

Dubailand on track for 2010, says executive

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A senior executive of Dubailand has dismissed speculation that the mega entertainment development may struggle to meet its projected opening deadline of 2010.

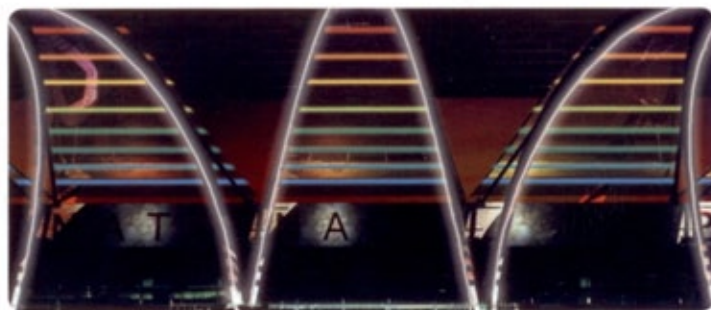
In an interview with *Commercial Outdoor Design*, Mohammed Alhabbai, senior vice president for Dubailand said the firm was 'confident' of meeting the phase one opening deadline.

"We are very confident. We are working very closely with the authorities and our own consultants to ensure that we deliver Universal Studio by 2010," he said.

Obtaining materials could prove to be the only major challenge, he said. "I think most of those projects if they don't secure the materials, they might be delayed but it won't be a major delay," he said.

Construction on all 24 projects is scheduled to start by the end of this year, with most of the projects already on ground, he added.

Approximately 80% of the contracts to work on Dubailand, which is set to be the world's largest entertainment and leisure destination, have already been awarded with the remainder to be awarded this year, he added.



The airport terminal with feature a prominent LED display.

Grupo MCI to light Dubai Airport T3 exterior

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Spanish lighting conglomerate Grupo MCI has been awarded a contract to supply (lighting emitting diode) LED lighting to terminal three of Dubai International Airport.

Grupo MCI is to supply a number of white and colour custom made LED lights to the project, which will feature a LED display on three arches

at the front and entrance of the terminal.

The display will be the largest LED lighting system to date in the region, according to the firm.

Other projects that Grupo MCI has worked on in the region include the Royal Terminal of the Jeddah International Airport in Saudi Arabia, the first airport terminal to use LED as its sole light source.

Al Maeen to tender for landscape contractor on Omani project



The development costs around US\$250 million.

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Development company Al Maeen Real Estate Services is planning to tender later in the summer for a landscape contractor on the Malkai development in Oman, a source on the project has revealed.

The Malkai development, which is being developed at a cost of US\$250 million, is planned to contain extensive landscaped grounds. Up to 75% of the development will be true green space, including the golf course, and only 8% of the total land area will have buildings, according to a public relations representative for the firm.

Landscape design for the project was done by Bali-based landscape architecture and resort planning consultancy Intaran Design, which

was contracted to work on the project at the end of last year.

Infrastructure works are due to commence later this year and the golf course and building handover to begin late 2010.

The Malkai development has more than 100 villas, and includes a nine-hole golf course, designed by Gary Player Design.

All villas have swimming pools, landscaped grounds and direct views of the golf course.

Infrastructure works on the development are set to begin later this year, with completion anticipated by 2010.

The masterplan and lead design for the Malkai development was carried out by French company AW2.