

Al Hamra marina nears completion

UAE: Dr Khater Massaad, advisor to the Ras Al Khaimah Crown Prince, has reported that 40% of the Al Hamra Village project being developed by Al Hamra Real Estate Development LLC is now complete.

Al Hamra Village is a seaside resort and residential development encompassing more than 1,350 residential units set in a picturesque landscape complete with a marina, luxury hotels, an 18-hole championship golf course and numerous leisure and entertainment options.

"Another 30% of the project, including the marina buildings, apartments and villas will be completed by June 2006 and the entire project will be handed over by December 2006," he added.

The 200-berth marina and refuelling facility is due to open in December this year and will be followed by the opening of the complete shopping mall with food courts, luxury brand outlets, supermarkets and clinics by June 2006.

Dr Massaad said that there has been a tremendous response from the market for the project and the total value of sales has touched AED 440 million. He added that 513 residential units including apartments, villas and town houses have so far been sold with negotiations on-going for more than 100 units.

"More than 50% of the sales have gone to Europeans and the rest divided between UAE nationals and other nationalities. The opening of the Emirates Road, which has reduced the travel time from Dubai Airport to Al Hamra Village to just 40 minutes, has made the project all the more attractive to buyers," he added.

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Gulf resort marina opens

MEXICO: Located on one of the finest white sand beaches on the southeast coast of the Gulf of California, Marina Costa Baja is a key element of a newly completed 215-acre resort.

Designed and built by Bellingham Marine (BMI), the facility has a 240-berth Unifloat concrete floating dock system divided between two basins. The outer basin is designed for



ITALY: Two new marina facilities in Ortona harbour on the Adriatic coast opened in time for the summer season. Marina di Ortona and Lega Navale Italiana (pictured) have floating pontoons supplied by Martini Marinas and access to good on-site and nearby amenities.

Ocean World awards phase one contract

DOMINICAN REPUBLIC: Ocean World, the largest marine park attraction in the Caribbean, has awarded Prime Power of Tampa, Inc., a US\$3.3 million design/build contract for phase one of its marina project.

Prime Power, a majority-owned subsidiary of Florida based EarthFirst Technologies, has been contracted to design, engineer, build and install special electrical systems to power the Ocean World megayacht marina for vessels of 80 feet and above. The marina docking layout and conceptual design work was undertaken by Applied Technology & Management, Inc.

Located three miles west of Puerto Plata, the marina is strategically positioned between the Florida/Bahamas and the Puerto Rico/eastern Caribbean regions, where no full service marina currently exists. The marina will be a port of entry with laundry and shower facilities, entertainment clubhouse, swimming

pool, nightclub, casino, restaurants, duty-free shop, food/liquor store, car rental service and marina store, well stocked with chandlery items and fishing supplies.

All 83 slips will have hook-ups for cable TV and telephone/Internet, water, electricity and 24-hour security. A drystack storage facility for 200 vessels up to 35 feet in length and a full-service boatyard are also incorporated.

Phase one of the project will provide for lighting, power, fire detection, security, communications and other electrical subsystems and is expected to be completed by the end of 2005 in time for a New Year's Eve Grand Opening.

vessels of 15-60m and the inner basin accommodates boats of 9-15m in length. A manmade breakwater has been constructed to protect the site.

All slips have full dockside utilities and access to a pump-out station and fuel dock. A cruise vessel docking facility and boat launch ramp have also been built.

According to BMI, construction and design

challenges included pre-drilling for the guide pile system to overcome the rocky soil. All components of the dock system also had to be well able to resist the significant corrosion levels found in a high-saline, tropical environment.

The marina is overlooked by private apartments and condominiums and is adjacent to a 120-room hotel and 20 private beachfront villas.

