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ART OF LIVING
Emirati expressions
in full flow

FLYING HIGH
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TDIC revs it up



FROM OUR CEO A WORD

Great Expectations

It has been an exciting couple of months for us at TDIC. First of all, I am very proud to say that TDIC has been recently acknowledged by three top global independent credit rating agencies which have further put us in the regional limelight. This clearly highlights us as a master developer working to fulfil Abu Dhabi's 2030 ambition as a world-class destination.

This comes despite the sharp decline in the world's economy which has dominated headlines for quite some time and which we certainly cannot ignore. However, at TDIC we have the support and infrastructure to ensure that we are better placed in this uncertain period.

We are still very much on track on all of our announced developments. I have personally paid a visit to Saadiyat Bridge and it was so amazing to walk on it and see how close we are to linking Abu Dhabi to Saadiyat Island. In fact, the first lane will be connected by mid-April (but not to be used for public access at the moment).

Meanwhile, we are continuing to grow as a company with new people coming onboard. As I mentioned in our last issue, our plans to relocate selected departments to the new building next door (commonly referred to as the DV Building) are progressing. The first members of staff are currently relocating, starting with the Design, Delivery, Information Communications Technology (ICT), Project Management and Troon Management teams. This will be followed by the Commercial and Human Resources departments. At the same time, a few teams will

be relocating to their new office spaces in the main HQ building.

Many of you may have had the chance to download our Evolution update I had sent detailing the progress of our organisational developments and the relocation plan.

This move is extremely positive for TDIC and has clear indication of the rapid progress that we are making. I want to assure everyone that despite being in different buildings we are still one family – the TDIC family.

However, being in different locations will bring challenges and will mean a period of readjustments, where we will have to ensure that everyone continues to work in the same direction.

I firmly believe that communication is key. Transparent and consistent communication is vital in any business, but this is especially true when an organisation goes through a period of change, such as our relocation. This doesn't just mean how the management communicates to staff - it is much more than this. I want all of the staff in TDIC to feel that they have a voice and that their opinion is valued.

As part of our drive to develop a family atmosphere at TDIC, plans for a family outing to celebrate our third anniversary are being drawn up. The event has still to be decided and we would encourage everyone who has an idea of what makes a great experience to share their ideas with the Events Team. I look forward to seeing you all at the family outing.

Lee Tabler
CEO, TDIC

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والاستثمار السياحي
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Welcome Aboard

Our TDIC family is getting bigger by the day. Here are the latest recruits to join our team.

Business Support Services

Cristina Manalo, Document Controller

Client Services

Malika Kabbouchi, Senior Technical Executive

Commercial

Ricky Casauay, Contracts Officer
Myriam Elizabeth, Contracts Officer
Chris Thomas, Contracts Manager

Delivery

Michael Cassel, Project Director Hospitality
Paul Clark, Health and Safety Manager

Design Management.

Zsofia Kondor, Design Manager - Architecture
Justin Meek, Senior Design Manager

Finance

Karren del Mundo, General Ledger Accountant

Human Resources

Luli Chaluleu, Recruitment Officer
Dalle Roka, Driver

Marine Services

Ramon del Mundo, Boat Captain

Marketing & PR

Alison Carmody, Marketing Executive

TDIC colleagues,

As you can clearly see, we have enhanced the layout and diversified the content in this issue of *TDEyeSee*. We want to hear news about the projects you're working on and the latest developments as well as any exciting events you've participated in and wish to share with us. Enjoy the issue and send us your comments to icomms@tdic.ae.



This digital photograph (49.9 x 70cm) titled *Salim* was taken by UAE artist Lamy Gargash in 2005 and is part of the "Emirati Expressions" exhibition.

FULL OF IMPRESSIONS



TDIC's cultural vision is brought to life with Talking Art series



Clockwise from this picture: Emirati Expressions exhibit; TDIC Chairman HE Sheikh Sultan at the opening ceremony; Talking Art discussions

February was the month when we went madly in love – with our art exhibitions of course. As part of our cultural programme to welcome the world to experience Abu Dhabi, we introduced a three-month “Talking Art” series of special public programmes. These included a series of lectures, presentations and discussions bringing together local and international artists. Scheduled in conjunction with the landmark exhibition *Emirati Expressions*, this was the first comprehensive survey of contemporary art from the UAE which is still being held at the Emirates Palace until April 16. The series brings together Emirati artists in conversation with representatives of the Royal Academy of Arts in London, Solomon R Guggenheim Foundation, New York Film Academy, Goethe-Institut, the University of Sharjah College of Fine Arts and Design, Sharjah Biennial, the UAE Pavilion at the Venice Biennale, several UAE art galleries and Zayed University.



