

## December 2006

### City of Arabia, Platinum Sponsor at Cityscape 2006

Cityscape 2006, The 5th International Property Investment & Development Event, was held in Dubai from 4th to 6th December and broke all records becoming the world's largest international business-to-business property investment and development event. The show welcomed 35000 participants from 90 countries and over 500 exhibitors from 55 countries showcased their projects.

City of Arabia was one of this year's platinum sponsors with an impressive stand at the event featuring a large scale model of the entire project and this year, the signature dinosaur, an enormous T-Rex, was in the main lobby attracting a constant stream of visitors to marvel at the advanced animatronics. With the region's massive budget surpluses and numerous world class developments Cityscape has become one of the most eagerly anticipated property events of the year.

## October 2006

### CITY OF ARABIA OFFERS FLEXIBLE PAYMENT PLAN TO WADI WALK RESIDENTIAL INVESTORS

#### Pre-approved home financing from developer

In a ground breaking package, the Ilyas & Mustafa Galadari Group (IMGG) have agreed to finance 50% of the purchase price on any Wadi Walk apartment subject to minimum paperwork. This means that should a client not be able to obtain financing through a bank, they will still be able repay their outstanding debt over a period of 7 years.

The payment schedule for Wadi Walk comprises AED 5,000 on booking, 5% within 10 days, 5% within the following 30 days and 5% every 3 months until completion which will be in the final quarter of 2008. The outstanding 50% will then be payable but can be refinanced through IMGG with monthly repayments over 7 years at the then prevailing equivalent mortgage interest rate.

According to Mustafa Galadari, Vice Chairman and Managing Director of Ilyas & Mustafa Galadari Group, "We are delighted to offer to Wadi Walk purchasers an innovative payment solution unique in the ever growing property market in Dubai.. Recognizing that a 'one size fits all' financing programme does not suit everybody, we have devised a refinancing package especially aimed at people who want to make their home at in Wadi Walk". He added, "As developer's we want to build a long term relationship with

our city inhabitants and believe any value added package we offer has to help our clients.”

City of Arabia, one of the region’s largest private projects, and a key development in Dubailand, falls within one of the newly designated areas in Dubai where expatriates can now enjoy freehold ownership. The government has identified 23 areas and 45 plots, including the whole of Dubailand, following the March property law which legalised freehold ownership of land and property in the UAE for GCC nationals as well as non GCC citizens in specific areas. The announcement has brought an increased sense of confidence to the real estate sector as a whole and makes the purchase of residential property within City of Arabia an even more attractive proposition.

## September 2006

### FIRST DINOSAUR FOR RESTLESS PLANET

#### Kokoro creates handbuilt giant with animatronic technology

Restless Planet, the DHS 1.1 billion world class dinosaur theme park at City of Arabia have taken delivery of their very first dinosaur. The Tyrannosaurus Rex, giant of the dinosaur world, was constructed in Japan by Kokoro Dreams who are the leaders in animatronics and partners with the Natural History Museum in London. The giant dinosaur is the first of a total of 109 animatronic dinosaurs who will thrill visitors in the eagerly awaited edutainment attraction adjoining the Mall of Arabia which will be open in late 2008.

According to Mustafa Galadari, Vice Chairman and Managing Director of Ilyas & Mustafa Galadari Group, “The Restless Planet provides a visual, audio and tactile experience allowing visitors to experience some of the exciting things that have gone on in the earth’s history. Extremely realistic, scary but at the same time, educational, the 500,000 sq ft Restless Planet will most of all be enormous fun – a thrilling ride in a scientifically accurate environment”.

Restless Planet, which will tell in a highly dramatic way the story of the birth of Planet Earth and the rise and fall of the dinosaurs is being developed with the assistance of an international team, led by Jack Rouse Associates and includes the Natural History

Museum of London and Dr Jack Horner, the famous dinosaur expert and adviser to Stephen Spielberg for the Jurassic Park movies, who has more dinosaur species named after him than anyone else. The Restless Planet content is all finalized and will take visitors on an unforgettable journey back in time.

Accessed via Level 2 of the Mall of Arabia, the start of the Restless Planet experience will bring visitors into an 75m-high dome, where they will be assailed by a display that will set the tone for the visit to one most spectacular theme attractions in the world.

In an unmatched experience of light and sound, the birth of the planet Earth will be brought to life as visitors experience everything from the 'big bang' to the creation of the mountains and oceans. Moving on, a series of dark rides incorporating animatronic wizardry and computer graphics will bring them into contact with numerous lifelike dinosaurs as they experience the thrill of being part of the Jurassic world.

