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The Big 5 Solar

Exhibition will also bring together pioneers to host four days of free CPD-certified education sessions

After a successful launch edition in 2017, The Big 5 Solar will return under the patronage of the Ministry of Energy & Industry, United Arab Emirates, to showcase solar energy solutions for the construction industry at Dubai World Trade Centre from 26-29 November 2018.

As part of The Big 5, The Big 5 Solar will display the latest solar innovations, offer free access to industry-leading education sessions and host the high-profile Global Solar Leaders' Summit.

Josine Heijmans, portfolio director at dmg events, comments, "We are excited to kick off the second edition of The Big 5 Solar this year with a unique focus on bringing solar innovations closer to the wide opportunities in the Middle East construction industry. Buildings account for 40% of energy consumed in cities and with over 5,000 active projects worth \$27.9bn ongoing in Dubai's urban construction sector alone, there is no better time than now to showcase solar solutions to construction professionals."

The Big 5 Solar will display the latest in solar innovations for the construction industry across four of the most prominent product sectors: Photovoltaics (PV), Solar Thermal Technologies, Energy Storage, and Solar Technology and Related Services. The exhibition will also offer free training and CPD sessions.

The Solar Talks will cover popular topics like Commercial and Industrial Solar Growth, Building Integrated Photovoltaics (BiPV),

the latest Solar Hybrid Systems in the UAE market and the latest in Technological Innovations in Solar Panel Manufacturing.

Inviting architects, engineers, sustainability specialists and developers to his session, Imad Kayyali, head of the Architecture department at Mimar Emirates, says, "The integration of solar energy systems in architecture and urban planning presents exciting trends right now, including more flexible, variable and easy uses of solar panels for places such as parking shades and building facades."

The Big 5 Solar returns with support from leading associations including the Middle East Solar Industry Association (MESIA) and the Clean Energy Business Council (CEBC), and welcomes fresh backing from industry heavyweights GCC Association for Renewable Energy and Sustainability - Green Gulf, Architectural Solar Association - ASA, British Photovoltaic Association - BPVA, Solar GCC Alliance, Jinko Solar, Campion, SS, We Link Group, Samec, Noor Solar, Sunew, Verditek, Heliatek, Inwiro-Smart, NeOn Energy and Enerray.

Organised by dmg events, The Big 5 Solar is free to attend and will run from 11am to 7pm daily at the Dubai World Trade Centre. The event runs as part of The Big 5, alongside The Big 5 Heavy, Middle East Concrete, HVACR Expo and Urban Design & Landscaping Expo, offering a one-stop shop for all things construction from concept through to design. ●

For more information, visit: www.thebig5solar.ae.

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Urban Design & Landscaping Expo

The expo will run from 26 to 29 November 2018 at the Dubai World Trade Centre as part of The Big 5



For the first time ever, the Middle East's largest construction show, The Big 5, will host a new event dedicated to landscaping, infrastructure and urban development: the Urban Design & Landscaping Expo (UDLE).

Running at the Dubai World Trade Centre from 26 to 29 November, UDLE is the only specialised trade event in the Middle East for these industries. Companies will present the latest in design, planning and consulting, irrigation and drainage, machinery and equipment for construction and maintenance, materials and components for urban design & landscaping.

UDLE will also host the first Urban Design & Landscaping Summit on November 28. With the theme 'Promoting greener, healthier and more sustainable built environments with best practices in urban design and landscaping', the Urban Design & Landscaping Summit will host landscape architects, municipalities, urban designers, property developers, parks and resorts, and contractors, as well as engineering and building consultants.

Focusing on the opportunities and challenges faced in turning the region green, the Summit will explore initiatives taken up by global and local government bodies, as well as prominent projects developed by urban design and landscape architecture firms both globally and locally.

Speakers include Pénélope Kmitités, deputy mayor - Green Spaces, Nature & Biodiversity of the City of Paris; Ceylan Belek Ömbroğ, AD at Martha Schwartz Partners; Andrew Burton Anderson, senior architect + UNESCO World Heritage Advisor, from the Oman Botanic Garden; Val Zallig, Urban Planning advisor at Sharjah Urban Planning Council; Ayub Hassan Algaferi, head of Parks Section at Al Ain Municipality; Rasmus Astrup, partner at SLA Architects; and Ahmad Bukhash, director of Urban Planning at the Dubai Creative Clusters Authority.

Portfolio director Josine Heijmans says, "The thriving construction market in the UAE and the broader GCC region is driving unprecedented demand for outdoor-specific design and build projects, as more authentic public spaces gain ground. An explicit change in lifestyle with growing preference for outdoors activities, mega-events like Expo 2020 Dubai and the booming regional leisure and hospitality sector are providing investors with huge urban greening and landscaping specific opportunities."

The event is supported by the Sharjah Electricity & Water Authority (SEWA) and Fujairah Municipality. Also, it enjoys the partnership of Jain Irrigation System (Irrigation Partner), Lumo (Lighting Partner), Pearl Garden Landscape & Irrigation Services (Horticulture Partner), ASPECT Studios (Design Partner) and Cracknell (Design Partner). ●

For more information, visit: www.udleexpo.com.