

ALDAR & DCD UNVEIL YAS COMMUNITY PARK, A MULTI PURPOSE DESTINATION DESIGNED TO BRING PEOPLE TOGETHER

- Launched in partnership with the Department of Community Development, Yas Community Park will be home to Nabdh Yas, Abu Dhabi's first public-private partnership model for community infrastructure
- The park will also include a mosque, inclusive playground, and retail, with the first facilities opening from late 2026, supporting Yas Island's vision for inclusive living
- Aligned with the UAE's Year of Family, the park promotes connection, belonging, and wellbeing for all generations



Abu Dhabi, UAE – 26 June 2026: Aldar and the Abu Dhabi Department of Community Development (DCD) have announced the launch of Yas Community Park, a new community destination on Yas Island designed to bring people together through shared experiences and everyday connection. Welcoming residents and visitors from all segments of the community, the park will provide an open and inclusive environment that supports community life and encourages meaningful interaction.

At the heart of the park is Nabdh Yas, a community hub developed in partnership with DCD. Designed as a central gathering space, Nabdh Yas, upon opening, will host a diverse programme of community-led initiatives, enabling families, youth, and seniors to connect, learn, and engage in a welcoming and inclusive environment.

Nabdh Yas introduces a new model of public-private partnership, marking the first time private sector investment is being directed towards community infrastructure of this kind in Abu Dhabi. With DCD leading the development and long-term management of the hub, the initiative reflects Abu Dhabi's commitment to innovative delivery models that create lasting social value and strengthen community wellbeing.

The Nabdh Yas hub is to be developed under a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) signed between Aldar and DCD, which sets out a framework to expand the Nabdh Community Hub model across Aldar's developments in various areas of the emirate, including Abu Dhabi, Al Ain, and Al Dhafra. The MoU was signed in the presence of H.E. Shamis Ali Al Dhaheri, Chairman of DCD, and H.E. Mohamed Khalifa Al Mubarak, Chairman of Aldar Properties, and formalised by H.E. Eng. Hamad Ali Al Dhaheri, Undersecretary of DCD, and Talal Al Dhiyebi, Group Chief Executive Officer of Aldar Properties.

Talal Al Dhiyebi, Group Chief Executive Officer at Aldar, said: "Yas Community Park brings our vision of inclusive, accessible communities to life. It reflects Aldar's belief that community begins with belonging, in places that are welcoming, inclusive, and shaped by the people who use them. Our collaboration with the Department of Community Development on Nabdh Yas further reflects a shared commitment to creating places that bring people together and enrich everyday life across Abu Dhabi."

In this context, **H.E. Eng. Hamad Ali Al Dhaheri, Undersecretary of the Department of Community Development,** said: "This partnership marks an important step towards strengthening the presence of community centres within residential neighbourhoods and transforming them into vibrant spaces that foster interaction and connection among community members, in line with Abu Dhabi's vision of building a more connected and cohesive society".

His Excellency added: "Through the 'Nabdh' community centres, we are working to cultivate an integrated community environment that offers opportunities for participation, learning, and volunteering, while empowering different segments of society to contribute actively to community programmes and activities in a way that enhances quality of life and reinforces a culture of shared responsibility and social cohesion".

His Excellency further affirmed that the partnership with Aldar represents a distinguished model of integration between the public and private sectors. He noted that the collaboration extends beyond the development of facilities to encompass the design of a fully integrated community experience, reflecting the Department's commitment to partnerships driven by sustainable impact, rather than implementation alone.

Under the agreement, DCD will identify community needs, set the regulatory framework, and oversee the programmes and activities offered within the hubs. Aldar will leverage its expertise in urban development to ensure the hubs are delivered to the highest planning and engineering standards, achieving integration between urban development and community needs. The partnership covers all stages – from planning and design through to development and operation – ensuring the delivery of sustainable, inclusive, and accessible community hubs for all age groups.

The launch of Yas Community Park represents a key milestone in the Yas Inclusive City initiative, a joint effort between Aldar and DCD to position Yas Island as a global benchmark

for accessibility and inclusive urban living. Rooted in the Year of Family's core principles of connection and belonging, the park is designed to promote togetherness and support the wellbeing of families across generations through spaces that enable shared experiences and everyday moments that matter.

Strategically located between Yas Island's world-class attractions and its growing residential communities, Yas Community Park will create a shared environment, supporting the continued evolution of community life on the island. It will feature a mosque, alongside an inclusive playground designed to ensure accessibility for all children, with shaded and family-friendly environments that encourage outdoor activity. A selection of retail offerings will support everyday needs while creating opportunities for local businesses to thrive within a community setting.

At its core, Nabdh Yas will serve as the social and cultural pulse of the park, delivering programmes and experiences that reflect the diversity of Abu Dhabi's communities while reinforcing shared values of connection, belonging, and participation. The hub forms part of a wider network of Nabdh Community Hubs that, since their launch, have delivered hundreds of community programmes and activities in partnership with government, private, and third-sector entities, attracting thousands of participants of all age groups across the emirate.

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The company has two core business segments, Aldar Development and Aldar Investment.

Aldar Development is a master developer of a 69 million sqm strategic landbank, creating integrated and thriving communities across Abu Dhabi, Dubai, and Ras Al Khaimah's most desirable destinations. The delivery of Aldar's developments is managed by Aldar Projects,

which is also a key partner of the Abu Dhabi government in delivering housing and infrastructure projects across the UAE's capital. Internationally, Aldar Development wholly owns UK real estate developer London Square, as well as a majority stake in leading Egyptian real estate development company, SODIC.

Aldar Investment houses a core asset management business comprising a portfolio of more than AED 52 billion worth of investment grade and income-generating real estate assets diversified across retail, residential, commercial, logistics, and hospitality segments. It manages four core platforms: Aldar Investment Properties, Aldar Hospitality, Aldar Education, and Aldar Estates.

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About Abu Dhabi Department of Community Development

Established in 2018 as the regulatory body for the social sector in the Emirate of Abu Dhabi, the Department of Community Development (DCD) is dedicated to promoting community development by building empowered individuals and cohesive families.

The department plays a pivotal role in developing policies, strategies, and standards that enhance the efficiency of social services. This is achieved by adopting a scientific approach, conducting studies and surveys, and analysing social data comprehensively. It also engages institutions across sectors, as well as community members, to develop programs and initiatives that respond to the actual needs of different segments of society.

Guided by its vision of providing a decent life for all members of society, the department works to design innovative solutions to address priority challenges and to enhance community awareness and participation. This, in turn, strengthens social cohesion and a sense of belonging, contributing to comprehensive and sustainable community development.