

## Press release

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### Norman Foster to give keynote address at World Future Energy Summit, Abu Dhabi

The Abu Dhabi Future Energy Company developer of the Masdar Initiative - presents the World Future Energy Summit on January 21-23. As part of Abu Dhabi's bid to embrace renewable and sustainable energy technologies, the summit will be a platform for open engagement in the search for solutions to energy security, climate change and sustainable human development.

Bringing together some of the world's leading thinkers and activists, Norman Foster's keynote address, which closes the conference, will outline a holistic vision for the 21st century sustainable city. Focusing on issues relating to infrastructure, buildings, mobility, energy and carbon neutrality, he will reveal designs for the Masdar project, the world's first carbon neutral, zero waste city.

"The Masdar Initiative has provided Foster + Partners with the opportunity to realise on a large scale - many of the issues relating to architecture and sustainability that have been driving us since as early as the 1970s. We feel privileged to be working with a visionary client to push boundaries, question assumptions and think about new ways that we might live in the future. The

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World Future Energy Summit will be both an ideas forum as well as a glimpse of things to come. I am very excited to present our work at this inspiring and important event."

Norman Foster, Founder and Executive Chairman

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