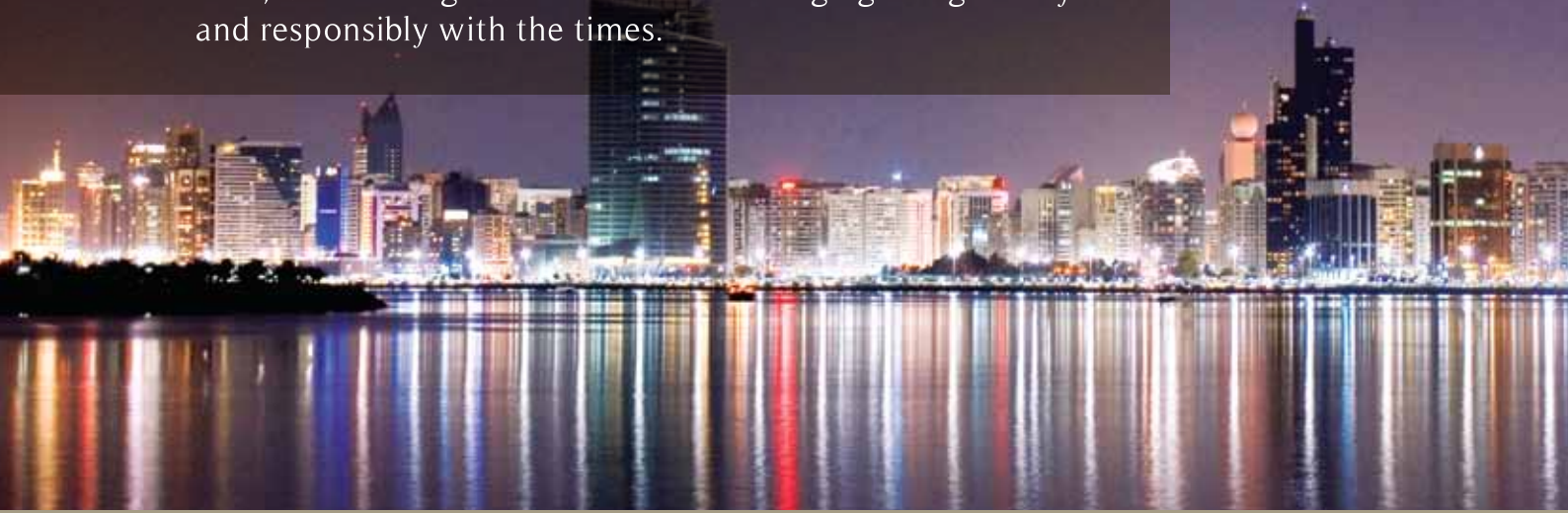


Abu Dhabi, the Capital of the UAE

A rich, vibrant and established city, Abu Dhabi is the capital of the Emirate of Abu Dhabi and the federal capital of the United Arab Emirates (UAE). This, the largest city in the UAE, is a thriving destination that is changing energetically and responsibly with the times.



The Emirate of Abu Dhabi is blessed with year-round sunshine and bathed in natural beauty, from the sweeping desert and spectacular sand dunes to the glorious coastline, and from the azure skies and simmering red sunsets to the lush greenery of its parks and mangroves. It is guarded in the far distance by the majestic Jebel Hafeet mountain range which in part helps to form the area's unique ecological system.

Abu Dhabi is a city of beauty, history, religion, customs, traditions and international magnetism. It is a contemporary expression of an Arab city, and succeeds in bridging the gap between cultures and civilizations.

The City's expanding vision for its future has already set the standard with world-class amenities and services, and a luxurious but affordable lifestyle for the people who come to live, work and relax on vacation.

It is no wonder Abu Dhabi is attracting international and local interest with the very best that a city can offer. Abu Dhabi offers a pleasurable experience, from the contemporary designer shopping malls, accessible transport systems and the prestigious financial hub through to its glorious natural wonders and beautiful landscapes. It is a combination of modern sophistication and traditional Arabian culture.

The Sheikh Zayed Grand Mosque epitomizes the culture and heritage that underpins the city and its people. While a great interest for the Arts is emerging along with an unparalleled increase in commerce, industry and tourism. New buildings are reshaping the skyline of the city but with respectful adherence to its past, identity and landscape.

These new buildings create a dazzling and sensational spectacle along the coastline at night, while during the day the stunning waterfront, known as the Corniche, is a delight for everyone.

The Corniche stretches for miles along the coastline and is the place to go for all sorts of social events and water sports; for shopping and dining or just simply laid-back enjoyment - from strolling along the walkway, to relaxing in the parks and landscaped gardens, to a laze on the sandy beaches.

