



# ICF CONSTRUCTION SYSTEM

by GREEN HEIGHTS CONTRACTING LLC

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# INTRODUCTION

**Green Heights Contracting** and its team has been engaged in construction projects for over twenty-one years in Dubai, United Arab Emirates.

**Green Heights** has continued to strive towards becoming a complete multi-disciplinary practice offering our Clients the specialist individual attention and solutions required by an ever-changing project requirements. Green Heights sees teamwork on every project as the key success element and is responsible for creating this environment.

**Our vision** is to grow our multi-disciplinary team in order to offer a broad spectrum of specialist construction services to become our clients' preferred Professional Service Provider (PSP) through excellence and efficiency in all aspects of the building project life cycle. Whether it is a one villa project, a group of villas or a commercial project, Green Heights is a leading practice that will exceed expectations and set new standards!

# ICF – INSULATED CONCRETE FORM



**ICF blocks** consist of two panels of **Expanded Polystyrene Sheet (EPS)** which are held together with cross ties or 'webs' made of **High Density Polypropylene (HDPP)**.

# TYPES OF STRUCTURES



VILLAS



SCHOOLS



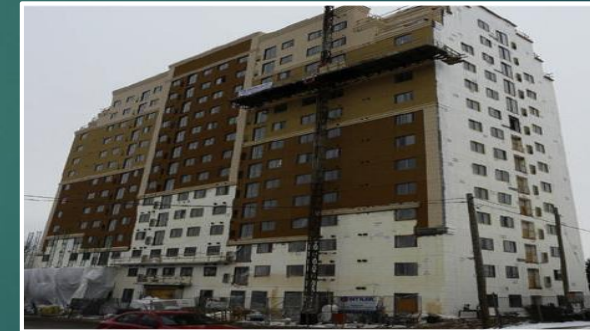
HOSPITALS



WAREHOUSES



LABOUR CAMPS



HIGH RISE BUILDINGS

# CONSTRUCTION PROCESS



**Concept**



Foot Wall



GF Wall



FF Wall



Structure



Foundation



Ground Slab



1<sup>st</sup> Slab



2<sup>nd</sup> Slab



**Reality**



# FOUNDATION

- ▶ Footings are installed according to applicable building codes & engineering requirements.
- ▶ ICF construction is easily accommodated with the strip footing.
- ▶ Slab on grade can be easily merged or blended into strip footing, if required.



RAFT FOUNDATION



STRIP FOUNDATION

# ICF WALLS

- ▶ ICF blocks are stacked similar to LEGO blocks in accordance with the required dimensions.
- ▶ Steel reinforcements are placed horizontally on the connecting webs within the ICF block and vertically placed with the help of PVC sleeves.



BASE BLOCKS



BLOCK STACKING



STEEL REINFORCEMENT

# WALL OPENINGS AND SHAPES

- ▶ ICF walls allows custom shapes like round and angular walls, arches, large openings, domes, etc., with much ease, precision and finish.



CIRCULAR WALLS



ANGULAR WALLS



LARGE OPENINGS



ARCHES

# WALL BRACINGS AND SUPPORTS

- ▶ Wall bracings and alignment systems are placed only in internal side, thereby reducing the space requirement and hardware.



# CONCRETING

- ▶ Concrete mix is poured into the cavity of the ICF blocks to create an insulated solid concrete wall.



- ▶ ICF system helps to achieve full floor height of 4 meters (or more, if required) in a single day, and concrete mix pour in one go.

# SLAB AND ROOF

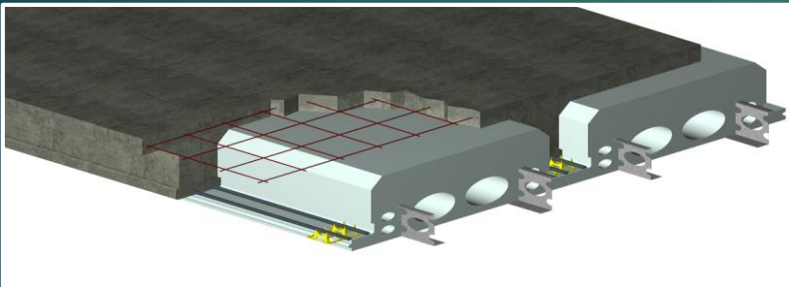
- ICF construction easily accommodates various types of slabs, as follows:



