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Bottomed out at Skyview Tower

Well as we plough into 2007 with gusto, I am examining my daily astrological chart in some detail, it doesn't tell me much as yet and I quote "It's not how things have been so far that matters: it's how they are going to turn out from this point on. And - over that - you have more control than you know." Well as I commence this diary entry for Skyview Tower, courtesy of the command and control centre down at Clifton Coney PM's of note, Project Managers of course, as I don't recall conversing with anybody who has expressed a desire to enter politics, things are looking up if you'll excuse the wordplay.

All is well so far and they certainly have a handle on what happens next, so their personal celestial reading is factual and watertight. Piling started on the 8th of November and is expected to be completed by the 5th of January. This is three weeks ahead of programme, which of course is marvellous news for the investors thus far. Now it becomes technical, although I assure you I am not repeating my lines parrot fashion - much! Already completed, one static test on the piling and four more to go we hear. Dynamic testing, which would not have proved positive on New Years Day in my case I can assure you, will start soon. This stage ensures that the piles have been constructed properly (concrete poured to the required level of finesse, etc and absolutely comply with international standards.

Currently in the process of finalising the main contractor,

they expect their ultimate selection to be gracing the site soon and mobilising manpower and materials. As the development is already ahead of schedule this implies that the contractor may benefit from a rapid reaction force start. Anticipated build time is estimated as 15 to 18 months, power and utility connection comes under the same timescale umbrella. Another snippet of glad tidings for both the end user and investment brigade - my personal advice to buyers has always been in this day and age of delays, if there are visible signs of regular constructive work in progress on site, then its worth doing!

As far as Clifton Coney is concerned, they are doers and the Dubai Marina has become a home from home, familiarity breeds in this case, capability. Other notables in their back and current catalogue: 'Yacht Bay Tower', Royal Oceanic', Dubai Sports City - and lest it be forgotten, these are men that turned Jumeirah Islands around. A project of course which has turned into a veritable gold mine for those purchasers that resolutely stood the test of time.

There is of course no doubt that the 32-storey Skyview Tower, set in and among the eleven-kilometre water frontage of Dubai Marina and all its attendant amenities will also become a sound investment given its location, pricing and best of breed management to ensure that the job is finished to 'n' th degree.



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