The series began with a three-day programme with the UK's Royal Academy of Arts, featuring lectures, artists' presentations and panel discussions that offer insight into the role art institutions play in the development of a vibrant cultural scene.

Other highlights included a series of sessions led by international artists and curators and organised by the Guggenheim Foundation, an evening of films by emerging Emirati filmmakers presented by the New York Film Academy, panel discussions led by curators of the Sharjah Biennial and the UAE Pavilion at the Venice Biennale and workshops with artists such as Isak Berbic and Susan Hefuna. Zayed University students also created a large collage with children and screen their film of visitor reactions to *Emirati Expressions*.

FRANKLY SPEAKING...

TDIC gears up for its Guggenheim Abu Dhabi Museum's groundbreaking ceremony

Later this year, we will take an important step forward with our development of Saadiyat Island with the groundbreaking ceremony for the Guggenheim Abu Dhabi Museum.

In preparation for this event, our Chairman HE Sheikh Sultan, Managing Director Mubarak Al Muhairi and CEO Lee Tabler met with the project's architect Frank

Gehry along with other Guggenheim members for an architectural design update and site tour.

The group included Richard Armstrong, the Director of the Solomon R Guggenheim Foundation and Museum, Juan Ignacio Vidarte, Chief Officer for Global Strategies for the Guggenheim Foundation and Frederick Henry, Guggenheim Foundation Trustee.

The ceremony is certainly a major event for TDIC and one which carries much significance in Abu Dhabi's development to become a leading international cultural destination.

So, in preparation for this prestigious occasion we at *TDEyeSee* thought it would be useful to do a little research on Frank Gehry and the plans for the Guggenheim Abu Dhabi and share them with you.

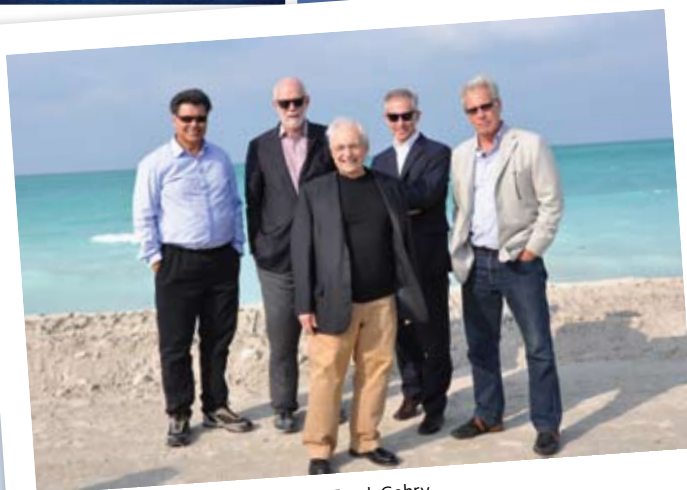


Guggenheim Abu Dhabi Museum

The Guggenheim Abu Dhabi Museum, scheduled to open in 2012/2013, will present modern and contemporary art from the Solomon R Guggenheim Foundation collection and its own permanent masterpieces. At 42,000 square metres the Abu Dhabi Museum will be the world's largest Guggenheim facility. It will be home to 12,000 square metres of permanent art collections and special exhibition galleries, an arts and technology centre, children's art education facility, archives, library research centre and a state-of-the-art conservation laboratory.

Frank Gehry

Born in Canada, Frank Gehry is best-known for iconic buildings such as the titanium-covered Guggenheim Museum in Bilbao, Spain, Walt Disney Concert Hall in downtown Los Angeles and the Experience Music Project in Seattle. Apparently, he was an extremely creative child who had been inspired to use different building materials in his architectural designs from his childhood experiences from playing at his grandfather's hardware store.



(from left): Lee, Richard Armstrong, Frank Gehry, Juan Ignacio Vidarte, Frederick Henry

TOURING ITALIANS

TDIC plays host to top Italian delegation



TDIC was the first destination in a whistle-stop visit of Abu Dhabi for a 30-strong Italian tourism delegation. Led by the country's newly-appointed Minister for Tourism, Michela Brambilla, the group was in the UAE to build tourism links with Abu Dhabi.

They were also in the capital to mark the opening of the new ADTA offices in Rome and Milan as well as to celebrate Etihad Airways' services to Italy. The Abu Dhabi-based carrier will increase the number of direct flights they offer to Milan beginning the end of March, from three to five flights a week.

The party, made up of Italian media and tour operators, visited TDIC where they were welcomed by our Chairman HE Sheikh Sultan, Managing Director Mubarak Al Muhairi, Chief Operating Officer Ahmed Hussein and Executive Director of Marketing and PR Alan Gordon. They were introduced to the company via our corporate DVD in the in-house theatre, toured the Experiential Centre before being hosted to a dinner on the cafeteria terrace.