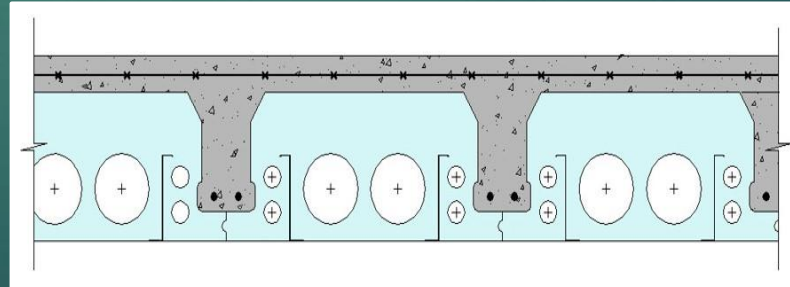
STEEL STRUCTURAL ROOF



HOLLOW CORE PRECAST



RIB BEAM – PLASTBAU SLAB



# INTERNAL PARTITION

- ▶ Various types of internal partitions can be used.
- ▶ As most of the ICF construction is column free, internal partitions can be removed and relocated at will.



CONCRETE BLOCK



GYPSUM BOARD



AAC WHITE BLOCK

# MEP INSTALLATIONS

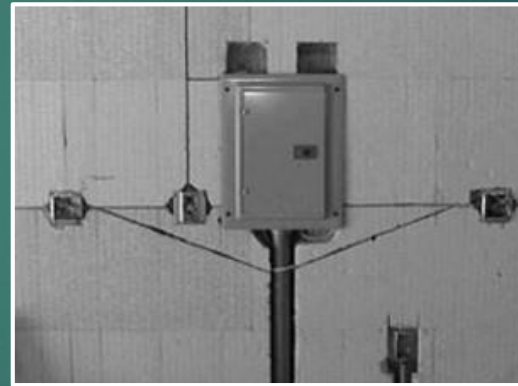
- ▶ MEP work is accomplished in very easily and speedily.
- ▶ Up to 2 ½ inch pipes can be easily installed within ICF block.
- ▶ There is no disturbance to the structure.



FORM CUTTING



CONDUITS



JUNCTION BOX



CAVITY REFILLING

# INTERIOR FINISHES

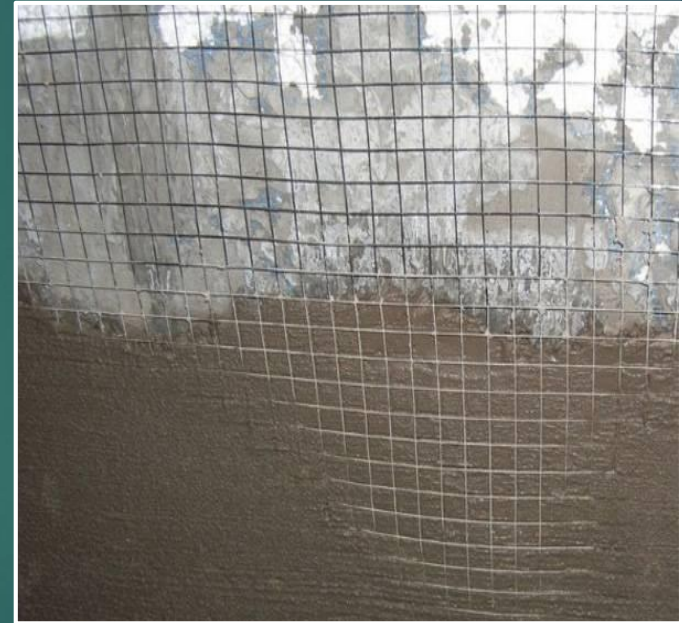
- ▶ ICF construction easily accommodates various types of interior finishes.



POLYMER PLASTER



GYPSUM BOARD PLASTER



CEMENT PLASTER

# EXTERIOR FINISHES

- ▶ Different exterior finishes and claddings can be accommodated in ICF construction.



