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DESIGN AND ARCHITECTURE

Emirates Palace, Abu Dhabi opened in 2005 as a true and essential realisation of Sheikh Zayed bin Sultan Al Nahyan's vision which was to combine tradition and modernity, while promoting traditional values and cultural heritage. This eminent landmark was built upon an area of one million square metres in Arabian style with Andalusian architectural influences to display the values of Arabian hospitality at its finest. The hotel's interior follows the local architecture and ambience of the Emirate of Abu Dhabi.

Varied architectural elements, such as deep openings, high arches, decorative shapes, the long hallways, terraces and high ceilings decorated with inlays of gold, were chosen to link the ancient Arab past with the modernity that embodies the future of the Emirate. Emirates Palace is notably the only hotel in the world to have a Gold Leaf Specialist as part of its in-house team who is responsible for preserving and maintaining the Palace's over one million square metres 24-carat gold leaf.

The mother-of-pearl and crystals that adorn its corners and interior decor lend an oriental atmosphere to the Emirates Palace's 394 rooms, suites and Royal Suites, as well as to its ballrooms and its renowned Conference Centre, which is dedicated to hosting conferences and events.

The Conference Centre, equipped with state-of-the-art facilities that provide superlative luxury, features a unique theatre that is the largest of its kind in the UAE and, indeed, the largest such theatre in any hotel in the world, with the capacity to accommodate 1,100 people. Attached to it is the magnificent ballroom, considered to be Emirates Palace's main event venue and from the roof of which hangs the Palace's largest chandelier that weighs an impressive 2.5 tonnes.

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Emirates Palace features 114 luminous domes. Its colour scheme is a blend of golden hues that is in perfect harmony with the sands of the Arabian Desert. The exterior also features sparkling silver fountains and magnificent green gardens which reflect the oriental character of the hotel. The authentic Arabian palace is a masterpiece of architectural excellence built for the people of Abu Dhabi.

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