, with 300 more islands forming the shape of the world. Backed by a new transport system and self-contained 'cities', these are just some of the projects that are making the emirate one of the world's most innovative and progressive destinations.

Downtown Dubai – www.burjkhalifa.ae

Already a bustling area around the base of the world's tallest tower, residential properties, hotels and shopping malls – including Dubai Mall, the world's largest shopping mall – have already popped up in anticipation of the opening of the tower centrepiece in early 2010.

Dubai Festival City – www.dubaifestivalcity.com

When fully completed, the 1,600 acre waterfront project on the banks of the Creek will include a large concentration of hotel and recreational facilities. Opening in phases until 2013, its landmark features already include a Festival Village and the 18-hole Al Badia golf course designed by master golf course designer Robert Trent Jones II. In 2007 Dubai Festival Waterfront Centre opened in the heart of Dubai Festival City, bringing together an unsurpassed selection of eateries and a rich entertainment experience all within an architectural masterpiece. It features 550 shops, including 20 anchor stores, 90 restaurants, cafés and bistros, a 12-screen cinema, and a vast entertainment centre.

Dubailand – www.dubailand.ae

One of the most ambitious projects ever undertaken; this £3 billion mixed use mega-theme park will contain 45 major projects and over 200 smaller tourism, leisure and entertainment attractions when fully completed. Dubailand anticipates a footfall of 40,000 a day when fully opened and it will be twice the size of Florida's Walt Disney World Resort, with unique and imaginative entertainment parks. An environment-based programme entitled Astrolab will entertain adults and children alike with technologically advanced games, while the Falcon City of Wonders will recreate famous buildings such as the Eiffel Tower, the Leaning Tower of Pisa, and the Lighthouse of Alexandria.

Dubailand will also include the Six Flags theme park, an immense development (5 million square feet) and the first of its kind outside the US. It will feature diverse projects ranging from theme parks and ecotourism, to shopping malls and sports facilities. Universal Studios' Universal City also at Dubailand will boast mind-blowing "ride-the-movies", offering adventures based on films such as King Kong, and TV show-based attractions. The park will be one of the largest in the world, covering 6.5 million square feet and will also include luxury hotels, restaurants, and retail outlets. The 505-acre project is scheduled to open in phases.



In addition, 2010 will see the opening of one of the world's largest malls, The Mall of Arabia and F1-X, a Formula 1 theme park at MotorCity in Dubailand – a showcase for Dubai's bid to host future F1 races.

All these attractions will literally be found on your doorstep at Dubailand, the first phase of which includes an Autodrome, the Polo & Equestrian Club, Dubai Outlet Mall and Global Village. Dubailand is also to be home to Dubai Sports City and the largest concentration of leading hotels in the world, some 10 kilometres long with no less than 51 hotels and a total of 60,000 rooms.

Dubai Sports City – www.dubaisportscity.ae

Dubai Sports City, part of Dubailand, is the world's only integrated purpose-built sports venue. When it is completed, the £2 billion city will be home to a range of internationally recognised sporting academies, offering customised training courses, with the best coaches and programmes to ever come together in one location. These include the first Manchester United Soccer School outside of Europe, a David Lloyd Tennis Academy, the International Cricket Council's own Global Cricket Academy, and the first Butch Harmon School of Golf outside of the United States. Other facilities featured in this project include a multi-functional state-of-the-art gymnasium, an Olympic-size swimming pool, a sports rehabilitation centre and accommodation facilities.

Dubai Sports City is located on 50 million square feet of land within the Dubailand development. Featuring four magnificent stadia, which will host top-tier athletes from around the globe: a 60,000 seat multi-purpose outdoor stadium, a 25,000 capacity cricket stadium, a 10,000 seat multi-purpose indoor arena and a field hockey venue for 5,000 spectators.

The project is home to the first Ernie Els designed golf course in the Middle East: an 18-hole championship course named The Els Club, which is the centrepiece of a luxury golf residential community called Victory Heights. It offers a links-style course combined with traditional design and is the championship golfer's first project in the Middle East.

The first phase of Sports City, which includes the golf course, sports academies and other facilities, is already complete.

Dubai Marina – www.dubaimarina.ae

This Jumeirah based residential project will be able to accommodate 150,000 people when it is fully opened. It includes an 11 kilometre promenade called 'The Walk' with exclusive boutiques and restaurants, gardens, sports facilities and a 700-berth marina. Already opening in stages, it will cover 227 hectares upon completion, providing world-class infrastructure and addressing the requirements of the nautical community both nationally and internationally. Upon its opening, it is thought that Dubai Marina will be the world's largest man-made marina.

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International City – www.internationalcity.ae

This internationally themed residential, commercial and tourist complex will be divided into six key areas over 800 hectares: Central District, Dubai Gates, The Dragon Mart, Residential District, Lake District and The Forbidden City.

The World – www.theworld.ae

Some 300 man-made islands now resemble the shape of the world. Private owners or developers will build a mixture of residential homes, apartments, resorts, restaurants and retail outlets in this marina environment. Access to the islands, together which measure nine kilometres long and seven kilometres wide, will be by boat or helicopter. The project is currently on schedule, with only four islands remaining unsold in the current phase.

Dubai World Central – www.dwc.ae

The £4.6 billion Dubai World Central (DWC) project is part of the 140 square kilometre multi-phase development of residential, leisure and commercial projects centred around the largest airport development in the world. Al Maktoum International Airport, the centre of DWC, will provide six runways, two terminal buildings, six concourses, and underground automated movers for 12 million tonnes of cargo and 120-150 million passengers a year; almost twice the size of Heathrow. To open in phases from 2010, DWC will act as a catalyst to further boost regional tourism growth. More than just an airport, DWC will be the world's first logistics hub connecting air, sea, rail and road, taking just four hours to transport cargo from port to plane.

Dubai Exhibition City – www.dwtc.com

From 2010, Exhibition City will enhance Dubai's reputation as the region's premier destination in the MICE sector. The three million square metre site will include 19 exhibition halls, conference halls and service facilities, alongside hotels, restaurants, and residential apartments.

Motor City - www.motorcity.ae

Part of Dubailand, Dubai Autodrome is the region's first fully integrated motorsports facility. The complex, a part of the Union Properties Motor City development, not only includes an FIA (Fédération Internationale de l'Automobile) sanctioned 5.39 kilometre circuit, offerings six different configurations, but also a Race & Driving school and a karting track. The facility is designed to accommodate all types of motorsports events. It also has the capacity for concerts, corporate events, conferences, seminars, or motoring exhibitions. Within this development, the F1-X Formula 1 Theme Park will open early 2010.