POLYMER PLASTER



ALUMINIUM CLADDING



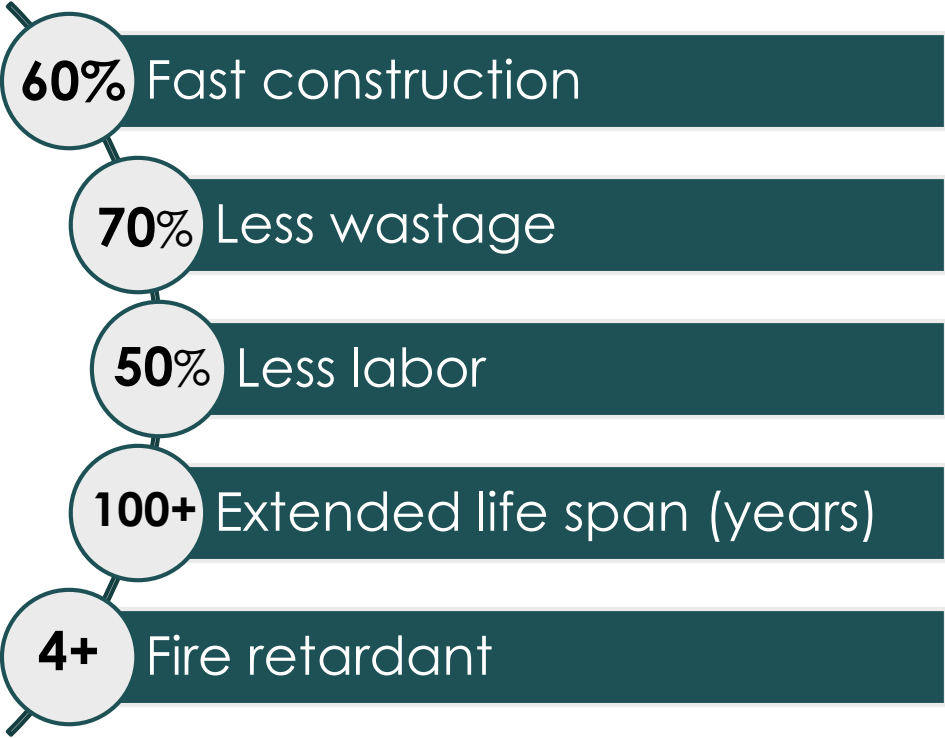
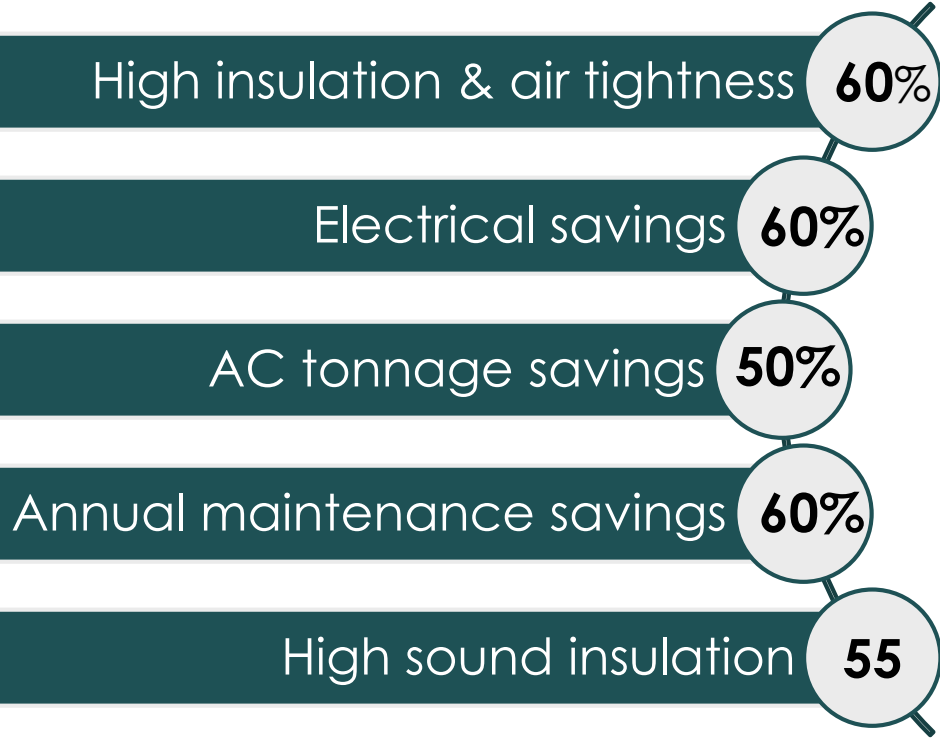
BRICK CLADDING



