



Rooftop Infinity pool



Entrance to The Meydan

## CLOSER BOND

Racing has always been an integral part of Dubai's culture, and now that bond has been considerably strengthened, with the integration of so many disparate elements within one all-

encompassing setting – yet with racing still very much at its heart.

Meydan Chairman of the Board and CEO, Saeed Humaid Al-Tayer said the Dubai World Cup is a highly-regarded fixture on the international racing circuit, and the new Meydan Racecourse is set to further enhance its global standing and appeal.

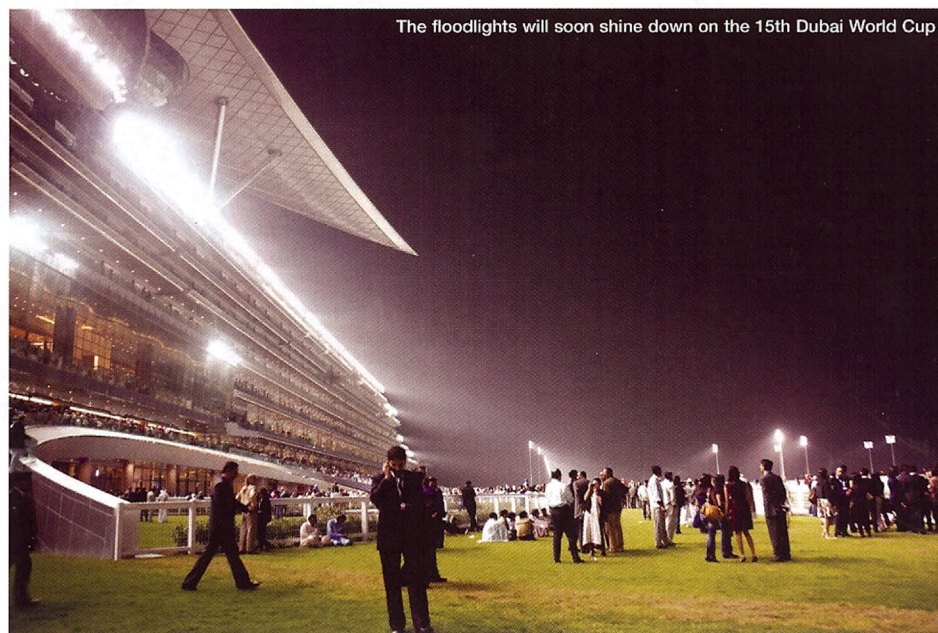
“This year's 15th running of the Dubai World Cup will not only be a milestone for the sport in the UAE, but also for the rest of the world, as Meydan begins to fulfill its core mission – to be the thoroughbred destination of the world.”

Reflecting Meydan's arrival which sets the benchmark for world-class facilities, prize money has been increased to US\$10 million this year. Driving away, you can't help feeling

Dubai, the master of reinvention, has done it again, and created a sporting, hospitality and architectural masterpiece unparalleled in its grandeur and ambition – with the hotel shooting up within two years.

Its predecessor, Nad Al Sheba, held a soft spot in many long-term residents' hearts, cleverly integrating an impressive 18-hole floodlit golf course with the pivotal race facilities, all complemented by a community-focused clubhouse. Golf fans will be cheered to know that a new course is on the anvil for the next stage, which will help straddle the old and new eras.

“Nad Al Sheba has had a proud history of racing in Dubai and that will continue with Meydan,” said Mr Al Tayer. “But Meydan is not just for UAE, it's for the whole world.” **DV**



The floodlights will soon shine down on the 15th Dubai World Cup

## → HORSE FAIR TURNS INTO MANE EVENT

The Dubai International Horse Fair will showcase the latest developments in the equine world at the Dubai International Convention and Exhibition Centre (DICEC) between March 18-20.

More than 200 exhibitors from 30 countries will participate in the Dubai International Horse Fair, with many new companies are taking part this year including Alisul Alimentos, Equilliner, Horseliner, Karaman Veterinary, Kylix UK, Morovol, Point Two Jackets and Yueqing Gsport.

Running alongside the exhibition will be the US\$4m Arabian Horse Championships, in which pure bred Arabian horses are judged for their beauty, agility and heritage.