

UAE SUSTAINABLE PROPERTIES GREEN LIVING

From lush landscaping to cutting-edge architecture, these sustainable developments are some of the most coveted or eagerly anticipated residences on our property market

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AKOYA OXYGEN

Situated 15 minutes from the centre of Dubai, Damac's AKOYA Oxygen development promises to be the epitome of a harmonious, peaceful lifestyle in the heart of a stunning landscape, with over 4,000 trees planted across 1 million sq m to provide cleaner air and naturally cooler temperatures. A carefully designed master plan and road network system work to reduce pollution, while the development also provides dedicated spaces for bicycles and hybrid cars to encourage the use of cleaner transportation methods. The community boasts its own on-site organic market, making fresh fruit and vegetables available to residents. The energy-efficient villas range from two- to seven-bedroom properties with the homes expected to be completed by 2017.

● www.akoya-oxygen.com



With a golf course designed by Tiger Woods and its own tropical rainforest, the development lives up to its green title, while the villas provide a pleasing contrast with clean lines and modern designs.

RESPONSIBLE DESIGN MEETS A PICTURESQUE LOCATION, WITH BEAUTIFUL RESULTS



The extensive waterways of the development are home to a vast number of aquatic plants and animals, where nearly extinct native species of fish have thrived, helping to clean the water and control the insect population in a harmonious ecosystem.

AL BARARI

Currently the lowest-density development in the UAE, Al Barari – winner of the MEED award for the UAE's Sustainable Project of the Year in 2015 – successfully combines a sense of luxury with an eco-conscious philosophy. Each of the five- and six-bedroom villas supports its own energy-efficient home system and employs water-waste-reduction techniques such as collection trenches for run-off from villa roofs. The community's irrigation water, used to supply the gardens and waterways that cover 80 per cent of the development, is all recycled, running through an on-site polishing plant. In addition, during the planting of these vast green spaces, a focus was placed on selecting low-maintenance, water-efficient local species. Al Barari is also home to Green Works, one of the region's largest plant nurseries, which produces over 700 plant varieties, and popular organic restaurant The Farm. Phase One of the project has been completed, with residential villas, themed gardens and lifestyle amenities all available.

● www.albarari.com

