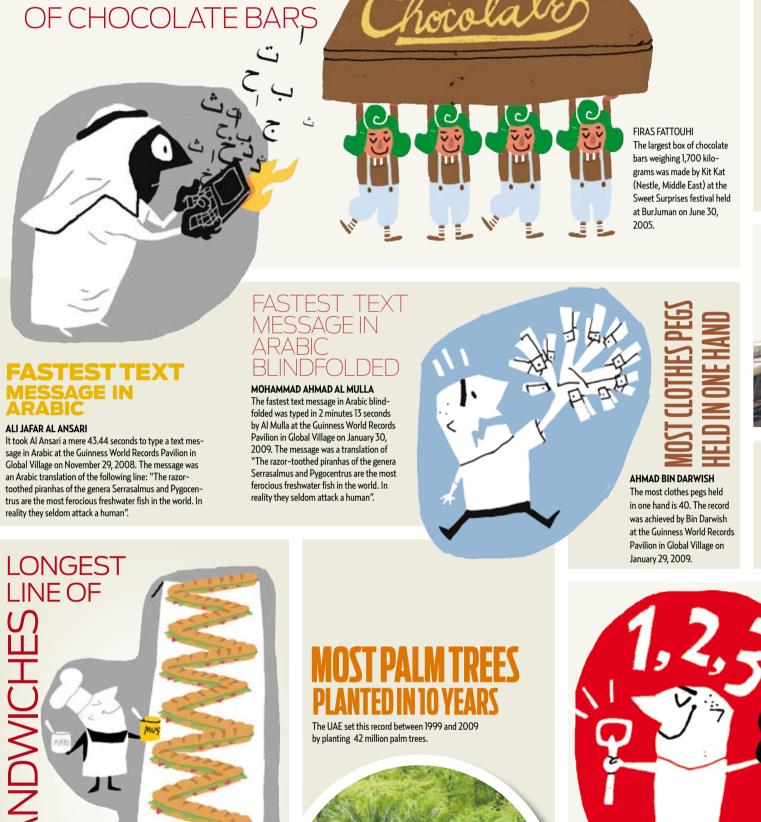
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The UAE has come a long way from being a refuge for nomadic Bedouins and pearl divers to becoming a hub for business and tourism in the region. Its ability and commitment to innovate have seen the rise of the world's tallest man-made structure to the running of the world's longest driverless trains. Reporter Janice Ponce de Leon presents the UAE's priceless achievements that have made it to the pages of the Guinness World Records.





LARGEST SAME FIRST **NAME GATHERING**



CENTURY SHOPPING MALL The largest shopping trolley stands 10.5 metres tall from ground to handle, with the basket 6.88 metres long (top edge) and 4.46 metres wide. The wheels measure 0.79 metres in diameter. It was made by the Al Safeer Group and Century Shopping Mall in an attempt sponsored by Dubai Duty Free and was unveiled at the Dubai Shopping Festival on February 6, 2004.



CKET GAMES HELI SHARJAH CRICKET STADIUN

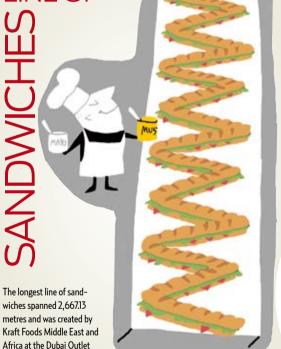


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December 16, 2010. HIGHEST BASE JUMP FROM A BUILDING Nasser Al Neyadi and Omar Al Hujailan The highest BASE jump performed from a building was 672 metres by Nasser Al

freefall FASTEST TIME TO CLIMB BURJ KHALIFA TOWER UNASSISTED (SOLO) Alain Robert

by Alain Robert (France) on March 29, 2011.



LARGEST BOX

The longest line of sandwiches spanned 2,667.13 metres and was created by Kraft Foods Middle East and Africa at the Dubai Outlet Mall on September 7, 2010.





The record for most people opening bottles simultaneously was achieved by 760 people during an event organised by Coca-Cola Middle East in Dubai on May 29, 2009.

MORE ACHIEVEMENTS

MOST BRANDS ADVERTISED **ON A SINGLE BILLBOARD Discovery Exhibition Organise** The most brands advertised on a single billboard was 1,233 and was achieved by Discovery Exhibition Organisers at Dubai Festival City on January 23, 2011.

LARGEST COLLECTION BOX The largest collection box at Dubai Creek Park, was produced on February 10, 2005 as part of the Dubai Shopping Festival. It has a volume of 13 cubic metres and is 6.87 metres high and 3.60 metres wide.

HEAVIEST COIN-LIKE MEDALLION **Damas Jewellery** The heaviest coin-like medallion had a diameter of 1 metre, was 2.3 cm thick and weighed 185.88 kilograms. It was made by Damas Jewellery on December 15, 2008 to commemorate the 10th anniversary of the Shaikh Hamdan Bin Rashid Al Maktoum Award for Medical Sciences. The medallion is worth Dh1 million and was made of fine silver and gold plated with 22 carat gold.

MOST SAND MOVED WITH A TEASPOON IN 30 SECONDS Majid Mohammad The most sand moved in 30 seconds with a teaspoon is 194 ml achieved by Majid Mohammad (Pakistan) at the Guinness World Records Pavilion in Global Village on January 30, 2009.