Perhaps the most amazing thing about the Kokoro dinosaurs is that they are all created by hand, making each animal individual. Compact servo motors and pneumatic systems beneath the dinosaurs thick skins, which may take more than 6 months to build, propel the beasts smoothly through a range of movements and expressions on a minimum 30 minute loop. Skeletons of electronics, aluminium, steel, plastic and plywood are coated in layers of polyurethane foam and patented silicone skin formula before being treated with special glues, paints and fabrics to render a realistic beast. Additionally, the wonder of animatronic technology now allows them to be programmed to react to a particular colour so visitors may be shocked to find a dinosaur watching and following them as they walk past.

New information is being discovered about dinosaurs all the time and from a scientific point of view the dinosaurs themselves as well as the flora and fauna in the Restless Planet will be as accurate as they possibly can be. Wherever the dinosaurs appear visitors

flock in, fascinated perhaps by the fact that these creatures no longer exist. The Restless Planet will be offering an unmatched experience bringing these giants back to life in the City of Arabia.

RetailME Awards 2006 to take place in February 2007 under the patronage of Sheikha Lubna Al Qasimi

Dubai: RetailME Awards 2006 will be held on February 19, 2007, at Madinat Jumeirah, Joharah Ballroom, under the patronage of H.E. Sheikha Lubna Bint Khaled Al Qasimi, Minister of Economy, organisers of the event announced yesterday (September 13th).

The event, one of the highlights of the retail calendar in the Middle East, is held annually to recognise excellence in the sector and the tremendous contribution made to the regional economy. City of Arabia developers, Ilyas & Mustafa Galadari Group, have confirmed their support of the event, returning, for the second time, as the title sponsor of RetailME Awards.

"Following on from the triumph of last year's awards where 500 people turned out to celebrate the industry success stories, City of Arabia are once again excited to be

sponsoring the RetailME Awards 2006, recognising retail excellence. Dubai is supposedly only a third of the way through a huge expansion in its shopping malls and is expected to be home to five of the eight largest malls in the world by 2011, according to London based consultants, Retail International. As the developers of the Mall of Arabia it is important to us to recognise the contribution of regional players and support the industry as it competes on the world, as well as the regional, stage.” commented Mustafa Galadari, Vice Chairman and Managing Director of the Ilyas and Mustafa Galadari Group.

Retailers across the region are eligible to participate in the awards in any of the 15 categories. These include: New Retail Brand of the Year, Business Excellence of the Year, Store Manager of the Year, Grocer of the Year, Customer Service Initiative of the Year, Loyalty Programme of the Year, Rising Star of the Year, Mall of the Year, Online Retailer of the Year, Marketing Campaign of the Year, Store Design of the Year, Lifestyle Retailer of the Year, International Retailer of the Year, Local Retailer of the Year and Retail Technology Initiative of the Year.

New with the 2006 awards is the ‘Retail Technology Initiative of the Year’ category, which has been introduced to highlight the importance of technological innovations for the retail sector, said Pierre Pereira, Associate Director of Concept Media, publisher of RetailME. “Over recent years we’ve seen the remarkable growth of this sector – the foundation of new projects that have helped shape the development of local economies.

“RetailME Awards aims to support the advancement of this sector by encouraging the adoption of the best standards and practices to meet and perhaps surpass established global standards,” he said.

Companies competing for the awards will be evaluated by a distinguished panel of judges against an established set of criteria, such as initiatives taken, objectives, evidence of growth, customer feedback, and future plans to establish their eligibility for the awards; other key elements that will be considered are innovation and customer service.

All award submissions need to reach the organisers by Monday January 15 2007. More information on RetailME Awards 2006, is available on the awards website: [www.retailmeawards.com](http://www.retailmeawards.com).

**August 2006**

## **CITY OF ARABIA AWARDS CONTRACT TO LEIGHTON-KIER JV**

Leighton-Kier Joint Venture has been awarded a \$63 million contract by Ilyas and Mustafa Galadari Management Investment and Development (L.L.C.) for the construction of roads and infrastructure on Dubai's new City of Arabia mega project. The 50/50 joint venture between Gulf Leighton LLC, a subsidiary of Leighton Asia (Southern), and Kier Dubai LLC, a part of the UK Kier Group plc, will construct 15km of roads in and around the development, five road bridges, and 120km of underground services.

Speaking about the new contract, Mustafa Galadari, Vice Chairman and Managing Director of Ilyas & Mustafa Galadari Group said, "Leighton-Kier will be helping us to put in place the core components of the City of Arabia project and the extensive experience of Kier in the region has been a major consideration in the decision to award them such a major contract."

