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# **AL BARARI** SITE VISIT

Pro Landscaper Gulf visited Al Barari in the Nad Al Sheba area of Dubai to see its uniquely diverse landscapes and flora that afford residents utmost privacy in a beautiful and tranguil setting

ocated adjacent to the royal enclave of Nad Al Sheba, Al Barari is the flagship development of the family-run Zaal Group. With Phase I completed and most of the villas handed over, Al Barari has succeeded in its vision to create one of the most desirable and environmentally-conscious developments in the UAE.

Founded in 2005 by Zaal Mohammed Zaal and his family, Al Barari is the first sustainable residential development of its kind in the Middle East, offering high-end residences in a private location. It is a botanic haven with serene landscaping providing its residents space for quiet contemplation just a 15 minute drive from the city centre.

Literally meaning 'wilderness', Al Barari was designed to be a true desert oasis. Eighty per cent of the development is made up of green, lush space that envelops 189 Al Barari residences and

the 28 bespoke luxury villas of The Reserve. Beautiful themed gardens with over 16.4km of naturally landscaped freshwater streams, cascades waterways and lake shoreline, make Al Barari the lowest density development in the UAE and more akin to a botanical garden than a residential community.

With Phase I complete, Phase II is now starting with three separately designed residential developments: Ashjar, Seventh Heaven and The Nest. The former is an award-winning design of a group of 19 blocks each containing four apartments, with communal areas, swimming pool and lush gardens for residents to enjoy. Seventh Heaven is made up of 157 homes including exclusive duplexes, penthouses, sky villas and garden homes. The design for Seventh Heaven looks like the sails of a yacht and linear landscaping will match the contemporary architecture.



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With award-winning landscape designer Kamelia Bin Zaal in the Woodland garden

5 Contemporary garden



# **ABOUT AL BARARI**

Al Barari features 34 elegantly themed gardens, with six already completed under Phase I and 28 more to come in Phase II. The completed gardens include the Balinese, Contemporary, Mediterranean, Renaissance, Water and Woodland gardens. There are also 16.4km of naturally filtered lakes, freshwater streams, cascades and waterways.

The landscape is a major part of the charm of this development and there is a team of over 100 trained gardeners tending to the more than 446,000m<sup>2</sup> of gardens and open spaces, with all green waste sent to the plant nursery for recycling.

The development integrates sustainability and ecology across the site. It is the only one of its kind to have its own plant nursery and recycling and composting plant on site and among other initiatives it uses natural dye in the ponds to stop the spread of algae.

Due to the way the planting has been designed, Al Barari is 4°C cooler than other developments in Dubai on average.

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# THE WOODLAND GARDEN

#### TREES

Hibiscus tiliaceus rubr Conocarpus Silver Acacia xanthophloea Alstonia scholaris Ficus 'Amstel Queen'



# SHRUBS

Plumbago auriculata 'Pale Blue' Cyperus alternifolius Hymenocallis littoralis Bougainvillea glabra



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Ixora chinensis Atriplex halimus Hamelia patens

TREES

Ficus lyrata

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# THE BALINESE GARDEN

Ficus 'Amstel King'

Pongamia glabra Callistemon viminalis





# THE SHOWCASE GARDENS

TREES Dalbergia sissoo Pithecellobium dulce Tecomella undulata Ficus carica Ficus microcarpa nitida

#### SHRUBS

Cestrum diurnum Hibiscus rosa-sinensis Acalypha wilkesiana red Scaevola frutescens Lantana camara





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# THE CONTEMPORARY GARDEN

#### TREES

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Terminalia catappa Albizia lebbeck Delonix regia



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# Azadirachta indica Cordia sebestena

### SHRUBS

Tecoma stans Clerodendrum inerme Duranta repens Ixora coccinea Vitex agnus-castus



# THE RENAISSANCE GARDEN

#### TREES

Coccoloba uvifera Hibiscus tiliaceus 'Tricolor' Delonix regia Thespesia populnea Peltophorum inerme

#### SHRUBS

Pseuderanthemum atropurpureum Carissa grandiflora Tecomaria capensis Orange Ficus 'Green Island' Pandanus





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