Minister Brambilla described the evening as: "very well organised and highly informative. TDIC's projects are



Above: HE Sheikh Sultan presents Minister Brambilla with a calligraphic painting depicting her name
Top: Alan Gordon hosts Italian delegation tour

beautiful and are certainly helping to spread awareness of Abu Dhabi. Italy is widely acknowledged as a quality cultural destination and as Abu Dhabi is looking to succeed in the cultural tourism sector, there's a lot of knowledge we can share," she concluded.

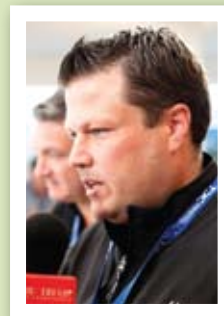
The following day Brambilla toured the Saadiyat Island Cultural District exhibition at Emirates Palace, where she was briefed by our own PR Coordinator Henda Al Otaiba.



IN FULL SWING

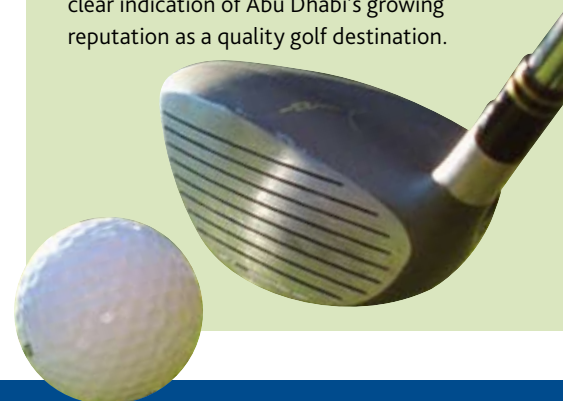
Awards signal Abu Dhabi's growing reputation as a quality golf destination

Abu Dhabi Golf Course has had an incredibly successful year and was one of the highlight destinations on this year's European tour. The course's reputation has been steadily rising and in recognition of the success and the improvements the club has made over the last few years Troon Golf, the course's management company, has recognised the course with its 'Turnaround Facility of the Year' award.



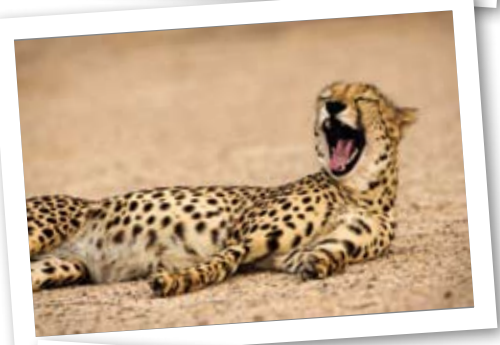
Another success for the Abu Dhabi course included DJ Flanders' award for 'General Manager of the Year'. DJ has been with Troon Golf for over 10 years and during this time he has consistently earned recognition as a successful leader and delivered impressive financial results.

Chosen from more than 200 facilities worldwide the awards were presented by Troon Golf's Chairman and CEO Dana Garmany, and President and COO Hud Hinton and they are a clear indication of Abu Dhabi's growing reputation as a quality golf destination.



FLYING HIGH

It's now 'plane' easy to get to Sir Bani Yas Island



Getting to Sir Bani Yas Island, part of the Desert Islands archipelago, has been made much easier with the introduction of a new air service. The Desert Island flights, which began in January with an eight-seater Cessna Caravan, leaves from Abu Dhabi airport every Thursday and Saturday and significantly reduces the travel time to the island.

To meet rising visitor demand, TDIC also introduced its 50-seater Bombardier Dash-8 adding two more weekly flights. Situated approximately 8 kilometres from the shore and 170km from the city of Abu Dhabi, getting to Sir Bani Yas has previously been quite an adventure when visitors were required to take a two-and-a-half hour car journey, followed by a boat crossing. However, you can now travel to the 87 square kilometre island in style and in just under 45 minutes.

Desert Island's Senior Marketing Manager Lars Nielsen was clearly

delighted at the introduction of the flights and what it means to the future development of the resort.

"Sir Bani Yas Island is a truly remarkable destination, which offers visitors some of the most unspoiled natural environment in the UAE. On top of this there is also a luxury hotel, Arabian Wildlife Park and more activities than anyone could hope to complete in a weekend. However, in the past people may have been put off visiting the island by the long journey, but now, there is just no excuse," he said.

