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Red Sea Int'l's CEO explains how works were delivered in record time without causing any disruption to the site



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Saudi Stock Exchange (Tadawul)-listed Red Sea International Company recently delivered a triangular modularisation concept in a contemporary restaurant project within the Japan Pavilion at Expo 2020 Dubai's site.

Speaking with Construction Week, the company's newly-appointed CEO, Khalid Mohammed Fagih said that the modular restaurant, Sushiro, was an "afterthought" for the event and Red Sea International Co came in to solve a complex design situation.

"Works needed to be delivered in record time without causing any disruptive work to the site, whilst the main pavilion was being constructed in situ."

Red Sea Int'l Co deployed its internal design force on the project to work at length with the international architects and engineers for a solution that was compliant to the standards of the global event.



"The triangular modularisation concept was intricate and had to be well coordinated to ensure offsite construction could happen in parallel at the Red Sea Int'l Co's factory in Dubai, allowing a large portion of the interior fitout to be completed and approved whilst the main pavilion works continued to accelerate on site," Fagih said.

Red Sea Int'l Co has engineered and delivered "a bolted connection solution", allowing for flexibility in repurposing of the structure in future.

"We are already in talks with business operators in the UAE who are impressed with the execution strategy, and are keen to make offers to make this dwelling their own, after the event," he said.

The restaurant project was constructed with the pavilion's existing structure already in place. To suit the environment and without disrupting it, Red Sea Int'l leveraged creative lifting designs and oversized cranes.



"The lifting took place over the weekend(s) to ensure minimal disruption to the wider site," Fagih added.

Timelines are always a tough ask in the Middle East, he stated, adding that Red Sea Int'l Co delivered the project as per the prescribed schedule, "with the right plan and design in place".

"The budget has been managed by our internal commercial team and our client has been supportive, ensuring prompt payment to stakeholders, so they remained committed to the overall objective," he concluded.



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