

# **First certified Green Building in Doha by '10**

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DOHA - Qatar is all set to get its first internationally certified Green Building by the middle of 2010. The majestic Dubai Towers-Doha, coming up on Doha's prominent Corniche edge, is the first building designed to achieve the US Green Building Council's Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) certification in Qatar.

Designed as an innovative and dynamic building, it will be the tallest mixed-use structure in Qatar up on its full completion. Rising to an unprecedented 437 metres high, the Dubai Towers-Doha is set to be one of Qatar's iconic landmarks and a significant part of the Doha fresh skyline.

In a joint venture with Sama Dubai, a developer and member of the prestigious Dubai Holding Groups, the stunning 84-storey Dubai Towers-Doha is slated for full completion by the middle of 2010.

Complying with the guidelines of the LEED Green Building rating System, to provide a suite of standards for environmentally sustainable construction, the Dubai Towers-Doha will offer improved air and water quality for reducing solid waste. The development's strategy to significantly mitigate environmental impacts, in addition to offering a range of economic and occupant benefits, will phenomenally benefit the owners, residents and the community as a whole, said Farhan, Faraidooni, Executive Chairman of Sama Dubai, yesterday.

"In its commitment to creating environment-friendly buildings, Sama Dubai focuses on adopting the latest available technology. Such state-of-the-art green techniques help the company effect substantial reduction in water and energy needs, while minimising waste and pollution. The Dubai Towers- Doha is a stellar example of this technique", Faraidooni said in Dubai.

Designed by internationally-renowned architects and engineering consultants, the tall elegantly proportioned tower will ascend above the podium in three inclined segments in three octaves terminating at the spire. The strong mass of the granite clad podium will serve to visually anchor the slender tower structure to its site. The podiums will houses exclusive shops and hotel restaurants while the podium rooftops provide perfect areas for the hotel and apartment amenities. The orientation and geometry of the tower will offer magnificent views of the sea.

The mixed-use corporate tower integrates a select combination of offices, a 235-room luxury boutique hotel, an upscale shopping boulevard, 22 serviced and 226 unfurnished apartments tastefully infused with contemporary amenities and facilities, full basement and above-ground parking for more than 1,900 vehicles, lobby foyers, and designated drop off zones.

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