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The Big 5 construction show kicks off in Dubai



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More than 2,500 companies from 60 countries gather at the Dubai World Trade Centre



Thousands of industry professionals have descended on Dubai for The Big 5 construction show, with confirmed participants ranging from Expo 2020 Dubai to Hyperloop Transportation Technologies.

The largest construction show in the Middle East is being held from 26 to 29 November at the Dubai World Trade Centre. More than 2,500 companies from 60 countries are expected.

With the show expected to welcome 79,000 construction professionals this year, participants include the chairman and co-founder of Hyperloop Transportation Technologies, Bibop G. Gresta, and acclaimed 3D-printing experts Benjamin Piper and Nick Billotti.

Raktherm, Khansaheb, Wurth, Ritver Paints, Al Anwar, Nassar Stone, Dupont, Pedrollo, Zamil Industries, NAFFCO, Kludirak, Danube, Gulf Extrusion, Emirates Steel, Hassan Abul, Finpower, SABIC, Arabian Extrusions, and Robosoft Solutions, and are just some of the leading industry players that will be exhibiting their newest products in Dubai.

Josine Heijmans, Portfolio Event Director of The Big 5, said: "The upcoming edition of the event will mark a turning point in the construction industry, setting the way to build better, more

efficiently, and develop smart, sustainable cities.”

“We’re extremely proud to announce that The Big 5 2017 will gather some of the most brilliant and forward-thinking minds from around the globe to discuss the present and even more the future of construction. The most promising technologies, building solutions and materials will be on display at the exhibition, which will define key industry trends, opportunities and best practices in the region and beyond.”

Visitors will be able to find and source thousands of construction products and solutions from all over the world, clustered in five dedicated product sectors: MEP services, Building Interiors & Finishes, Building Envelope & Special Construction, Construction Tools & Building Materials, and Construct Technology & Innovation. Moreover, the Live Product Demonstration will provide an interactive display of the most innovative products and technologies presented in real time by The Big 5 exhibitors.

On November 28, the GAIA Awards will also announce the most sustainable construction product of the year, selected by a panel of industry experts among exhibitors and non-exhibitors at The Big 5 whose products are distributed within the MENA Region.

For the first time, the event will be co-located with The Big 5 Solar, a new platform pursuing the escalating green demands in the GCC market. Beyond showcasing solar technologies, The Big 5 Solar will offer an education agenda geared towards industry development, featuring 12 Big 5 Solar Talks and the third edition of the Global Solar Leaders Summit under the patronage of the UAE Ministry of Energy.