STONE CLADDING

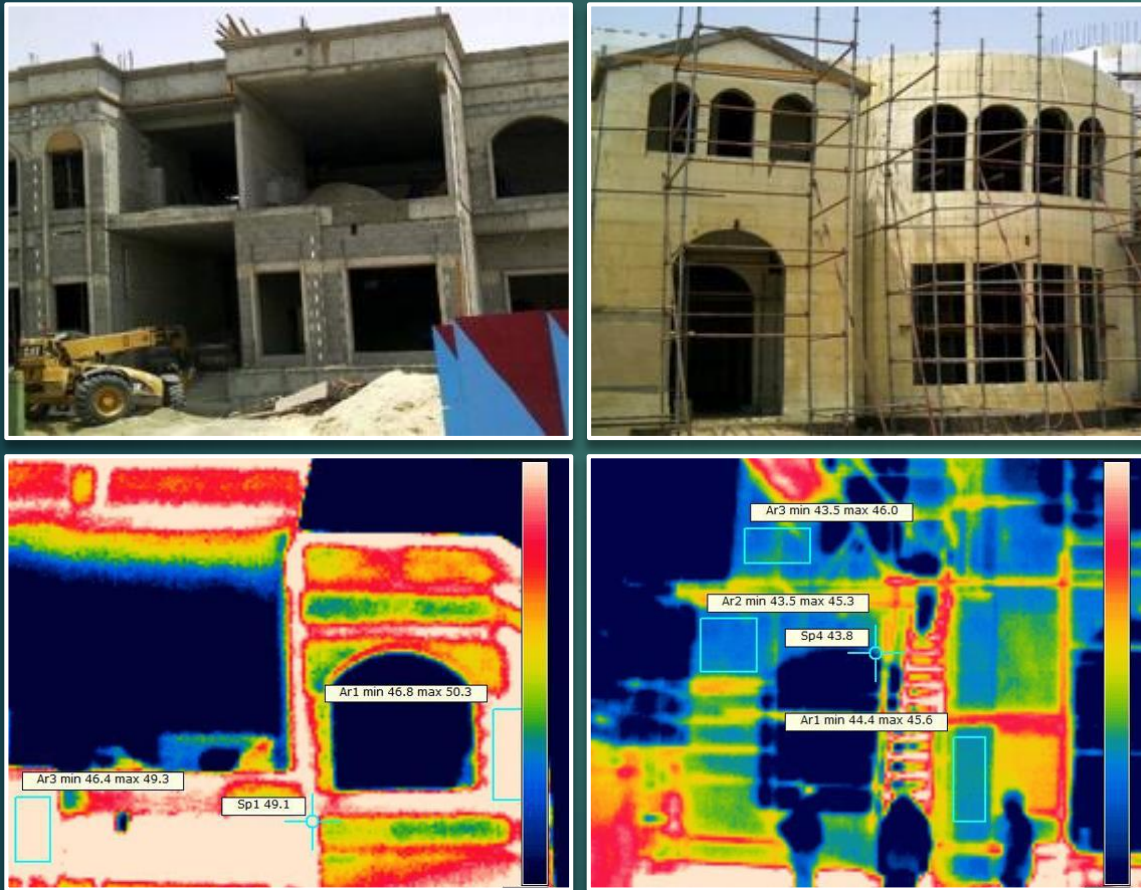
# BENEFITS OF ICF SYSTEM

## ZERO ENERGY DESIGN



# HIGH INSULATION

## LESS HEAT TRANSMISSION



- ▶ ICF provides excellent heat insulation thereby reducing heating and cooling requirements.

