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Al Areen Holding Company Signs a Technical Interface Agreement with Central Planning Office

A Technical Interface Agreement (TIA) was signed between Al Areen Holding Co. as the Master Developer of Al Areen, and the Central Planning Office of the Government. It outlines the roles and responsibilities of both parties towards the ongoing management and maintenance of the infrastructure at Al Areen. According to the agreement, the Government, empowered Al Areen Holding Company to provide a technical interface with the various ministries.

The first task following the agreement was to formalise the Technical Interface Office (TIO). As work progresses through the development, Al Areen have to be certain that the individual developers are working within the requirement of the design guidelines. Through a series of procedures that ultimately lead to a Building Permit by the government, the TIO is able to audit the developers' proposals against the requirements of the overall development.

As an example, the overall development has a limited supply of utility services, particularly Electricity and Water, and through the master plan these have been distributed to each of the sub clusters. Al Areen have to be certain that the developers do not build a project that needs more power than it was planned to avoid network overloading.

As time progresses, when the developments are complete, Al Areen will take on more of a facilities management role, maintaining the infrastructure - roads, footpaths, drains etc. - and providing the services such as sanitation, and refuse disposal to name just a couple, across the whole estate.

Through such agreements, it is Al Areen's ambition to become a flagship development on the island. Al Areen seeks to be able to offer the highest quality services to the residents to see that Al Areen becomes the place people want to reside on the island!

Mr. Dominic McPolin, Chief, Central Planning Office (CPO), Office of H.E. the Minister of Works and Minister in Charge of Electricity & Water Authority said: "I am very impressed with the Al Areen management team. They have fully embraced both the letter and spirit of the Technical Interface Agreement. They continue to respond and, indeed, innovate within the framework of partnership created through the Technical Interface Agreement and the Al Areen TIO established under that framework.

When markets return to more stable growth, it is my sincere belief that these initiatives will stand as new benchmarks for large scale real estate project management not just in Bahrain but across the Gulf."



Mr. Stephen Rothel, Mr. Dominic McPolin, Mr. Matthew Austin, Ms. Iman Ansari

The Lost Paradise of Dilmun Water Park Extends its Opening Hours in June



Blast your way down tube slides or catch a wave in the region's largest wave pool for even longer now that the Lost Paradise of Dilmun Water Park had extended its opening hours for the month of June to make way for the summer holidays.

The new opening hours for June are 10:00 am to 6:00 pm everyday closing only on Tuesdays. On Thursdays, the park will be open from 10:00 am until 5:00 pm for the general public and from 6:00 pm to midnight for the ever popular Ladies Night.

"The summer months are ideal for enjoying the Lost Paradise of Dilmun with the weather getting hotter. We want to give our guests more time to enjoy our rides, wave pool and the sandy beach in a family filled environment that compliments outdoor entertainment," commented Paul Blunt, General Manager of the Lost Paradise of Dilmun.

So whether you're in the mood to float down the Paradise River past surging waterfalls or run through exploding fountains, ride the 14 rides and attractions, relax in the cool water of the Spa Pool or have a snack at any one of the eight different food outlets, the one place for outdoor fun has it all for you, your friends and family.

A day full of fun costs guests over 1.2m in height BD14; while guests under 1.2m pay only BD5. For further information on the Lost Paradise of Dilmun call +973 1784 5100 or log onto www.lpodwaterpark.com

Banyan Tree Al Areen wins Gold at MENA Travel Awards

Beginning the second quarter on a successful note, multiple award-winning Banyan Tree Al Areen has once again distinguished itself as a leading International getaway and destination spa by winning the Gold trophy for Best Spa at the MENA Travel Awards 2009.



Created to celebrate the skill, creativity, ingenuity and success of the Middle East and North Africa's growing travel industry; the unveiling of the sixth annual MENA Travel Awards took place during the 2009 Arabian Travel Market. "It is very important to recognize real talent and superior service in our industry, in order to stimulate even higher standards and to applaud the effort made by so many," says Dr. Sam Saker President of CHA (Consultants of Hospitality Administrators) the organizers of the elegant annual Awards.

