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## Kamelia Bin Zaal's debut garden at the RHS Chelsea Flower Show, Al Barari's The Beauty of Islam, has been awarded a prestigious Silver Gilt Medal at the esteemed annual horticulture event.

The striking garden, created in honour of His Highness Sheikh Zayed Bin Sultan Al Nahyan, the late President of the UAE, has been designed to evoke the ancient Spice Routes of the Arabic empire, as well as taking its visitors on a contemporary, yet sensory journey through Islamic and Arabic culture. Kamelia Bin Zaal beautifully accomplishes this through the magnetic blend of poetry, scents, calligraphy and a bewitching mélange of plants that add an arresting atmosphere to the garden.

Kamelia Bin Zaal explains, "I am absolutely thrilled to have won a Silver Gilt medal, and so delighted to be sharing this great honour with everyone who has made this wonderful garden possible. Taking part in the RHS Chelsea Flower Show has been a truly memorable experience, and I am fortunate to know that

### About Kamelia Bin Zaal

Kamelia Bin Zaal is the Creative Director of Al Barari, a sustainable luxury development in the UAE renowned for its beautiful gardens with 80% of the land dedicated to landscape, while the villas combine Islamic and contemporary architecture. The residential estate owned and developed by her family marks a true celebration of plant diversity and heritage in the United Arab Emirates. In the same way The Beauty of Islam show garden also reflects the concept of sustainability, Arab culture and Islam. Al Barari's sponsorship of the garden this year is in honour of His Highness Sheikh Zayed Bin Sultan Al Nahyan's legacy of greening the UAE and to continue his relationship with the most prestigious flower show in the world, the RHS Chelsea Flower Show.



I am returning to Dubai having made friends for life in so many of the people I have got to know along the way. I am delighted that I achieved my intention of making The Beauty of Islam a true celebration of heritage, art, design, culture and for all the plants to reflect the diversity of the UAE's plant life. If I know that through the garden, I have inspired even just a handful of people with my culture, then I leave Chelsea a very happy person indeed."



### About Al Barari

First envisioned by Emirati businessman Mr. Zaal Mohammed Zaal in 2005, Al Barari is the flagship development of the Zaal family. Literally meaning 'wilderness', Al Barari was designed to be a true desert oasis. Eighty per cent of the development's 18.42 million square feet is made up of green, lush space that envelops 189 Al Barari residences and 28 bespoke luxury villas of The Reserve. Ashjar, a collection of 300 elegant apartments in three distinctive categories, and Seventh Heaven, an exception collection of 157 homes including exclusive duplexes, penthouses, sky villas and garden homes, are currently under development. Recently launched is The Nest, an exquisite collection of 99 villas. The estate features its own health and fitness centre, Body Language and signature restaurant, The Farm. A total of six themed gardens with over 16.4 kilometres of naturally landscaped lakes, freshwater streams, cascades and waterways make Al Barari the lowest density development in the UAE and more akin to a botanical garden than a residential community. Garden maintenance and landscaping services are provided onsite by Al Barari's partner Green Works. ●