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The judge

Ebtessam Al Badwawi, 31, is one of the first female judges in Dubai, and hopes to set an example for the next generation of female judges. "The UAE proved it's possible to empower women without compromising on Arabic heritage and culture," she says. "The UAE Government didn't spare any efforts when it came to supporting the female workforce. It started with offering equal rights in education and employment, which contributed to the diversity of women's skills."



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The art director

Her Highness Sheikha Hoor Al-Qasimi is the Director of the Sharjah Biennial, the leading exhibition of contemporary art in the region. "Everything that happened in Sharjah in terms of art and culture happened organically; I grew up with the Biennial, the theatre, the book fair, and many cultural activities," she says. "We now have exhibitions all year round, a summer school, talks and workshops, conferences, a film club, residences and publication – an entire ecosystem."



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Women of substance**The landscape artist**

Kamelia Zaal, the daughter of Emirati businessman Mohammed Zaal, who founded Dubai's lush Al Barari neighbourhood, is also gifted with a green thumb.

This landscape designer runs her own company, Second Nature, and continues to build on her father's vision of green, eco-friendly environments in Dubai.

As the dynamic city grows and water use and energy conservation become top

priorities, Zaal's expertise is becoming more and more important for the community. She has turned a passion into serious business, and perhaps it was meant to be: she is even named after a flower.