City of Arabia, a \$2billion, 2 million sq ft development, will include the largest shopping mall in the region, the Mall of Arabia; the Restless Planet, a dinosaur theme park with over 100 animatronic dinosaurs; a 10 km long Wadi Walk with Mediterranean-style apartments, cafes and shops beside a flowing canal; and 34 tower blocks for mixed commercial, hotel and residential use. The project will, when completed, provide accommodation for around 35,000 residents.

Kier has over 50 years of experience in the Middle East and has, as Kier Dubai LLC, carried out several infrastructure related projects for the Dubai Municipality together with significant civil works packages for the Dubai Drydocks over the last 12 years.

Kier Construction's director David Durey said "The City of Arabia project will serve to strengthen Kier's core civil engineering and infrastructure business in Dubai and we are extremely pleased to be working with the Galadari team on this new and important development."

Work is due to commence in mid August 2006 with the project due for completion in September 2008.

### **July 2006**

#### **City of Arabia Sponsors Summer Camp**

City of Arabia was one of the main sponsors of the 1st Saeed Bin Mohammed Bin Rashid Summer Camp, organised by Dubai Police in collaboration with Emirates Tennis Association, for children aged 6-14 years of all nationalities. The camp was set up to help the youngsters make the most of their summer break with a range of activities

including tennis, football and basketball in addition to a scout camp. The programme also included courses in first aid and fire marshalling, computers and drawing, as well as informative courses on religion and security. A number of outside visits were organised to an orphanage, Al Bastakiah Museum, the Heritage village, Bander Taleb souq, and a couple of mosques in Dubai.

The purpose of the camp was to merge past and present, enhance skills/hobbies, and create friendships amongst the young participants in the camp. It also motivated the young people involved to make use of their time and invest their energy in sport, particularly tennis. Those who showed some future promise were identified so that they could be supported in taking their interest in the game further.

## June 2006

### HANDBALL TOURNAMENT SPONSORSHIP

During May, City of Arabia sponsored the prestigious United Arab Emirates Handball Federation, H. H. U.A.E. President Cup competition which is firmly established on the Dubai sporting calendar. This top level competition attracts visitors from around the region.

Competing for the coveted cup at the Al Nasr Club, were an impressive line up of national clubs from across the UAE, the prize was finally awarded to Al Ain.

City of Arabia realizing the importance of sport to the health of the nation's youth was keen to encourage participation in such a beneficial activity.

As a company City of Arabia has always been supportive of events that further the sporting, cultural and social interests of the UAE, and the H.H UAE President Cup fits the bill exactly.

## April 2006

### MOVIE TEAM SIGNED FOR RESTLESS PLANET CONTENT

City of Arabia signed contracts with a number of international companies during April from the movie world to provide content for the Restless Planet, the awesome dinosaur theme attraction that will constitute a major part of City of Arabia and raise the bar for quality entertainment in the region.

With a spectacular 75 metre dome, 4 state of the art rides, and a wealth of interactive edutainment, the Restless Planet, will tell in a highly dramatic way the story of the birth of Planet Earth and the rise and fall of the dinosaurs. It is being developed with the assistance of an international team, led by Jack Rouse Associates and includes the

Natural History Museum of London and Dr Jack Horner, the famous dinosaur expert and adviser to Stephen Spielberg for the Jurassic Park movies.

The international companies who signed contracts to provide content for the Restless Planet are ECA2, Super78, Blur Studio, Impossible Pictures, Yessian and Wild Brain.

### March 2006

City of Arabia team recently launched the Wadi Walk, the waterside residence and key part of the 'city' onto the Dubai market.

Scale models was displayed at the City of Arabia Exhibition, representing various parts of the development, including a phenomenal 100metre square model of the Wadi Walk.

The Wadi Walk meandering among the high-rise towers the 10-km Wadi Walk is a flowing waterway, designed to create a series of quiet urban spaces.

Lining the canal, which will be wide enough to accommodate small electric powered boats, will be the Wadi Residences, consisting of low-rise pastel shaded blocks, with a shady promenade on either side and basement parking facilities.

Gowealthy, a leading real estate marketing company in Dubai have been appointed as lead consultants for the Wadi Walk.

### February 2006

#### 'CITY OF ARABIA' LAUNCH 'METRO TOWER' AT INTERNATIONAL PROPERTY SHOW

City of Arabia' exhibited at the International Property Show during February, with representatives from the Ilyas & Mustafa Galadari Group talking about the project and launching the Metro Tower, a key landmark in the City of Arabia development, onto the Dubai market.