## LESS SOUND TRANSMISSION



- ▶ ICF provides superior insulation against the airborne sound.

# ENERGY AND AC TONNAGE

- ▶ Due to double and continuous insulation, temperature loss and heat transfer is greatly reduced, thereby reducing the air conditioning requirement by up to 50%.
- ▶ Due to reduced air conditioning, energy consumption is reduced by 50% to 60%.

**AC TONNAGE AND ENERGY SAVINGS COMPARISON TABLE**

| DESCRIPTION                  | CONVENTIONAL     | ICF SYSTEM |
|------------------------------|------------------|------------|
| Total AC requirement (Ton)   | 200              | 50         |
| Cost of installation (AED)   | 700,000          | 175,000    |
| Operational expenses (AED)*  | 443,256          | 110,814    |
| Maintenance expenses (AED)** | 60,000           | 15,000     |
| Expense over 5 yrs. period   | 3,216,280        | 804,070    |
| <b>Total savings (AED)</b>   | <b>2,412,210</b> | <b>75%</b> |
| Carbon Footprint per yr.     | 771,186          | 192,797    |

Project: G+2 warehouse & office building @ DAFZA, Dubai, UAE

\* Operational expenses are assumed @ AED 0.23 per kWh.

\*\* Maintenance expenses are assumed @ AED 150 per ton.

# ICF SYSTEM – GATEWAY TO ZERO ENERGY DESIGN (ZED)

- ▶ In order to achieve ZED the cost of the project is increased by 60% to 70% in conventional construction.
- ▶ Our challenge is to achieve ZED without increase in the cost of the project.
- ▶ **Solution**: By improving the energy efficiency of the building through ICF system and by reinvesting the savings achieved in HVAC towards the Solar energy, ZED can be easily achieved.



# LESS WASTAGE AND MORE CLEANLINESS

CONVENTIONAL  
SYSTEM



ICF  
SYSTEM



# FIRE RESISTANCE

- ▶ These photos are of actual burn test conducted, where gasoline was poured on the ICF block and set on fire. As soon as the gasoline was burned off, the fire was extinguished.
- ▶ Since, the ICF construction method has minimal 'Air Space', it restricts the spread of fire.
- ▶ Other than solid concrete, this is one of the highest rated fire retarding wall system available.



# LOWER MAINTENANCE

ICF House does not require any maintenance usually for at least minimum of 15 yrs.



- ▶ G+2 Warehouse and office at DAFZA, Dubai, UAE
- ▶ Completed and handed over on 2010. Owner didn't do any maintenance till date.



CRACK FREE



BULGE FREE



MOLD FREE



SEISMIC  
RESISTANCE

# LABOR FORCE AND CONSTRUCTION TIME

- ▶ Number of steps needed in ICF system are lot less than the conventional system. Due to this, lot of labor force and construction time can be saved.
- ▶ Light weight and easy installation processes allows the work to finish sooner.



CONVENTIONAL CONSTRUCTION



ICF CONSTRUCTION

12 WEEKS

# CONSTRUCTION ACTIVITIES COMPARISON

|                            | CONVENTIONAL SYSTEM  | ICF SYSTEM   |
|----------------------------|--|--|
| <b>SUB<br/>STRUCTURE</b>   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Footing</li> <li>➤ Neck column</li> <li>➤ Solid block work</li> <li>➤ Back filling</li> <li>➤ PCC for tie beam</li> <li>➤ RCC for tie beam</li> <li>➤ Again back filling and</li> <li>➤ Slab on grade</li> </ul> <p><i>Shuttering is required for most of the activities.</i></p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Footing,</li> <li>➤ Footing wall</li> <li>➤ Back filling and</li> <li>➤ Slab on grade</li> </ul> <p><i>Shuttering is required only for footing.</i></p> |
| <b>SUPER<br/>STRUCTURE</b> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ GF column</li> <li>➤ Slab</li> <li>➤ External block work</li> <li>➤ Internal block work</li> <li>➤ Insulation (if required)</li> </ul>  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ GF wall</li> <li>➤ Slab</li> <li>➤ Internal partition</li> <li>➤ Insulation (in build)</li> </ul>   |

A yellow mobile crane is shown lifting a large, dark-colored steel beam into place. The crane is positioned on a sandy ground within a large, open steel structure. The structure features a series of horizontal and vertical steel beams forming a frame. The crane's boom is extended upwards, and the beam is being hoisted by cables. The background shows a clear blue sky.



