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Dubai Maritime City to launch first phase of Marina Berths



Dubai Maritime City, the world's first purpose-built maritime centre and member of the Dubai World Group, has outlined plans to launch the first phase of its new marina berth project in time for the 16th Dubai International Boat Show (DIBS), being held from March 11 -15, 2008.

The new berthing facilities, to be located in the commercial district of Dubai Maritime City, will enable the world's largest maritime centre to address the growing market demand on berthing spaces in Dubai, with more than 30 to 50,000 boats and yachts expected in the next five years.

study to ensure the safety of up to 50 marina berths, which add considerable capacity to what is already one of the largest marinas in Dubai and the region with open sea access.

Amer Ali, CEO of Dubai Maritime City, noted: "This is a huge project to achieve, especially in only nine weeks, and it reflects our commitment to sustain the ongoing growth of the UAE's maritime sector. Dubai is expected to become a leading maritime hub in the near future, and we at Dubai Maritime City are helping to develop the infrastructure so that this recognition can be achieved as fast as possible."

"By focusing on every detail, such as ensuring that there is enough mooring space, we are pushing hard to find solutions that cater to the requirements of what will become one of the world's top maritime destinations," Ali added.

The new berth project will also encompass a cluster of multi-functional areas ranging from community and destination shopping quarters, hotel, marinas and ferry transit facilities.

"With the third phase of construction well underway, we are confident that many of the international visitors to the Boat Show will be impressed by the rapid progress and many benefits offered by Dubai Maritime City," Ali concluded.



Dusit International to launch region's largest Thai-inspired 'Devarana Spa' on Al Qasim's luxury resort



VIP attendance soars for World Future Energy Summit



Abu Dhabi National Exhibitions Company (ADNEC) is now expecting over 3,000 VIPs and delegates to attend the World Future Energy Summit (WFES) being staged from January 21 - 23, 2008.

Commenting on the increased numbers, His Excellency, Ahmad Humaid Al Mazrouie, Managing Director of ADNEC, said:

"Originally we were expecting 2,000 VIPs and delegates at ADNEC for the World Future Energy Summit, now it is predicted 3,000 will attend - this is truly a great honour. This important global event means an immense deal to ADNEC and we are working hard with the event organiser, Turret Middle East, to stage a spectacular exhibition and conference."

Plans are being put in place to manage the extraordinary delegate list, which includes presidents, royalty and high ranking government officials from more

than 25 nations including the USA, UK, Germany, Netherlands, Iceland, the Maldives in addition to H.H. Sheikhs, VIPs and high ranking government officials from the UAE.

The WFES is one of the world's largest and first-of-its-kind conference and exhibition in the world to address the importance of global energy conservation.



Al Osaimi Group appoints Wilson Associates as interior designers for AED 1.5 billion luxury resort at The Palm Jumeirah

ADNEC lights historic Grandstand green in honour of World Future Energy Summit 2008





Capital Centre to feature landmark office tower by Finance House

WALES TEES UP FOR PGA MERCHANDISE SHOW

Wales, the next European destination for the Ryder Cup, is set to reinforce its position on the international golfing map by appearing at the 2008 PGA Merchandise Show in Florida. International Business Wales, the overseas trade and investment arm of the Welsh Assembly Government, has teamed up with Visit Wales and Ryder Cup Wales 2010 to showcase key elements of what the nation has to offer the global golf industry. It is hosting a major stand for the sixth year running after considerable success at previous shows, when Welsh firms secured deals with businesses from across the globe.

Ieuan Wyn Jones, Welsh Assembly Government Minister for the Economy and Transport, said: "The PGA Merchandise Show is the world's biggest golf trade show and we are delighted to be able to support the attendance of Welsh companies. It provides a fantastic platform to highlight the innovative products and golfing expertise they can offer. We continue to use the fact that Wales is hosting the Ryder Cup in 2010 to help promote Wales as a worldclass business and leisure destination.

"John Jermine, Chairman of Ryder Cup Wales added: "The Ryder Cup isn't just a golf tournament; it also represents a major catalyst for business opportunities and generates wider economic investment. Wales has an impressive golfing pedigree which we are keen to showcase in Florida. This year, for the first time, we will have the Ryder Cup Trophy itself on the stand."

With just three years to go until the 2010 Ryder Cup, many Welsh businesses are already reaping the economic benefits that the world's third largest sporting event will bring. One such firm is Primus Products Ltd, which produces the Driveaway golf kit cleanser and deodorizer, specifically designed to clean all types of golf equipment from grips, clubs and balls to shoes.