The flights will significantly reduce the travel time and means that a visit to our award winning hotel, Desert Island Resort and Spa, or the famous Arabian wildlife park, which contains one of the world's largest herds of Arabian Oryx, is now a realistic family fun day out. The flights will be operated on behalf of TDIC - the Cessna Caravan by the regional private jet operator Empire Aviation and the Dash-8 by Abu Dhabi Aviation. Anyone interested in booking flights to Sir Bani Yas Island should contact:

Desert Islands Resort & Spa by Anantara

Tel: +971 2 8015400

Email: dirs@anantara.com

EMIRATI EXPRESSIONS

January 19



Cultural District's Naamet Abbas (*centre*) and Fawz Kabra (*right*) with local online artist Ahmed Saleh Buaisa.



(*from left*) TDIC's Olivia Conneely, Nina Assad and Nicola Ure mingle with Ruder Finn's Kate Lydeckerk during the exhibition's opening day

WORLD ENERGY FUTURE SUMMIT (ABU DHABI)

January 19-21



Sending out an SMS to the world? Alanood Al Malik, Krisztina Elias and Hend Al Otaiba take some time out.

TDIC:
environmentally
ocussed



The cheering crowds (See if you can spot some of our staff).

TDIC CEO Lee Tabler (*far right*) shows golfing champ Paul Casey a model of Saadiyat Island where the Gary Player Golf Course opens at the end of 2009, while TDIC's Alan Gordon (*far left*) and Katrina Anderson (*second right*) look on. Paul won this year's championship. He also won it in 2007.



ABU DHABI GOLF CHAMPIONSHIP

January 15-18

(*from left*) Firas Mubarak, Ahmed Al Saleh, Ali Hamadi and Adrian Smith enjoy the game from their TDIC Corporate Chalet.



ALAIN AEROBATIC SHOW

January 28-31

Women in black:
ADTA's Freya
Campbell poses
with our Claire
Micheletti, Kelly
Townley and
Victoria Akbik



George Chakar
from the
marketing team
grabs a moment
with our
Chairman HE
Sheikh Sultan
during the show



Above: A stunning aerobatic display
with contrails of the UAE's colours
Right: Our CEO Lee Tabler in high spirits



JEAN NOUVEL VISITS TDIC

January 26



TDIC's Felix Reinberg poses with
Louvre designer Jean Nouvel



Jean Nouvel during a tour of
our Experience Centre

LI PARIS CONFERENCE

February 3-4

CEO Lee Tabler takes time out with Urban Land Institute's Global Chairman Todd Mansfield during the ULI Europe Annual Conference at the Westin Hotel in Paris. As a global partner of ULI, TDIC sponsored a Leadership dinner with welcome words from Lee who was also a keynote speaker at the panel discussion "White Hot – Investment In and From the Middle East".



BRIDGING THE WAY

TDIC execs take a tour of up-and-coming Saadiyat Bridge



TDIC CEO Lee Tabler took a stroll on Saadiyat Bridge and inspected the site. He was joined with several colleagues including Executive Director of Development Stuart Magee, Executive Director of Marketing and PR Alan Gordon, Human Resources Director Leon Geldenhuys, Arts and Cultural Advisor Rita Aoun and Saadiyat's Infrastructure Director Andrew Seymour.

A major milestone in Saadiyat Island's development, TDIC's flagship Saadiyat Bridge project, is now 85 per cent completed and on schedule to meet its planned completion date in September 2009.

The AED 850 million bridge will be 1,450 metres in length and will be a 10-lane



Clockwise from left: Alan Gordon, Stuart Magee and Andrew Seymour share a happy moment; Saadiyat Bridge - almost there; Lee Tabler (3rd right) poses with TDIC staff; Leon Geldenhuys



highway, five lanes in each direction, with additional corridors for two future rail lines.

The bridge is set to become one of the world's great non-suspension bridges and will connect Saadiyat Island with Abu Dhabi city from the Mina Zayed

main port area, reducing the journey to just a five-minute drive. The bridge will eventually connect with the 6.5-kilometre Saadiyat Link road, also under construction, connecting Abu Dhabi's Shahama district with Saadiyat Island.

HOST WITH THE MOST

Singapore's top civil servants visit TDIC

TDIC has been a good host recently and has welcomed visitors from all over the world, who have come to see at first hand TDIC's part in the amazing transformation of Abu Dhabi. Some of the most recent visitors included a 38-strong delegation of top civil servants from Singapore, who were on a study trip to the UAE as part of a governance and leadership programme.

The delegation, led by Choong May Ling, Deputy Secretary Security at Singapore's Ministry of Home Affairs from the

country's Civil Service College, were met by Alan Gordon, TDIC's Executive Director of PR and Marketing, who gave the delegation an overview of TDIC before they took a tour of our company's Experience Centre.

After leaving, the delegation did some more sightseeing and visited the Emirates Palace to tour our Cultural District exhibition and visit the Emirati Expressions exhibition. Clearly delighted with the visit and promising to return, Choong described the visit as "insightful and enlightening."

