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The Top 10 Moments From The Big 5 2017

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A Grand Opening with H.H. Sheikh Ahmed Bin Saeed Al Maktoum



Let's start from the very beginning: Middle East's largest construction event was officially inaugurated by His Highness Sheikh Ahmed Bin Saeed Al Maktoum on November 26. The President of the Dubai Civil Aviation Authority, CEO and Chairman of the Emirates Group opened the four-days packed event with conferences, seminars, networking sessions, live features and business matchmaking across an exhibition floor that covered the entire Dubai World Trade Centre area.

Dubai Expo 2020's announcement



Few hours after the opening, Expo 2020 Dubai's Vice President of Real Estate, Ahmed Al Khatib, chose the stage of The Big 5's Excellence in Construction Summit to announce the award of the contract to build the steel structure for the Al Wasl Plaza, the centerpiece of the mega event. The winner of the bid, the Abu Dhabi-based Cimolai Rimond Middle East, will build a 67 meter high domed trellis designed by US architects Adrian Smith + Gordon Gill Architecture, reflecting *"Dubai's role in connecting east with west and as a place for bringing people together for Expo 2020,"* said Mr. Al Khatib. *"We are very proud of Al Wasl Plaza because it symbolizes what we want to achieve at the Expo."*

The future of mobility unveiled



On November 26, the Big 5's high level conference also hosted the Chairman and Co-founder of Hyperloop Transportation Technologies, Bibop G. Gresta, who presented to a fascinated public the transportation system that will revolutionize the way we travel. *"Hyperloop is now in the implementation and commercialization phase,"* Gresta announced at The Excellence in Construction Summit. *"There are several countries we signed a deal with, and one of them is Abu Dhabi. Here, we just finished the biggest feasibility study that humanity has ever done in a Hyperloop system and we are ready to implement it."* Are you ready to travel from Abu Dhabi to Al Ain in 15 minutes?

The Ministry of Infrastructure Development



Day One also saw the Undersecretary of the UAE Ministry of Infrastructure Development, H.E. Eng. Hassan Jumaa Al-Mansoori, inaugurating the first edition of “The Big 5 Innovation Precast Summit”, a two-day-long event supported by the Ministry of Infrastructure Development, the Sheikh Zayed Housing Program and the Federal Transport Authority – Land and Maritime (FTA). Talking to hundreds of delegates, Al-Mansoori praised The Big 5 exhibition, as it “serves as a unique chance for those interested in the construction sector to enhance their access to the world’s best practices in the field by meeting leaders, decision-makers and leading countries.”

Cooling in focus

