

Alpha Dhabi Holding's Trojan General Contracting Forms Joint Venture to Construct Guggenheim Abu Dhabi on Saadiyat Island

Abu Dhabi, UAE, 26 October, 2021: The Department of Culture and Tourism - Abu Dhabi (DCT Abu Dhabi) has awarded the main construction contract for Guggenheim Abu Dhabi to a joint venture between Trojan General Contracting, a subsidiary of Alpha Dhabi Holding, and Six Construct, a subsidiary of Besix Group.

Designed by the Pritzker Prize-winning and world-renowned architect Frank Gehry, Guggenheim Abu Dhabi will redefine notions of architecture and will feature a series of asymmetrical cones which will surround the main building and serve as both entrances and outdoor exhibition spaces. Alongside Louvre Abu Dhabi and Zayed National Museum, Guggenheim Abu Dhabi will be located in the Saadiyat Cultural District and will be the latest instalment in the Solomon R. Guggenheim Foundation's international constellation of museums.

Under the terms of the agreement, the joint venture will be responsible for the museum's construction, as well as the associated infrastructure and surrounding marine works. The complex construction process will involve multiple engineering disciplines working intricately together, using a wide range of materials and operating in a unique waterfront location. Construction is expected to be completed in 2025.

Hamad Al Ameri, Managing Director and CEO of Alpha Dhabi Holding, said, "Guggenheim Abu Dhabi is on track to be completed by 2025. Located on the north-east tip of Saadiyat Island, this museum will become a dynamic addition to Abu Dhabi's cultural landmarks, adding to the capital's ever-expanding portfolio of globally respected art, design and architecture, designed by the world's greatest architects. I am very proud that our joint venture has been selected by the Department of Culture and Tourism – Abu Dhabi to carry out this prestigious enterprise, which also reflects Alpha Dhabi Holding's vision of achieving strategic economic diversity throughout our core businesses."

Abu Dhabi is strategically investing more than 30 billion dirhams in the culture and creative industries as the emirate diversifies its economy. This investment includes the Cultural District on Saadiyat Island with investments in other sectors including media, gaming and music alongside cultural heritage, architecture and the arts.