## MASDAR CITY ECO-VILLA TOWARDS NET ZERO ENERGY

THROUGH CONSTANT INNOVATION, MASDAR CITY IS COMMITTED TO PROVIDING SUSTAINABLE HOUSING SOLUTIONS FOR OUR DREAMS & DREAMING FAMILIES.

Our commitment to Net Zero Energy is achieved through a combination of the following:

- The use of high performance building envelopes to reduce the building's energy demand.
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## MASDAR CITY ECO-VILLA ENVIRONMENTAL RATIONALE

ACHIEVING NET ZERO ENERGY ECO-VILLA WITH PV

Net Zero Energy Eco-Villa  
Renewable Energy Offset

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### ENERGY CONSUMPTION

|   |  |
|---|--|
| <p><b>350 KWH</b><br/>PER YEAR PER HOUSEHOLD</p> <p><b>180 KWH</b><br/>PER YEAR PER HOUSEHOLD</p> | <p><b>97 KWH</b><br/>PER YEAR PER HOUSEHOLD</p> <p><b>0 KWH</b><br/>PER YEAR PER HOUSEHOLD</p> |
| <p>75% ENERGY REDUCTION</p> <p>44% ENERGY REDUCTION</p>   | <p>NET ZERO ENERGY ECO-VILLA</p>   |

**Ground Floor**

**First Floor**

**Plot GFA: 485 sq m**  
**2Beds + 2Baths**

**Plot Floor Loading:**

- 1. Living Room
- 2. Dining Room
- 3. Kitchen
- 4. Bedroom
- 5. Bedroom
- 6. Bathroom
- 7. Bathroom
- 8. Terrace
- 9. Terrace
- 10. Terrace
- 11. Terrace
- 12. Terrace
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- 20. Terrace

**Eco-Villa  
Without PV**

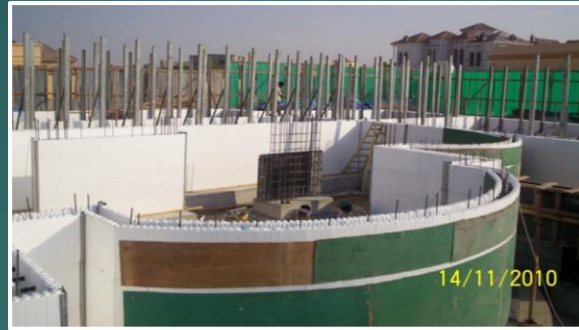
**Net Zero Energy Eco-Villa  
With PV**

**5\*** THE MASDAR CITY ECO-VILLA USES **FOUR TIMES** LESS ENERGY THAN STANDARD OLDER VILLAS\*\*



# PROUD PROJECTS

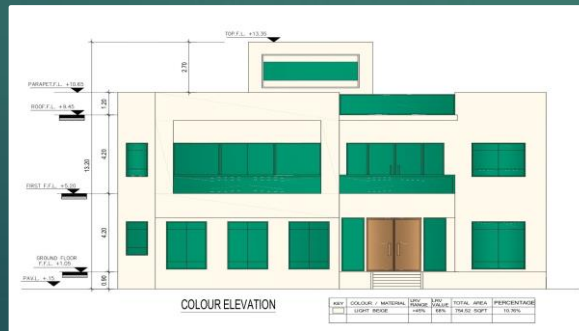
G+1+R VILLA PROJECT  
AT AL WARQA, DUBAI



