

## Three run in Golden Mile race

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Three companies submitted bids on 18 December for the Golden Mile's main construction package on Palm Jumeirah. The bidders are the local **Al-Shafar General Contracting**, the local/Turkish **Bin Beilala Baytur International** and Beijing-based **China State Construction Engineering Company**.

The scope of works includes construction of a 20,000-square-metre shopping mall, 800 luxury flats and 220 retail and restaurant outlets along the strip. Located on the palm's trunk, the project will overlook a 1.5-kilometre canal-side corniche and will be linked to the palm monorail. Abu Dhabi-based **NSCC** in joint venture (JV) with France's **Soletanche Bachy** is carrying out the foundations, enabling and piling package. Plans call for the project to be completed in late 2007. South Africa's **DSA Architects International** is the architect and consultant. A JV of the local **Nakheel** and Kuwait-based **IFA Hotels & Resorts** is the developer (MEED 28:10:05).

On the adjacent plot, tenders have been issued to **ALEC** and **Arabtec Construction**, both local, and the local/UK **Al-Naboodah Laing O'Rourke** for the estimated \$200 million main construction package for the Fairmont Palm Residences & Hotel. The successful bidder will build two residential buildings and then negotiate directly with the client for the hotel building.

The residences are being developed by IFA and the hotel element is being developed by a JV of IFA and Saudi Arabia's **Kingdom Hotel Investment Group**. Work on both projects is due to be completed by 2008. The UK's **Mace International** is the project manager (MEED 16:12:05).

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