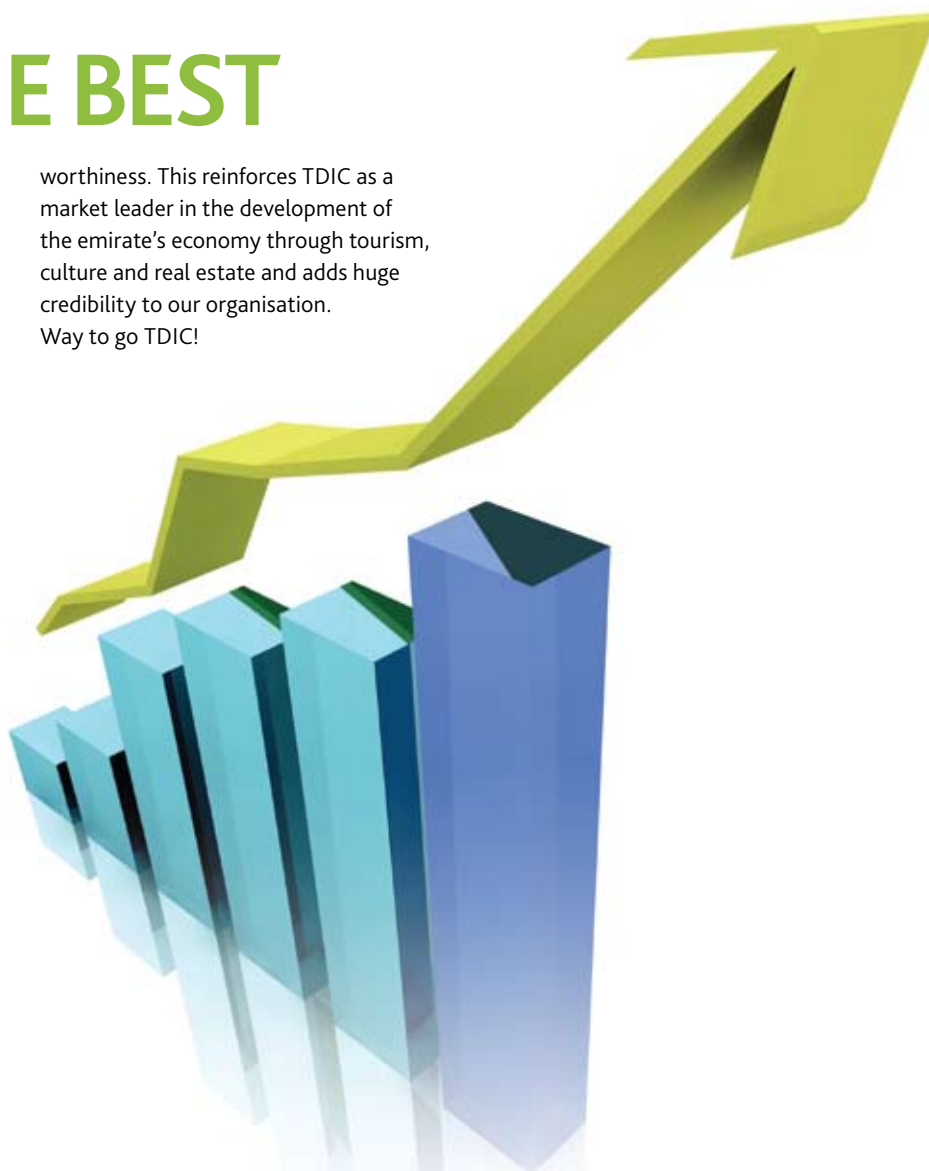


SIMPLY THE BEST

Global credit rating reaffirms TDIC as a leading force in Abu Dhabi's economic growth

Here's something to make you proud. The corporate reputation of TDIC continues to rise as we have recently been awarded AA status by not just one leading international credit ratings agency, but three: Moody's, Standard & Poor's and Fitch Ratings. This means that we now join a very select group of businesses in the Middle East and North Africa region to have been assigned such high ratings. This is a significant endorsement and a positive reflection on TDIC and its position as a leading force in Abu Dhabi's economic diversification. While the whole world is reaping the aftershocks of the economic crisis, the situation is otherwise at TDIC – in fact completely positive. The ratings demonstrate to current and potential investors, and lenders that we have high levels of financial stability and credit

worthiness. This reinforces TDIC as a market leader in the development of the emirate's economy through tourism, culture and real estate and adds huge credibility to our organisation. Way to go TDIC!