G+1+R VILLA & SERVICE  
BLOCK PROJECT AT  
OUD AL MUTEENA, DUBAI



G+1+R VILLA PROJECT  
AT AL WARQA, DUBAI



# APPROVALS AND CERTIFICATIONS

## ► APPROVALS



## ► CERTIFICATIONS



# SITE VISIT BY AUTHORITIES



- DUBAI MUNICIPALITY AND CIVIL DEFENCE VISIT AT DAFZA WAREHOUSE PROJECT



- DUBAI MUNICIPALITY AND CIVIL DEFENCE VISIT AT OUD AL MUTINA VILLA PROJECT

# SITE VISIT BY DIGNITORIES



**H.H. Sheikh Hamdan Bin Zayed Al Nahyan** visits Eco Villa at Masdar City, Abu Dhabi

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**H.E. Dr. Sultan Ahmed Al Jaber**, Minister of Industry and Advanced Technology and Chairman of Masdar visits Eco Villa at Masdar City, Abu Dhabi

# AWARDS AND ACHIEVEMENTS

Selected among the top 100 companies of Dubai out of 72,000 SMEs and awarded by **H.H. Sheikh Ahmed Bin Saeed Al Maktoum** under Mohammed Bin Rashid Establishment for SME Development (Dubai SME).



# AWARDS AND ACHIEVEMENTS

Awarded for the **Best Green Construction System (2013)** by **Emirates Green Building Council (EGBC)**, Dubai, U.A.E.



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Awarded for the **Best Green Construction System (2014)** by **bgreen Magazine**.



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**Finalist** in the General Construction category at the **GAIA Awards (2015)** at THE BIG 5 Exhibition.



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Awarded for the **Green ERA Award (2015)** by **OTHERWAYS Management Association, Germany**

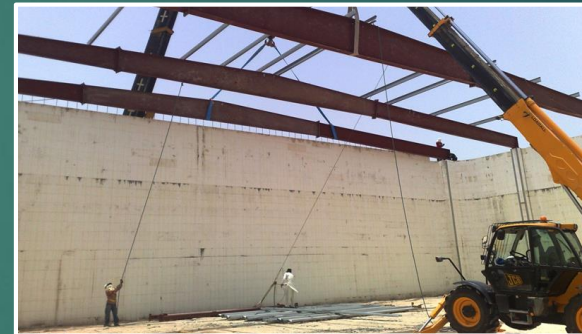


# GALLERY

# G+1 ECO VILLA @ MASDAR, ABU DHABI



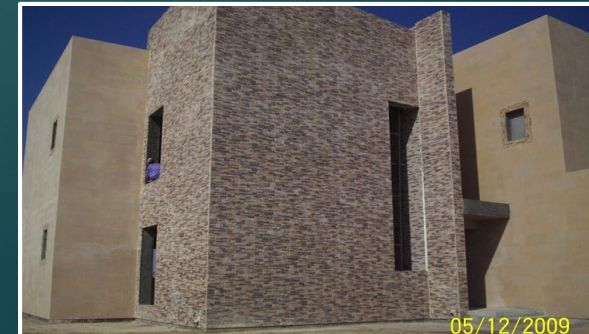
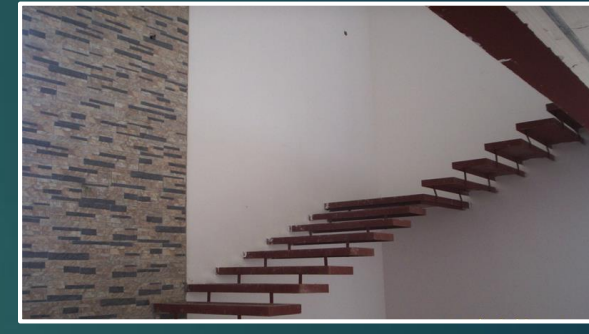
# G+2 WAREHOUSE & OFFICE @ DAFZA, DUBAI



# G+1 VILLA @ AL WARQA, DUBAI



# G+1 VILLA @ OUD AL MUTEENA, DUBAI



# WORKING TOWARDS SUSTAINABLE FUTURE

**ICF** is a superior construction system that ranks high on the sustainable and green standards while economically competing with the conventional system and exceeding long term benefits in form of operational and maintenance cost.

***THANK YOU***