

Project

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

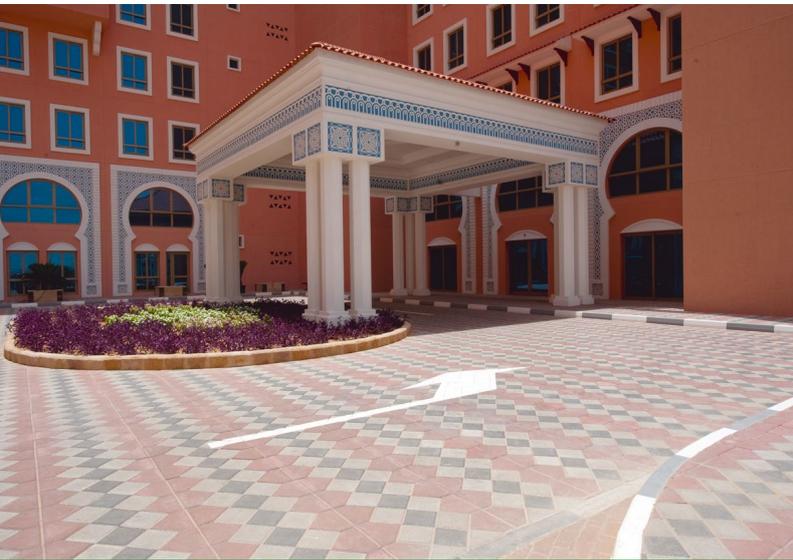
Contract period September 2005 – December 2009

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.



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.