BANKING ON IT

TDIC hosts first property industry roundtable

TDIC's theatre was the place to be as executives from Abu Dhabi's top financial and realty sectors flocked to our premises for a lively roundtable discussion. This was our company's inaugural 'Property Industry Roundtable' which brought together the leading professionals within capital's real estate industry in February. The professionals in attendance represented the full spectrum of property related companies, encompassing development to banking, property services and acquisitions. The main topic of everyone's lips was the increasing difference in rent between Abu Dhabi and Dubai and the ongoing effects of the global credit crunch on the UAE market. TDIC emphasised that the

five banks that we have signed mortgage agreements with are still actively lending in the market and maintain a strong appetite for TDIC projects. Everyone in attendance expressed full confidence in the long term stability of the Abu Dhabi real estate market. The event also acted as a networking event and the next one will be held immediately after Cityscape Abu Dhabi to reflect on the success of the exhibition. Leading the discussion was Kier Riemersma, TDIC's Director of Client Services, who facilitated the event. The panel members were Todd Lauchlan, Senior Manager of Residential Sales (Client Services), Abu Dhabi Finance CEO Phil Ward and Charlie Acworth, Aldar's Research Director.



(From left): Lee, Richard Armstrong, Frank Gehry, Juan Ignacio Vidarte, Frederick Henry

BUMPS & BRUISES

Leisure time can be dangerous to your health!



ALANOOD AL MALIK

Events Officer

While competing in a 90-kilometre endurance horse race in the deserts of Al Wathba, Alanood was thrown from her horse after just 10km. She managed to remount and complete the next 20km, but only then did she realise that her elbow was too sore to continue. It turned out that she had broken her elbow and her wrist. So much for horsing around.

TODD LAUHLAN

Senior Manager of Residential Sales - Client Services

Playing touch rugby Todd spiral-fractured a bone in his hand. A spiral fracture is when a bone has been twisted apart – *ouch!* But at least he scored a try.

The workplace can be an extremely dangerous environment. In the UK alone it is estimated that 1.6 million workplace accidents occur each year. However, it appears that for the staff of TDIC it is when they are enjoying their time off, that they should take extra care.



From left: Todd, Meg, Claire, Alanood

CLAIRE MICHELETTI

Marketing Director

Mike Tyson, watch out! After attending the Abu Dhabi Equestrian Club with her family, Claire was demonstrating to her five-year-old son how horses gallop. Unluckily for Claire, her son tried to copy her at exactly the same time and ended up giving her a big black eye.

MEG MACAULAY

Development Manager

While on a tour of romantic Paris, Meg unfortunately fell off her Segway while riding near the Eiffel Towers. Her fall was so bad that she required 25 stitches and spent five days hospitalised. Luckily it was towards the end of her trip. And yes, she did check out the Mona Lisa at the Louvre.

HEART TO HART

Walter Hart gears up for a cycling tour to help raise funds for needy children

On hearing about the charity organisation Gulf for Good and the amazing work that it does around the world for children in need, Walter Hart, TDIC's Interim Senior Manager of Customer Service, decided that he wanted to get involved.

On the March 26th, Walter joined 20 other dedicated cyclists in Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam to cycle 420 kilometres along the length of the Mekong Delta. With approximately 85 kilometres of peddling a day takes Walter and the other

riders about three days to complete the trip. However, there is little time to rest as they cycle a further 165 kilometres through Cambodia to Angkor Wat, the famous World Heritage Site.

The purpose of Walter's trip is not for a fun holiday. Along the way the group will visit a home for orphaned children, as well as visiting the infamous killing fields - but to raise funds for the many children who are in desperate need of aid. Gulf for Good has been supporting selected charities since 1999 and is very careful about who they help and especially how the funds raised are used. In all cases they track the expenditure and follow up on progress on the projects that they have initially funded.

Walter needed to raise AED 17,000 in order to qualify as a participant and was



hoping that the TDIC community will help support his efforts to help raise funds for such a worthy cause. Last we heard he was still short of funds. Anyway, he finally did embark on his journey and we are eagerly waiting to hear about his adventure.

IN THE FAST LANE

Five TDIC colleagues go full throttle at the 2009 Abu Dhabi Go Kart Race



So we've got a few Schumachers in our company. Indeed, we enjoy our sport at TDIC and we are always looking for new challenges. So, when we received an invitation to participate in the 2009 Abu Dhabi GO Kart Race, five fully revved up colleagues jumped at the opportunity.

It was an incredibly friendly, but highly competitive atmosphere that met the TDIC team on arrival at the Al Ain Sportplex. The qualification heats indicated that TDIC was in contention for a good finishing place by coming in fourth place. However, during the actual race an unfortunate breakdown meant our team fell behind quite a few positions. It was only through some excellent driving skills that the team managed to finish in tenth position. The eventual winners were Abu Dhabi Water and Electricity Authority followed by



The TDIC Team

Andrew Schulze
Development Director
Desert Islands

Mohammed Saffarini
Assistant Manager
General Accountant

Kane Davis
Management Accountant

Jerry Lane
Senior Project Manager
Saadiyat Island

Jeremy John
Procurement Officer

Aldar's teams in second and third place.

