



Summary

Client: Nakheel

Services: Visioning, project positioning; peer review of the master plans, corporate governance, marketing & sustainability; conceptual master planning design and implementation recommendations

Site area: 12,000ha

Population: 1.5 million

Status: Under construction

Project Team

Urban design & planning: Roberts Day, Studio LFA

Traffic & transport: Mid Atlantic Enterprises, Africon

Engineering: Mouchel Parkman, GHD

Landscape: Context

Architecture: Fender Katsalidis Mirams, Sharni Howe Architects

Economics: UrbisJHD

Nakheel commissioned Roberts Day to undertake a peer review of the entire 12,000ha Waterfront City project in November 2006.

Waterfront is the foundation of a new city with an estimated population of 1.5 million people in an area twice the size of Hong Kong Island. The city is being developed on the last 15km of natural coastline in Dubai. Land reclamation projects, accompanied, by new inlets and canals, will create 70km of additional coastline in total.

Roberts Day was responsible for leading a series of visioning, strategy and design workshops over various sectors of the Waterfront project area, including The Palm Jebel Ali, Crescent Islands, Phases 1, 2 and 3, G9 and the CBD.

The vision for Waterfront focuses on two transit hubs that anchor the eastern and western sectors of the new city. The southernmost parts of the development are connected to ferry terminals along the waterfront and, ultimately, to the Palm Jebel Ali.

A comprehensive transport system is intended to service Waterfront including novel water based vessels, walking and cycling trails and public transport routes.

Seamless transport connections are proposed from Waterfront into the existing public transport system of the old city and the Burj Dubai Metro and Tram Stations.

Waterfront is readily accessible on a local, regional and international basis. Positioned between the leading centres of the UAE, with the capital Abu Dhabi to its west and the commercial hub of Dubai to its east, Waterfront is close to prime international commerce and industry hubs Jebel Ali port, Dubai World Central airport and the Jebel Ali Free Zone.