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Welcome to the cost bulletin for United Arab Emirates. The purpose of this bulletin is to provide useful information on the current construction market and trends in relation to material prices. The information is derived from a selection of local and international sources and is deemed to be representative of the current market as a whole.

Construction news

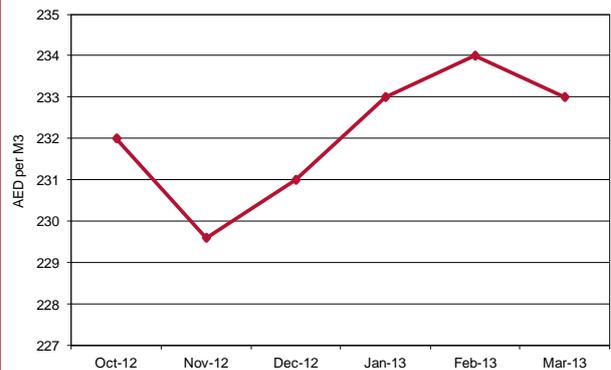
- Dubai's year in review: "The emirate's economy continued its recovery in 2012, with a number of key sectors posting high growth over the past 12 months. However, there are some concerns that the rebound could happen too quickly, resulting in further difficulties in the future."
Zawya (9 January 2013)
- "Resurgence in demand for retail space in Dubai will 'firmly' push up rents this year for the first time since mid-2008, according to a survey of 700 industry experts."
Arabian Business (21 February 2013)
- "Dubai Industrial City (DIC) welcomed 212 new companies during 2012, an increase of 82% in the number of businesses that use its real estate and facilities."
Arabian Business (6 March 2013)
- "UAE economy to grow 3.3% in 2013 – the country's real GDP swelled by around 4.9% in 2011 and 4.2% in 2012 and growth will likely remain relatively high this year. This has encouraged capital flows and helped boost confidence, particularly as it coincided with higher oil prices and a healthy increase in both oil (4.6%) and NGL (9.8%)."
Emirates Business 24/7 (2 April 2013)

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We have more than 35 years' operational experience in the Middle East and represent our clients on billions' (AED) of investments in a range of sectors undertaking **project management, cost management, facilities management and contract advisory services**. Currie & Brown enjoys a reputation for providing added value and innovative solutions to meet the diverse needs of our clients in this dynamic and challenging marketplace.

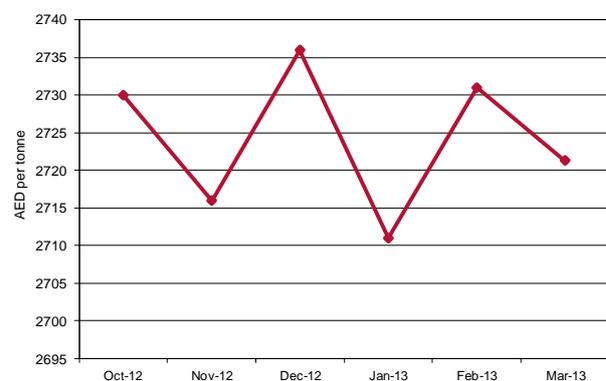
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Concrete (supply only)



Based upon five local concrete suppliers (Dubai)

Reinforcement bars (supply only)



Based upon Middle East steel price indication

Diesel



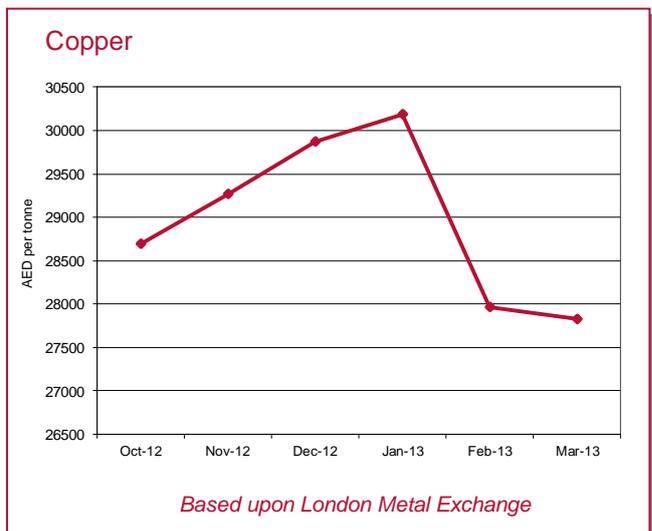
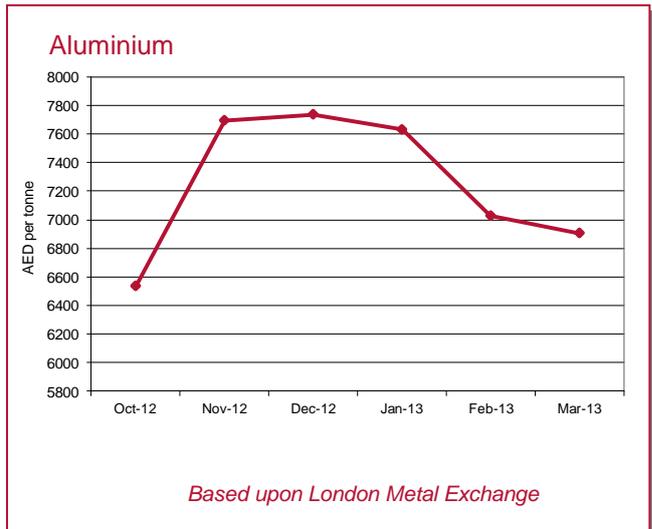
Based upon Dubai's diesel price indication

Material

- “OPEC’s income at all-time high in 2012 – UAE expected to remain second-largest earner.”
Emirates Business (7 January 2013)
- “Abu Dhabi brings in new mandatory building codes – it is hoped the codes will result in safer, longer-lasting buildings, however existing buildings will not be affected, but any changes will have to be in line with them.”
Construction Weekly (20 February 2013)
- “Dubai Aluminium saw its net profit more than halve in 2012 on the back of lower sales. The company reported a net profit of \$430m (AED1.58bn), which was 55% lower than the \$957m (AED3.5bn) it made last year.”
Construction Weekly (28 February 2013)
- “Clear thinking on water resources – morning fog descends over Dubai Marina. Researchers are looking into fog farming as a means to providing usable water.”
The National (1 April 2013)

Labour

- “70 job vacancies up for grabs at Qatar Foundation.”
Construction Weekly (3 January 2013)
- “Qatar could add 600,000 foreign workers in 2013. Major infrastructure work such as the Doha Metro and other transportation-related projects are expected to begin in earnest this year, leading to increased demand for construction labour, both skilled and unskilled.”
Construction Weekly (3 January 2013)



How Currie & Brown can help

There are a number of approaches that can be adopted by our clients to mitigate risk. By providing innovative solutions drawn from experience, Currie & Brown assists our clients in managing risk, reducing costs and enhancing value.

By continually analysing the market factors affecting construction, Currie & Brown provides clients with up-to-date cost information which allows them to make informed decisions to help them manage their property portfolio. Over the last few years the Middle East construction markets have been volatile and many clients now rely on our up-to-date cost advice to ensure they maximise return on their investments.

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