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MARKET OVERVIEW

MENA region to see \$55.2bn in healthcare projects



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Foreign investors pump \$41bn into Dubai property in 18 months



Indian, Pakistani, Saudi and British investors among the most active in the market. A total of AED151 billion (\$41bn) was invested by foreigners in the Dubai property market in an 18-month period, according to Dubai Land Department (DLD) figures. Emirati nationals were however the most active investors in the market between January 2016 and June 2017, according to the data quoted by UAE state news agency WAM. **Read more...**

Oman to build 5,000 new homes for expats



Integrated Tourism Complex (ITC) projects to cost over \$10 billion. Oman plans to invest \$10.39bn into developing new housing units for expatriates to purchase. Over 5,000 homes will be constructed under five Integrated Tourism Complex (ITC) projects, per a news report published by the Times of Oman. At present, non-Omanis can only purchase property within ITC developments; however the government is also working to create additional projects. **Read more...**

ALEC wins contract for Dubai's Jumeirah Living Marina Gate



Multi-disciplinary construction company ALEC has won the contract for the construction of the \$163m Jumeirah Living Marina Gate project. The project will be jointly executed with ALEC subsidiaries Alemco and Alec Fitout. Under the terms of the contract, ALEC is responsible for the construction of one tower, as well as 15 villas and ground floor retail units. **Read more...**

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Damac to develop \$1bn tourist port in Oman



Dubai's Damac International has been chosen by the Government of Oman to develop its Port Sultan Qaboos into a \$1 billion mixed-use destination through a joint venture with Omran, the government's investment, growth and development arm. Mina Sultan Qaboos Waterfront will include hotels, residences and leisure facilities. [Read more...](#)

Dubai developer signs \$299m loan for Mirdif Hills project



Dubai Investments Real Estate Company (DIRC) has signed an AED 1.1 billion (\$299 million) financing deal with First Abu Dhabi Bank (FAB) and Abu Dhabi Commercial Bank (ADCB) for its Mirdif Hills development, according to a statement.

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About Surface Design



The SURFACE Design Exhibition (26th -29th March 2018, Halls 4,5,6, DWTC) is the MENA's dedicated platform for contract business professionals seeking out the best materials for wall covering, surface interior and contract flooring projects. As part of INDEX Design Series, the event provides a premier platform for architects, consultants, interior designers, contractors and developers to network, partner and source their product requirements at the show.

- The 4th edition of Surface Design (formerly known as Middle East Covering) will continue to serve as a B2B place for the covering industry in the region.
- With over 200 international brands, more than 2000 products, the event will showcase a wide range of innovations in products and services including architectural paint, commercial carpet, ceramics, wall paneling, ceilings, decking, laminates, wallpaper and much more.



We have had visitors not only from the local market but also from across the MENA region. The show helps us get in touch with quality visitors including key decision makers and also helps us grow our relationship with existing clients.

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