

Ibn Battuta Gate, Dubai, United Arab Emirates

Located adjacent to the Ibn Battuta Mall at Jebel Ali in Dubai, this 200,000 square metres complex comprises offices, apartments and a five star Mövenpick hotel. Just like its namesake, the fourteenth-century Arabic world explorer Ibn Battuta, this Dubai hotel and office complex goes for excellence, not the easy way out. The five-star hotel offers 396 guestrooms, 156 furnished apartments, 15 themed suites and an extensive spa.

The arch-shaped gate building connecting the two main buildings spans across a four-lane-road. Continued maintenance traffic over this road and the proximity of the operational mall meant that BAM International had a major challenge in keeping the immediate surroundings safe while construction took place up to a height of 60 metres.



Location Jebel Ali, Dubai, United Arab Emirates

Client Seven Tides / Asteco

Contractor BAM Higgs & Hill / Arabian Construction Company joint venture

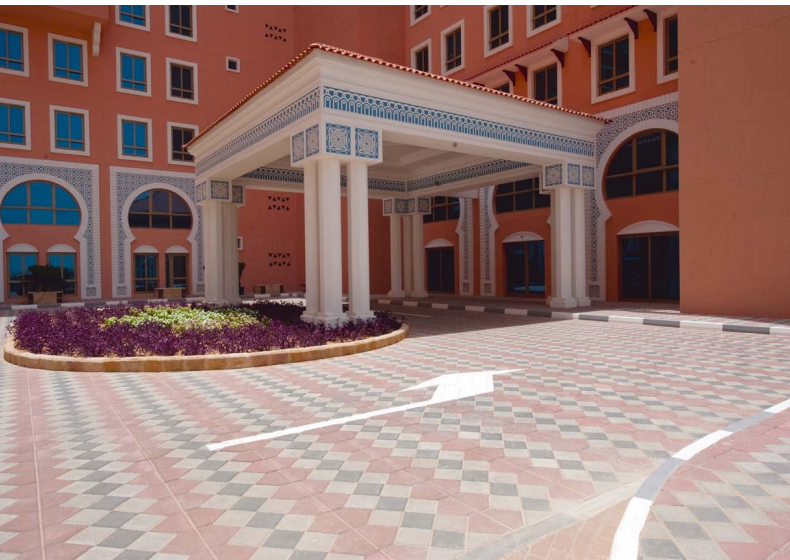
Contract period September 2005 – December 2009

Contract sum €169 million

'An iconic gate, larger than Paris' Arc de Triomphe.'

Scope of work

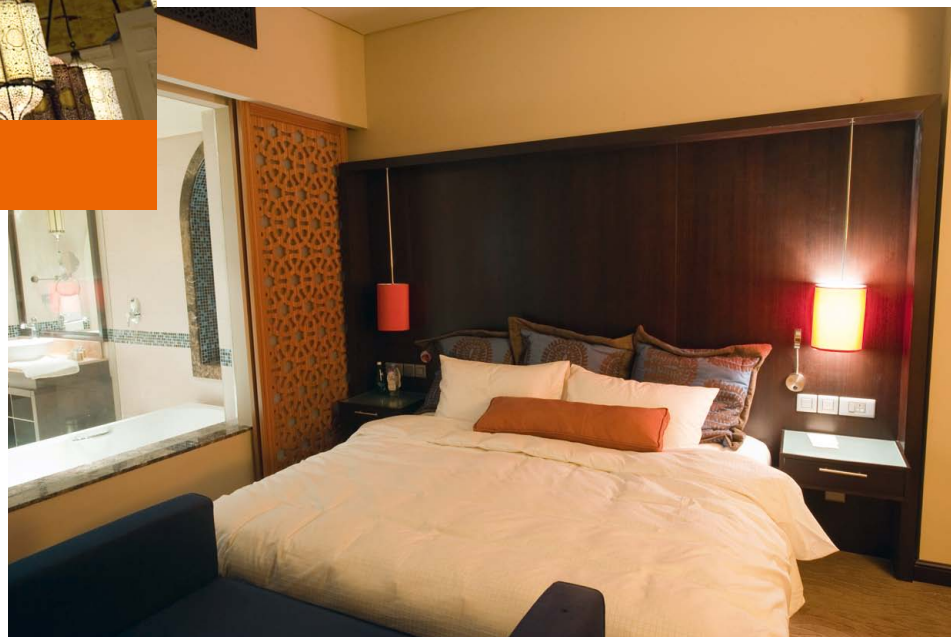
Construction of a 396-room hotel, 156 furnished apartments and an 80,000 square metre office building. The contract included all related mechanical and electrical services, elevators, landscaping and interior fit-outs as well as the co-ordination of these activities.



Key hotel features

The hotel comprises an internal atrium with a ceiling height of 30 metres and a length of 93 metres. On top of the hotel, at the eighth and ninth floors, open-air swimming pools are available for the guests and residents. Seven themed restaurants, all facing the atrium, are located on the ground floor.

In addition to the standard rooms, the hotel provides two royal suites and 13 executive suites. The gate building is a concrete-framed arch, which spans 36 metres at a height of 48 metres above ground and forms the link between the hotel and the office buildings. Through this arch runs a service corridor, while there is room at the top floor for a nightclub or restaurant.



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