

## Al Zorah to construct five-star resort in Ajman

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Work on the first phase of Al Zorah Resorts in Ajman is set to commence shortly following the launch of tenders for a world-class five-star hotel designed by the Italian architect Piero Lissoni in collaboration with Norr Group. The first phase of the project, which is being developed by Al Zorah Development Company, will feature the hotel, a golf course and a choice of leisure amenities.

Eight leading companies are expected to submit their bids this month (by January 17) for the tender.

Stretching over an area of over 100,000 sq m, the resort will have a spectacular waterfront frontage, and more than 154 individual rooms, private suites, and villas in addition to four restaurants and a spa.

Extending across a total area of 5.4 million sq m, Al Zorah Resorts is billed to become a spectacular and exclusive tourism destination on Ajman's northern coast, with the waterfront frontage spreading over 12 km, including 1.6 km of white sandy beaches as well as a mangrove area with a nature reserve rich with diverse kinds of birds and fish.

The contracts for infrastructure works have been awarded, and the work on the road linking the development with Emirates Road has been completed. The project is now easily accessible, being just a 15-minute drive from Sharjah International Airport and 25-minute drive from Dubai International Airport. Also, four tourist ports with a capacity of 200 tourist boats have been completed.

Projected to be completed in summer of 2015, the first phase of the project includes a five-star luxury resort extending along 270 m of white sandy beaches.

Other components include the Board Walk, a pedestrian walkway which spreads over 300 m and surrounded by restaurants, cafes and shops all the way to the waterfront tourist marina area; and a beach club, designed by the Lebanese architect Bernard Khoury extending over 130 m of waterfront frontage offering a spa, several swimming pools restaurants, and amusement and entertainment centres.

Highlights of the first phase also include a theme park named 'Mangrove of the World Theme Park', to be developed in collaboration with the leading consulting company BRC, which will offer an interactive experience with marine nature and activities.

A golf course and a clubhouse with a landscaped frontage to the north side of the mangrove forests, including a 18-hole golf course, apartments and villas and a visitors pavilion overlooking various attractions in Al Zorah Resorts are other key components.