The company is returning to the PGA Merchandise Show for the third time after experiencing considerable growth during the last year, as Managing Director Stefan Cegielski explains: "Exports of our Driveaway cleanser have increased since we exhibited at PGA in 2007 and we look forward to engaging with key contacts in 2008. The 2010 Ryder Cup is creating enormous opportunities for Welsh businesses like ours and we are keen to maximise these by raising our international profile even further."

Exhibiting at the show for the first time is Proamgolf, whose FlexiStrength golf exercise programme represents an entirely new concept. Proamgolf's Len Gibbs says: "Golfers need a completely different form of exercise from other athletes as the body movements required are completely unnatural. Our programme is therefore specifically related to the needs of the game as it builds strength, enhances core stability and increases balance through only seven minutes of exercise per day.

"We are very excited about introducing the product at the PGA Merchandise Show and demonstrating its benefits to golfers throughout the world." Golf visitors to Wales also continue to grow in the approach to the 2010 Ryder Cup. Visit Wales has estimated that Wales could build its annual revenues from golf tourism from some £27m in 2005 to about £100m by 2011 and that the fact that Wales will be staging the Ryder Cup in 2010 is providing a major fillip towards the realisation of these ambitions.

Golf in Wales has taken significant leaps forward since it was named by the International Association of Golf Tour Operators as 'Undiscovered Golf Destination of the year 2003'.

It has since been on the shortlist as 'Emerging Golf Destination of the Year' and three Welsh Courses - Royal Porthcawl, Royal St David's and Aberdovey - have made it into Golf Digest's top 100 outside the USA.

The PGA Merchandise Show will again provide Visit Wales an opportunity to host a reception to key contacts to sell the virtues of 'Golf as it Should Be'. This will highlight the fact that Wales offers the opportunity to play golf as it should be played - your own game at your own unhurried pace while savoring the fantastic scenery. The Celtic Manor Resort and Wales Golf Vacations will be exhibiting alongside Visit Wales.

The companies exhibiting with International Business Wales and Visit Wales on stand 4111.

WORLD TRAVEL AWARDS PARTNER WITH GLOBAL NAMES MARKING THE 15TH ANNIVERSARY GRAND TOUR

World Travel Awards (WTA) today announced that Eurostar, the high-speed passenger train service that links the UK and mainland Europe via the Channel Tunnel, has signed a major sponsorship deal for WTA's 15th Anniversary Grand Tour. The commitment includes sponsorship of the 2008 Asia Awards as well as the North America Awards, with the view to develop a long-term business relationship.

Having operated to and from Waterloo station, London, for 13 years, Eurostar launched services from its new central London station, the magnificently restored St Pancras International, on 14 November 2007, and now offers even faster and greener rail travel as well as shorter travel times between the UK, France and Belgium. The organisation has been at the leading edge of innovation in the travel industry and prides itself on being the world's first train operator to offer carbon neutral journeys, at no extra cost to travellers.

"Eurostar is a pioneering enterprise," commented WTA's Executive Vice President Manon Han. "Partnering with a big name like Eurostar allows us the use of qualitative synergies of two thriving brands that both prioritize excellence in the travel industry. This sponsorship pact is a milestone and gives us the possibility to further strengthen our position as one of the most reputable awards schemes in the tourism trade."

Michael Davies, Eurostar's Head of International Sales, said: "As time becomes more precious, it is essential when people travel – whether it be for business or for leisure – that the whole experience is as seamless and as enjoyable as possible. We need to encourage organisations involved in the travel industry to set the bar as high as possible, to deliver excellent customer service, attractive and competitive pricing and of course, quality. The World Travel Awards are at the heart of this impetus and we are delighted to have become a key sponsor.

The partnership with the World Travel Awards will be a central part of our strategy of becoming a globally recognised brand." Another significant brand sponsoring the World Travel Awards 15th Anniversary Grand Tour is BBC World. The global broadcaster has been WTA's official media partner for three years and recently extended the sponsorship pact by one year. With a total distribution of 269.2 million homes and a reach of 26% of international travellers, BBC World is seen as the perfect channel for the award's media efforts.

"We are now on the lookout for further influential partners in the tourism industry that will play an active role in this year's World Travel Awards Grand Tour," explained Han. "The key benefits for our sponsors include both worldwide exposure and the opportunity to create and enhance local as well as global business relationships through our awards ceremonies."



NELP rounds build momentum for Indian Oil & Gas 2008



(Mumbai & London) – The growth of India's E&P industry after six successful rounds of bidding under its New Exploration Licensing Round (NELP) initiative is being directly reflected by the interest being shown in what will be the country's biggest technical conference and exhibition.



Georgian Prime Minister lauds Ras Al Khaimah's investment climate

Prime Minister Vladimer Gurgenedze holds talks with RAKIA CEO
Dr. Khater Massaad to discuss ways to enhance bilateral ties