Key to the judging criteria was that each entrant required 150 electronic votes to qualify for the awards. Thousands of e-votes were sent from end users, guests, customers and trade professionals who were requested to state their preference by preset criteria / categories and score them accordingly. Successful entrants were acknowledged as finalists, from which the best in each category / industry sector was selected and diagnosed by Price Waterhouse & Coopers.

"This is a welcome reward for our Spa team who continuously strive for excellence and do their utmost to provide our esteemed guests with memorable experiences." said Sami Ayari, General Manager. "Our aim is for every guest to enjoy our holistic approach to wellbeing and relaxation and to leave Banyan Tree Al Areen feeling completely rejuvenated."

Since opening in April 2007, Banyan Tree Al has received many international awards and accolades including Top Spa in the World by Resorts Magazine, the Gala Spa Award for Best Luxury Hotel City/Resort 2008, World's 50 Best New Hotels 2008 as voted by US Forbes Traveler, Conde Nast Traveller's list of Hot Spas, Tatler UK magazine's 101 Best Spas and 101 Best Hotels 2008, Elite Traveler's 101 Top Suites in the World and MENA Travel Award's Gold Award for the Best New Resort Hotel 2007.

With full support of Al Areen Holding Company Al Areen Falcon Hospital Provides its Services to Falcon Owners

Al Areen Falcon Hospital is a pioneer initiative that was fully supported by Al Areen Holding Company and supervised by Al Areen Wildlife and Reserve. The hospital was opened over two years ago and since then it provides its services to falcon owners in Bahrain and the region.

Vice President of the General Commission for the Protection of Marine Resources, Environment and Wildlife, Professor Ismail M. Al Madani, said: "Al Areen Falcon Hospital is a first-class hospital dedicated primarily to providing necessary healthcare and maintaining this unique



family of birds, which is also one of the objectives of Al Areen Wildlife and Reserve, especially that the numbers of falcons continue to decrease worldwide; and secondly to meet the increasing need for the treatment of falcons in Bahrain. I cannot but extend my deepest gratitude to Al Areen Holding Company for sponsoring this vital edifice which will undoubtedly contribute to the well being of Bahrain's wildlife."

Al Areen Hospital consists of several main sections: a reception area that houses a large screen to enable the falcon owners to observe their falcons under examination or during surgery. Additionally, there are documentary programs and other enlightening programs that educate falcon owners on all topics related to falcons. The hospital also contains a special suite of five rooms dedicated to accommodating sick falcons that need to remain in the hospital. The hospital also contains a laboratory provided with the latest medical equipment, X-ray rooms, a state-of-the-art operation room, and a pharmacy specialized for the treatment of falcons.

Al Areen Wildlife and Reserve was established in 1976 to maintain the threatened wildlife in addition to other types of birds and wild plants.



Al-Areen Wildlife and Reserve



Al-Areen Wildlife and Reserve was established in 1975, primarily to provide a refuge for Arabian species of wildlife and as a wildlife educational centre. It is situated 20 km south of Manama near the shoreline in the south of the island of Bahrain.

The park is an 6 sq km enclosure near Zallaq, planted with more than 100,000 shrubs and trees. It is divided into two parts, a park that is open to the public, and a reserve that requires special permission.

There are more than 500 animals in the park. Herds of mammals such as the Arabian Oryx and the Reem Gazelle inhabit the sanctuary, as well as the Addax, Persian Gazelle, Springbok, Impala, Sable Antelope, Beisa Oryx, Chapman's Zebra, Grant's Zebra, Thomson's Gazelle Nubian Ibex, Wild Goat, Barbary Sheep and Asiatic Onager, which were introduced to the island from the Arabian Peninsula, North Africa and Asia.

There are at least 15 species of resident birds and over 80 migratory species in the park. The Park offers families and tourists alike an absolutely unique and fun wildlife experience and a visit is highly recommended.

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