



supervision services for the development's construction. Set to rival Wall Street and London's financial centre, Business Bay is a commercial and residential district that will cover an area of 64 million square feet (5.95 million square meters). Business Bay is intended to maintain Dubai as the region's business capital. It is intended to provide a conducive environment and infrastructure for businesses from around the world to set up their local, regional and international headquarters. Some of Business Bay's towers include The Executive Towers (residential), Al Manara (office tower), and The Citadel (office tower).

Outside of the United Arab Emirates, in Qatar, development is also seeing an upsurge brought about by new gas reserves coming on stream. The resultant revenues, and existing revenue streams, have been used to carefully diversify the economy, including the development of chemicals, steel, cement and fertilizer industries, and banking. With an estimated gross domestic product of some \$30,000 per capita, Qatar is one of the world's wealthiest countries and one of the region's rising stars.

Qatar is investing heavily in developing and improving its infrastructure. A number of high-profile, high-quality developments are currently being planned or are under construction, some of which

have a significant Halcrow involvement. One of its most prominent is the prestigious West Bay Complex.

In August 2001, Halcrow was appointed to project manage and supervise construction. This outstanding development includes a five star Four Seasons hotel, a 28-storey office tower, 155 apartments in two separate towers, 20 three storey townhouses and a marina. With a value in excess of \$150 million the project is the largest private development in the country to date. The hotel itself will incorporate lower and plaza levels in addition to its 18 floors. With some 232 rooms, five presidential suites and one royal suite, it will be one of Qatar's most luxurious hotels. Designed by Smallwood, Reynolds, Stewart, Stewart and Associates of the USA and

being built by Qatar's Construction Development Company, the project is based on the Alhambra complex in Granada, Spain. The architectural design is inspired by Islamic and Qatari influences and reflected in architectural features such as wind towers, patterned cladding panels, feature arches and columns and rooftop domes.

Referring to these projects and others around the Gulf, Jim Fyvie is keen to stress that part of their success is based on Halcrow's worldwide presence. "We're extremely fortunate to be able to use this resource and harness skills from around the world. Essentially, whatever challenges we are faced with, we can find a Halcrow person somewhere in the world who has the skills, the experience and ultimately, the solution. This is one of our principal benefits."



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