

State-of-the-art security features for Puteri Harbour

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PUTERI Harbour in Nusajaya, Johor, will be equipped with state-of-the-art security features estimated to cost some RM20 million.

Among features planned include individual security centres in every building within that 405ha area and these to eventually be linked to the Puteri Harbour security command centre.

Phase One of the waterfront development's safety and security blueprint costing RM3m is already up-and-running at the marina and clubhouse. The emphasis on security is one of Puteri Harbour's strongest pull factors, says UEM Land Bhd general manager (waterfront development) Zamani Kasim. At present, 46 closed-circuit television cameras encircle the marina and clubhouse, some equipped with a "help" button. "When the 'help' button is pressed, the cameras located closest to it will zoom in and you'll be able to speak to an officer at the command centre. "Our command centre is manned by fully-trained security officers," he told Business Times yesterday. "We're willing to spend significant sums on the safety and security because of the high-end nature of Puteri Harbour. We're also fully aware of the security concerns of the individuals who choose to come here," Zamani said. On the search for a new investor to replace Middle East developer Damac Properties, Zamani said UEM Land hopes to find a suitable replacement by the year-end. "We are now in talks with several parties but have yet to make our decision," he said, referring to the developer which, in June, backed out of a deal to invest in Puteri Harbour. Damac pulled out from an arrangement to buy 17.4ha of land for RM396 million. Zamani said Damac had faced some financial difficulties. Puteri Harbour is an integrated waterfront development offering harbourfront residences, offices and retail and entertainment outlets as well as berthing facilities for yachts of various lengths. The marina and clubhouse are already in operation, while the ferries and water taxis are expected to be operational by 2012.