The event was organised by Abu Dhabi Sport Council and sponsored by Aldar as part of an initiative to promote motor sports in the UAE. It was also seen by

the organisers as an opportunity to build positive relationships between some of Abu Dhabi's most prominent organisations.

A great job to our TDIC racers for their team spirit and best of luck next time.

COOL RUNNINGS

They've never raced before and never trained, yet still attempted the half-marathon. No wonder they call themselves the Mixed Nuts. Nathan Dwyer reports.

"Have you been training?" I asked Linda Moore, a day before the race.

"Oh yeah, man. Can't you tell?" she says, rolling her eyes, clearly being sarcastic.

I shake my head in mock disapproval.

"How do you expect to break any records without training?"

It all started one afternoon when four of us TDIC'ers - Caroline Kastner, Linda, Daiva Anuskeviciute and I - decided to run the RAK Half Marathon. Calling ourselves the "Mixed Nuts", we entered the RAK Team Relay Challenge, a half-marathon of four 5km stages, supposedly to allow for more fun than pain for inexperienced runners.

The event was held last February in Ras Al Khaimah, an emirate known for its diverse ecological beauty, from coastline to mountains. Every year it draws world-class runners from around the globe. In the early hours of morning our team met amidst the chaos of race day. It was a chilly start and

most of us were bundled up to ward off the cold. We quickly said good luck and made our way to the respective checkpoints, set every 5 kilometres. As the sun rose, the professional runners began their race and amazingly managed to complete the 21.1-kilometre race in under an hour.

Before long it was time for our TDIC team to run and it didn't take long for the pre-race nerves to be replaced with adrenaline. One by one, we ran, inhaled, exhaled, gasped and endured. In just under two hours and nine minutes, our team crossed the finish line. Photographs were taken and spectators cheered at our late arrival, much to the team's delight.

Although we didn't win, it was a victory to have completed the race. Of the 96 teams, we ended up at 65th place. After, we put all thought of running future marathons to one side and went off for a huge breakfast. And what a meal it was.



WHAT'S ON APRIL 2009

2-3 April

Show Jumping
Abu Dhabi Equestrian Club
www.adec-web.com

Get a glimpse of the role played by horses in the local heritage and sporting culture. The ADEC is a sprawling haven for horses; with world class facilities including well appointed, spacious and air-conditioned barns and a 70-metre equine swimming pool.

16-17 April

Power Boat Championship
Abu Dhabi Corniche
www.adimsc.iproduction.tv

Get ready for fast and furious action from the adrenalin-fuelled world of powerboat racing right on the Abu Dhabi corniche. These wave-breaking monster machines can reach speeds of more than 160 km/h, ensuring edge-of-the-seat viewing.

23-25 April

WOMAD
Abu Dhabi Corniche and Al Ain
www.womad.org

Visitors will be invited to celebrate different cultures through music, arts and dance, as well as savour the rich culinary traditions, spices and ingredients of the Emirates and desert cultures. Children's workshops will also take place every evening.

2-3 April

UAE Jet Ski Championship
Abu Dhabi Corniche
www.adimsc.iproduction.tv

Attracting some of the best riders in the region and with courses set close to the shore the championship promises to amaze and entertain spectators of all ages and backgrounds.

9-10 April

Red Bull Air Race
Abu Dhabi Corniche
www.redbullairrace.com

The Red Bull Air Race World Series features spectacular air races in which competitors have to navigate a challenging obstacle course in the sky in the fastest time. Get ready to see some gruelling action by the world's greatest stunt pilots.

19-22 April

Cityscape Abu Dhabi 2009
ADNEC
www.cityscapeabudhabi.com

This international property investment event is an annual networking exhibition and conference which attracts regional and international investors, property developers, leading architects and designers.
TDIC will have a major presence in the show so be sure to check it out!

30 April - 2 May

Big Boys Toys 2009
ADNEC
www.adnec.ae/whatson

This is one of the most exciting male lifestyle shows in the world. See the latest high octane products and enjoy the thrill of live demonstrations in seven different zones: off-road, drive, ride, marine, wired, aviation and lifestyle.



Know Your IT

1 HOME FOLDER

When logged in to the TDIC network, Drive Z is your home or private folder. Only you will have access to this folder and all files inside this folder are backed up on a daily basis.

2 THESAURUS IN MICROSOFT WORD

In Microsoft Word, you can bring up Thesaurus by simply pressing Shift-F7. Open Microsoft Word and begin typing your document. When a word comes up you would like to use the Thesaurus for, press Shift and the F7 key to activate the Thesaurus and a list of synonyms (and sometimes antonyms) is generated by the Thesaurus.

