

AstraZeneca announces move to TECOM Group's Dubai Science Park with new sustainable offices ahead of COP28

- The space focuses on AstraZeneca's global sustainability strategy and to reduce the firm's global carbon emissions to net-zero by 2025
- Supports UAE President announcement that 2023 will be the 'Year of Sustainability'

Dubai, UAE, 16 February 2023: On theme with this year's focus on sustainability in the UAE, AstraZeneca has announced plans to construct sustainable offices at Dubai Science Park, a member of TECOM Group PJSC. Set to open in Q3 2023, the move is part of the biopharmaceutical giant's global green agenda and in-line with 'We the UAE 2031' vision and the Year of Sustainability.

The new office design, construction, and materials will meet platinum standards in Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) set out by the U.S. Green Building Council (USGBC). The Green Building Classification System is one of the most widely used worldwide and a marker of healthy, efficient, and carbon-saving buildings.

Marwan Abdulaziz Janahi, Senior Vice President of Dubai Science Park, part of TECOM Group, said: "Health and sustainability go hand-in-hand. We cannot improve our collective wellbeing without putting the planet's health first. Such foresight is what puts AstraZeneca among the world's leading biopharmaceutical firms. They champion sustainability in healthcare, and their new offices in Dubai Science Park will add another benchmark for the industry. By joining our community of global and regional businesses across the health, energy and environment sectors, AstraZeneca can amplify their green efforts while promoting excellence in healthcare and research."

Sameh El Fangary, GCC and Pakistan Cluster President – AstraZeneca said: "Everyone involved in the delivery of healthcare has a role to play in addressing the global threat of climate change. Our new green offices will help us expand our local footprint in the UAE and demonstrate our support for the government's ambition to drive and accelerate sustainable development in healthcare, aligning with We the UAE 2031 vision. We are taking bold action, guided by our 'Ambition Zero Carbon' strategy, to reduce our environmental footprint and inspire continued collaboration globally and in the region."

Promoting sustainable healthcare

This year puts great focus on sustainability. His Highness Sheikh Mohamed bin Zayed Al Nahyan, President of the UAE, designated 2023 as the 'Year of Sustainability' leading up to the highly anticipated COP28 conference, to be held in Dubai later this year. The new offices represent AstraZeneca's commitment to the UAE Sustainability Goals and its global 'Ambition Zero Carbon' strategy, which aims to eliminate carbon emissions from their global operations by 2025.

AstraZeneca is a champion of the Sustainable Markets Initiative (SMI) Health Systems Task Force – a public-private partnership committed to accelerating the delivery of net zero healthcare systems. The company recently held its first multilateral engagement on health and climate at COP27, bringing together members of the SMI, the World Health Organisation (WHO) and the Commonwealth Secretariat to announce new joint action to accelerate net zero healthcare in three areas: supply chains, patient care pathways, and clinical trials.

Dubai Science Park is part of TECOM Group's portfolio of business districts that include Dubai Internet City, Dubai Media City, Dubai Studio City, Dubai Production City, Dubai Knowledge Park, Dubai International Academic City, Dubai Design District (d3) and Dubai Industrial City.

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About Dubai Science Park

Founded in 2005, Dubai Science Park is a vibrant, holistic community part of TECOM Group PJSC dedicated to supporting customers in the sciences, energy, and environmental sectors. With its ample office and laboratory space and robust infrastructure, Dubai Science Park has created an enabling science-focused ecosystem that is home to major international, regional, and local companies.

Through fostering growth, creativity, research, and innovation in the areas of human science, plant science, material science, environmental science and energy science, Dubai Science Park aims to play a significant role in facilitating a more sustainable and self-sufficient future that maximizes the use of indigenous resources and talent.

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About TECOM Group PJSC

TECOM Group has been developing strategic, sector-focused business districts across the emirate of Dubai since 1999. TECOM Group is well-positioned to continue playing an integral role in cementing Dubai's status as a global business and talent hub.

The TECOM Group portfolio consists of 10 business districts catering to 6 vital knowledge-based economic sectors, including design, education, manufacturing, media, science, and technology. The Group provides a varied and tailor-made leasing portfolio – which includes offices, co-working spaces, warehouses and land – to over 9,500 customers and more than 105,000 professionals.

TECOM Group offers additional value-added services to deliver a competitive and attractive environment for businesses and entrepreneurs to thrive in and to facilitate engagement between the districts' community members. Government and corporate services are made available through an integrated smart services platform, 'axs', which enhances ease of doing business and provides community members with a seamless experience.

TECOM Group also provides industry-specialised facilities, including media production studios, laboratories and higher education campuses. in5, its enabling platform for entrepreneurs and start-ups, offers innovation centres supporting tech, media, and design start-ups and SMEs. Its future-focused co-working spaces D/Quarters deliver stimulating work environments for tenants, and the 'GoFreelance' package serves freelancers.

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