Potential investors had the opportunity to view a model of the tower, a 45 storey, mixed residential and commercial block, incorporating the latest advanced concepts in international high-rise design.

With a wide variety of offices on Floors 1 – 16, plus 264 residential units, the Metro Tower caters for all requirements from elegant studios to the most desirable penthouses. On the 17th Floor, the luxurious club house provides all the recreational facilities residents could ever need, whilst below ground there are 8 levels of designated car park.

### January 2006

## GROUND BREAKING FOR CITY OF ARABIA

The official start of construction on the 20 million sq. ft City of Arabia project, one of the leading private sector projects in the Middle East, got underway this month.

Located on a site close to the Emirates Road, the first phase of City of Arabia, which is the anchor project in Dubailand, is due for completion in 2008. Middle East Foundations, who won the piling contract have commenced work on translating the masterplan, designed by P & T, into reality. With the site prepared, work has started on boring the 13,000 piles that will form the foundations for the Mall of Arabia, one of the world's largest malls and an important part of the City of Arabia.

## DUBAI WOMEN'S COLLEGE HOLDS WOMEN'S EDUCATION WORLDWIDE CONFERENCE

DUBAI, 17 January 2006 - "Women's Hopes and Dreams" was the theme of the three-day Women's Education Worldwide (WEW) conference held at Dubai Women's College (DWC) and sponsored by the City of Arabia.

The international Conference, brought together leaders and administrators from renowned women's colleges and universities from all around the world including Australia, Kenya, the United States, Saudi Arabia, Bahrain, Italy, Pakistan, India and the Philippines.

Conference delegates discussed the role of women-centered education and how effective collaborations can be developed that promote women as leaders in science, government, business and politics, areas which are still dominated by men.

This was the second international WEW Conference to be held, with the first taking place at Smith and Mt. Holyoke Colleges in the United States in June 2004.

"Dubai Women's College is honored to host this important global conference that focuses on women's education and the development of young female leaders in the fields of science, engineering and technology," stated Dr. Howard Reed, DWC Director. "It is essential to have this global dialogue with these thought leaders in women's education to ensure continued advancement of women and share best practices."

The keynote speaker on the inaugural day of the event, was Ms Lubna Olean, CEO of Olean Financing Company of Saudi Arabia, who was titled by Forbes magazine as one of The 100 Most Powerful Women of 2005. She addressed conference participants about "Dreams and Leadership".

Ms. Hafsa Al Ulama, Assistant Undersecretary of Planning and Statistics for the UAE Ministry of Economy and Planning, was the keynote speaker on the second day of the conference. She addressed the conference about Women Entrepreneurs.

The platinum sponsor of the Conference was the City of Arabia, a multibillion project which is being developed by the Ilyas & Mustafa Galadari Group as part of Dubailand. Ilyas Galadari, Chairman, commented, "The UAE Government is committed to promoting the pivotal role of women in the economic, social and political development of UAE society and we are pleased therefore to support this notable international conference at Dubai Women's College".

Note to Editors:

#### About DWC

Dubai Women's College, with more than 2,300 students, is a part of the Higher Colleges of Technology. The HCT is one of the leading higher education institutions in the UAE with 12 campuses located throughout the country delivering a wide range of quality programs to over 14,500 students.

#### About WEW

Women's Education Worldwide is an alliance of institutions of higher education committed to advancing the cause of educating women around the globe.

This international initiative was founded in 2003 by Mount Holyoke and Smith Colleges, two of the original "Seven Sisters" of U.S. higher education—a group that itself has long benefited from collaboration at the national level.

#### About Ilyas and Mustafa Galadari Group

The Ilyas and Mustafa Galadari Group is a dynamic young company which was founded in 1998 and already owns a diversified range of companies in Dubai. The most important of these is the Ilyas and Mustafa Galadari Management Investment and Development Company, which is developing the key downtown area of Dubailand, the City of Arabia.

This will be a new suburb of Dubai with around 40,000 inhabitants, which is situated on Emirates Road next to the Global Village. It will include the Mall of Arabia; the Restless Planet dinosaur theme-park; the Elite Towers, which consist of 34 high-rise buildings for mixed commercial and residential use; and the Wadi Walk, a series of low-rise apartments alongside a flowing waterway, served by small electric water - taxis.

The Ilyas and Mustafa Galadari Group also own Metro Taxi, one of the largest vehicle fleets in Dubai, and an associated driving school and workshops. There are the exclusive

distributors of Sunseeker Yachts in the Gulf Region. The Group also owns food distribution, jewelry, kitchen equipment and upholstery companies.