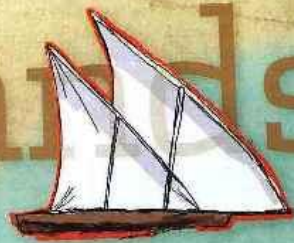
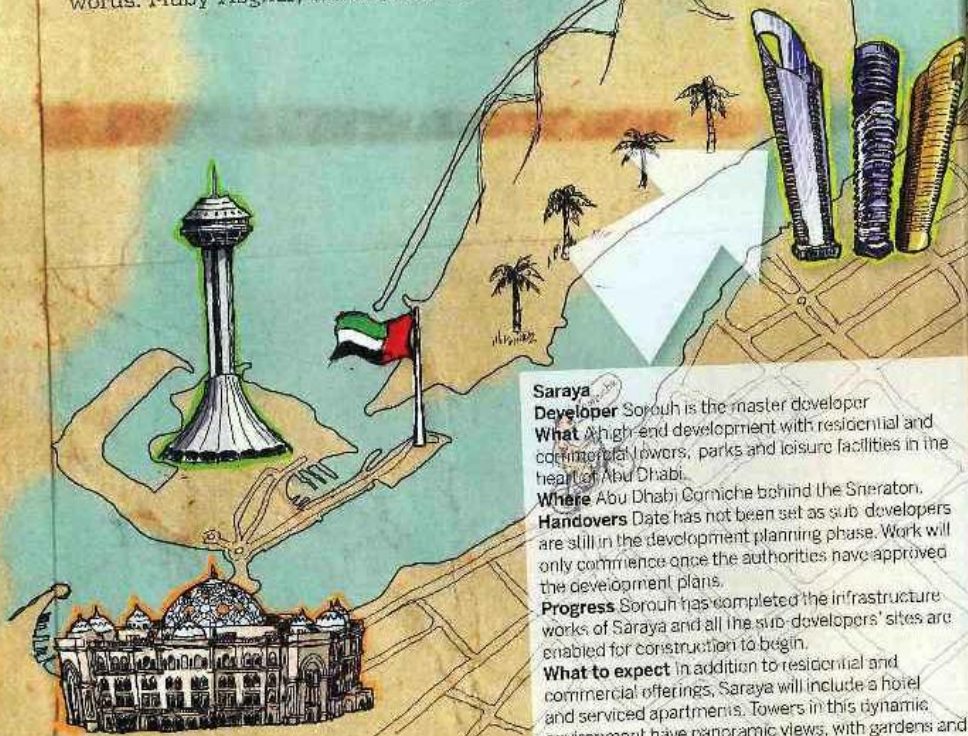


Treasure islands



* Unsure which project is which? Here's a map of some of the capital's upcoming investment zones.
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Saraya

Developer Sorouh is the master developer
What High-end development with residential and commercial towers, parks and leisure facilities in the heart of Abu Dhabi.
Where Abu Dhabi Corniche behind the Sneraton.
Handovers Date has not been set as sub-developers are still in the development planning phase. Work will only commence once the authorities have approved the development plans.

Progress Sorouh has completed the infrastructure works of Saraya and all the sub-developers' sites are enabled for construction to begin.

What to expect In addition to residential and commercial offerings, Saraya will include a hotel and serviced apartments. Towers in this dynamic environment have panoramic views, with gardens and water features throughout the development.

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Saadiyat Island

Developer TDIC
What A 27 km² island that includes the Cultural District (housing the Guggenheim and Louvre museums) as well as hotels and residential projects. It is expected to be completed in 2020.

Where Linked to Abu Dhabi Island by a bridge, Saadiyat is seven minutes drive from the city and 20 minutes from Abu Dhabi International Airport.

Handovers Construction is under way on phase one of the Saadiyat Beach Residence community. According to TDIC, 354 villas will be handed over in the third quarter of 2011.

Progress The Shaikh Khalifa Bridge, a ten-lane highway and the first golf course are all completed.



Sowwah Island

Developer Mubadala Real Estate & Hospitality
What A 105-hectare island that will become Abu Dhabi's newest business district. An investment zone, both UAE nationals and international investors can purchase units here.

Where Located between Al Reem Island, Abu Dhabi Island and Mina Zayed.

Handovers The first phase (including Sowwah Square) will be complete in Q1 2011.

Progress Sowwah island will be developed in three phases. Phase one will include pedestrian-friendly bridges and roads. Towers will include Sowwah Square, the island's flagship commercial development. Also in phase one are the Viceroy Abu Dhabi and Rosewood Abu Dhabi hotels and a hospital. Plots are also being developed by the National Bank of Abu Dhabi and Al Hilal Bank.



Shams Abu Dhabi

Developer Sorouh is the master developer
What An investment zone, Shams will include the Gate District and the Sky and Sun Towers. Future home to 45,000 residents, the project is being touted as a self-sustaining city, set among canals and parks. Apartments will have quality finishes and amenities will include a mall, gym, spa, tennis courts and childcare facilities.

Where Al Heer Island
Handovers The Sun and Sky Towers will be handed over in mid-2010. According to Sorouh, all amenities and infrastructure work will be complete by handover.

Progress A number of sub-developers have started work. The retail podium, which is pre-leased at over 60 per cent, will complete in tandem with the Sun and Sky Towers and will be operational in the fourth quarter of 2010.