

# Project

## Crowne Plaza Hotel and Staybridge Apartments, Yas Island, Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates

Yas Island is one of ALDAR's major developments, occupying 2,500 hectares and featuring a Formula One racetrack, water and theme parks, retail developments, golf courses, marinas, residential development and signature hotels.

The Crowne Plaza Hotel and Staybridge Apartments are two of the so-called Race Day hotels on Yas Island, which had to be ready before the Formula One race scheduled for 1 November 2009. With a construction time of 21 months, BAM International was the fastest contractor on the island. The 430-key Crowne Plaza Hotel and 165-key Staybridge Serviced Apartment Hotel were completed well in time to give the hotel operator time to train its staff before the first guests arrived. And despite the time pressure, the huge size of the site and the large number of manpower, BAM International was declared the safest contractor of the month on Yas Island three times.



**Location** Yas Island, Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates

**Client** ALDAR Properties

**Contractor** BAM International Abu Dhabi (formerly known as Interbeton)

**Contract period** January 2008 – September 2009

**Contract sum** €107 million

*'A demanding and challenging job in speed, size and manpower.'*

### Scope of work

Construction of a four-star hotel comprising 430 guest rooms and a three-star, 165-key serviced apartment hotel.



### Soft opening

The four-star hotel had to be ready for the training of the staff of the hotel operator way ahead before official completion. Two restaurants and half of the guest rooms, i.e. 300 rooms had to be ready before this 'soft opening'. In order to achieve that, BAM International had 3,750 operatives and the staff of all relevant parties working on a 24/7 schedule.

### Mock-up

In May 2008, BAM International had to construct a mock-up in an agreed plot in the desert, which was completed in only three months. The mock-up included a typical guest room and a typical apartment both completed with all fixtures, fittings and furniture, right down to a fully stocked mini-bar.



Interior of one of the apartments of the Staybridge Services Apartment Hotel



The hotels under construction in November 2008

The façades ready in May 2009

