

Turner & Townsend Appointed to Manage Ras Al-Khaimah's Largest Commercial Business District

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Turner & Townsend has been appointed by RAK Central to provide project management services for a 3.1 million sq ft mixed-use development in Ras Al-Khaimah, marking the largest commercial business district in the Northern Emirates.

RAK Central is being developed as a flagship work-live-play destination and will comprise five interconnected buildings delivering commercial office space, including master developer Marjan's new headquarters, alongside retail and entertainment outlets, food and beverage facilities, three business hotels with more than 1,000 keys, 4,000 residential apartments, and extensive public realm areas. The development is scheduled to open in 2027.

The project aligns closely with Ras Al-Khaimah's Vision 2030, which aims to attract more than three million visitors annually and position the emirate as a regional leader in sustainable tourism.

Sustainability is central to the development, with RAK Central targeting LEED Gold certification. This will be achieved through the use of local supply chains, advanced green building strategies, energy-efficient systems, smart water management, and environmentally sensitive landscaping across both design and construction.

Advanced digital technologies will also play a key role. Artificial intelligence, alongside full Building Information Modelling (BIM) design and construction techniques, is being deployed throughout the project lifecycle to support efficient delivery and set new benchmarks for large-scale developments in the UAE.

Michael McDaid, Project Director at Turner & Townsend in the UAE, said:

“We will provide project management services for the construction delivery of RAK Central, covering five towers with podiums and below-ground parking, extending our existing portfolio in Ras Al-Khaimah and reflecting our long-term commitment to the Northern Emirate.

“Upon completion, RAK Central will become a destination of choice for world-renowned companies and the local community alike. We are proud to support the delivery of a development that will play a significant role in Ras Al-Khaimah’s future growth.”