3 LOCKING YOUR COMPUTER

As every person is responsible for keeping his or her workstation secure, you should lock your machine whenever you leave it. You can easily do this by pressing CTRL+ALT+DELETE then click the Lock Computer button.

4 COMPRESSING PICTURES

Picture file too big to email? You can compress this by using MS Picture Manager programme. Just open your picture using MS Picture Manager, click Tools/Compress Pictures and choose compress picture settings.

5 NAME LOOKUP IN OUTLOOK

Type a few digits of the person's last name in the TO field. Then hold the CTRL key down and press K and the "check names" window appears with all possible matches.

BONUS TIP

You can access your email from any PC that is connected to Internet. Just type <https://mail.tdic.ae/> exchange and type your user name and password.

FILM REVIEW

SLUMDOG MILLIONAIRE

DIRECTOR: DANNY BOYLE

CAST: DEV PATEL, ANIL KAPOOR, FRIEDA PINTO

Set and filmed in India, *Slumdog Millionaire* (2009) is the epic story of a young man from the slums of Mumbai who manages to appear on the Indian version of the television game show *Who Wants to Be a Millionaire*. To everyone's surprise the young man exceeds expectations and is left only one question away from winning the jackpot, when he is arrested by the police who believe that the only way that a 'slumdog' could correctly answer all the questions is by cheating. However, each question our hero has been asked has an answer linked to his past and his enduring quest to find his long lost love.

Although, a Hollywood movie, *Slumdog Millionaire*, is clearly influenced by Bollywood, India's famous movie industry. Indeed, the film's director Danny Boyle has gone on record as saying that there are at least three Bollywood films that inspired him directly. It has been hailed by audiences from around the world and won an impressive eight Academy Awards, the most for any film of 2009, including Best Picture and Best Director.

Ali says:

"I was really impressed by *Slumdog Millionaire* and as an Indian I am extremely proud that movie set in contemporary India has received

such critical acclaim. Even though the slums portrayed in the film are a part of India, the country offers so much more than this. The film's impressive cinematography reveals just what a

beautiful and interesting country India is.

Slumdog Millionaire is great entertainment, but it also teaches us a valuable life lesson and that is never to give-up. I believe that having seen the success of this film that the Hollywood and Bollywood film industries will now not give up making more films that appeal to both Indian and Western audiences. At least I hope not and that is my final answer!"

Ali Mir, Application Specialist



I speak Hungarian
Beszelek magyarul
by Krisztina Elias

- Hello Szia
- Goodbye Viszontlatásra
- How are you? Hogy vagy?
- How much is this? Menyibe kerül?
- Please Kerem
- Thank you Koszonom
- You're welcome Szivesen
- OK Rendben / Ok
- Excuse me! Elnezezt
- Where can I find...? Hol talalom...?

BOOK REVIEW

HOW TO LOSE FRIENDS & ALIENATE PEOPLE

BY TOBY YOUNG



REVIEWED BY
NATALIE VAN GRAMBERG

This is Toby Young's story of how he tried

to "takeover" Manhattan via his newly acquired job at *Vanity Fair* magazine. But as with most best-laid plans, his goes greatly awry as he reels from one social ostracised scenario to the next - both deliberate and accidental.

When we first meet Toby, he is attempting to gatecrash the Oscar's *Vanity Fair* party. It is here that we get our first glimpse into our protagonist's psyche as he steals his best friend's identity. Toby and bodyguards engage in an exchange of words that result in our hero being unceremoniously ejected from the venue; this sets the tone for the rest of the novel.

Toby has created career writing about his failed career. How could we ignore the irony of it all? Yet we revel in his foibles as he gets blacklisted from every hip joint in New York and alienates the New York media establishment. Our hero is not beyond redemption and as with any good story finds the love of a good woman.

If you are looking for an easy read give this a go. It will help to while away those hours on those long plane rides.





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CAUGHT ON CAMERA

And the winner is...

Krishnan Narayan Balaji - Site Administrator on Sir Bani Yas Island

"I carry my camera all over the place. I love photography. The shot I took here of the windmill on Sir Bani Yas Island was spur of the moment. I was standing outside my house as the sun was about to set and I couldn't resist snapping away. This windmill is very special - we call it 'the big elephant'. It's the first windmill in the UAE. I hope one day I can expand my photography skills. In fact I am planning to invest in a professional SLR camera soon."



Krishnan wins a meal for two at the five-star Shangri-la Hotel in Abu Dhabi.

Other budding photographers out there should send their shots to 'Caught On Camera' at icomms@tdic.ae

▶ RUNNERS UP...



Sukanya Narayanan
Administrative Assistant (Sir Bani Yas Island)



Meg Macaulay
Development Manager (Development)



Eric Rymarz
Assistant Development Manager (Delivery)