

Yas Island, Abu Dhabi

The challenge

- To turn one of Abu Dhabi's existing Islands into a permanent world class sporting facility to host a Formula One Grand Prix in just 2.5 years.
- To continue the development of the Island with the construction of facilities including theme park, water park and retail mall to become a world class leisure attraction.
- To provide accommodation, in the form of Hotels, accompanying infrastructure and utilities to the Island and all its new facilities.
- To complete 15 very different building elements or packages to the project.
- Adopt fast track methods of procurement to meet a very tight programme.
- To deliver the project within a stipulated budget and in the middle of a construction market with rapidly rising labour plant and materials price inflation.

The solution

- Provide an Executive Cost Management role to compliment and supplement the individual project package cost managers.
- Provide independent cost advice by comparing the costs received on Yas Island with comparison cost data from other projects in the region.
- Use Davis Langdon's extensive cost data comparisons, seen elsewhere in the marketplace, to benchmark against tendered costs on Yas to test whether the project was achieving favourable costs.
- Provide independent commentary upon the success of the fast track procurement methods adopted.

Added value

- Played a valued part in the successful delivery of the inaugural ETIHAD Airways Abu Dhabi Grand Prix.
- Our advice attributed to approximately AED one billion of cost savings across the whole Island project in the run up to the Grand Prix.
- Supplied independent comments to the client upon any deficiencies in the fast track procurement methods adopted.
- Provided comparisons for use in negotiation for each project package.



World class venue for the Emirate's inaugural Formula One Grand Prix