MOST DIFFERENT DESSERTS ON DISPLAY Dubai Shopping Festival The most different desserts on display is 2,232 and was achieved by Dubai Shopping Festival in conjunction with the Emirates Culinary Guild (both UAE) at Uptown Mirdiff on February 13.2009.

MOST TV CHANNELS BROADCASTING THE SAME PROGRAMME SIMULTANEOUSLY Mustafa Salamah The record for most TV channels broadcasting the same programme simultaneously is 61 and was achieved by Mustafa Salamah on

Adril 7, 2010. LARGEST AWARENESS RIBBON MADE OF FLOWERS **Dubai Healthcare City** The largest awareness ribbon made of flowers

was 28.71 metres long and 19.68 metres wide

and was made using 105,000 pink carnations. LARGEST COLLECTION Unveiled on November 16, 2007, it was created on behalf of the Dubai Healthcare City to raise wareness about breast cancer research.

MOST CDS FLIPPED AND CAUGHT IN ONE MINUTE

lohammad Rohail Ria The most CDs flipped and caught in one minute

is 58 achieved by Mohammad Rohail Riaz (Pakistan) at the Guinness World Records Pavilion in Global Village on February 21, 2009. MOST CONSECUTIVE TENNIS BALI TOUCHES USING THE FEET IN ONE MINUTE Mahdi Hobbedarvish

The most consecutive tennis ball touches in one minute using the feet is 144 and was achieved by Mahdi Hobbedarvish (Iran) at the Dubai Mall on January 15, 2010.

MOST EXPENSIVE CAR REGISTRATION Saeed Abdul Gaffar Khouri The most expensive car licence plate comprising the single digit $\ensuremath{{\ensuremath{\mathcal{I}}}}\xspace$ was bought by Saeed Abdul Gaffar Khouri for Dh52.2 million during a special number-plate auction organised by Emirates Auction Company, at Emirates Palace on February 16, 2008.

OF MINIATURE LANDMARKS Chandra Mohan As of May 2011, Chandra Mohan (India) had

527 different miniatures of landmarks from 70 countries, which he has been collecting

FASTEST TYPING USING THE NOSE

since 2002.

The shortest time taken to type a prescribed 103 character text on a keyboard using the nose is 1 minute 33 seconds achieved by Neeta (India) at the Guinness World Records Pavilion in Global Village on November 16, 2008.

FASTEST TIME TO TYPE 1 TO 50 Hind Al Mulla The fastest time to type numbers from 1 to 50 with a full stop in between each number was 16.30 seconds achieved by Hind Al Mulla (UAE) at the Guinness World Records Pavilion in Glo-

bal Village on February 9, 2009. LARGEST TORCHLIGHT/FLASHLIGHT Moon Way General Trading The largest torchlight is 227cm long and 55cm in diameter and was created by Moon Way General Trading (UAE). It was presented and

measured in Sharjah on August 25, 2010. LARGEST PARADE OF **MERCEDES-BENZ CARS**

Gargash Enterprises The largest parade of Mercedes Benz cars

consisted of 153 vehicles and was organised by Gargash Enterprises with the support of its customers. The convoy started in Dubai and ended at Endurance City, Bab Al Shams Desert Resort & Spa on April 21, 2007.

LARGEST AMBULANCE Martin von Bergh

The largest ambulance is operated by the Dubai Government's Centre of Ambulance Services. Designed by Dr Martin von Bergh of Global Medical Consulting, it is 20.03 metres long and can transport 123 patients and staff. It was put into service on September 25, 2009.

LARGEST WEIGHT DIFFERENCE DURING FORMATION FLIGHT Narara, Kairis and Veres

Three planes with more than 240 times weight difference flew in tight formation at the opening ceremony of the Al Ain Aerobatic show on January 26, 2007. The large aircraft, an Etihad Airways Airbus A330-300 with a take-off

weight of 230,000 kilograms and a wingspan of 60.3 metres, was piloted by Captain Granger Narara (UAE). The two small planes were a Sukhoi Su-26 with a take-off weight of 835 kilograms and a wingspan of 7.8 metres piloted by Jurgis Kairis (LIT) Aerobatic World Champion and an Extra-300S with a take-off weight of 845 kilograms and a wingspan of 7.12 metres piloted by Zoltan Veres (HUN) Aerobatic Euro-

Team China

pean Champion LARGEST DISPLAY OF HANGING BASKETS Akar Landscaping Services & Agriculture The largest display of hanging baskets consisted of 2,426 arrangements, and was achieved by

Akar Landscaping Services & Agriculture (UAE) in the Zakher area in Al Ain on March 20, 2010. FASTEST SWIM SHORT COURSE RELAY 4 X 200 METRES FREESTYLE (FEMALE)

The fastest swim short course relay 4 x 200 metres freestyle (female) was completed in 7 minutes 35.94 seconds by Team China, consist ing of Chen Qian, Tang Yi, Kiu Jing and Zhu Qianwei in Dubai on December 15, 2010.





The largest gathering of people with the same first name is 1,096. The Mohammads gathered at Creek Park as part of the Dubai Shopping Festival on February 10, 2005.



DUBAI METRO RED LINE

57.1 kilometres.

The longest driverless metro line covers

HAZZA SULAIMAN AL SHEHHI The highest sword throw at 21.275 metre was achieved by Al Shehhi at Fujairah Fort

as part of Al Saif Traditional Sword Competition on November 26, 2010.



metres tall. The tower was built by Emaar Properties and officially opened in Dubai on January 4, 2010.



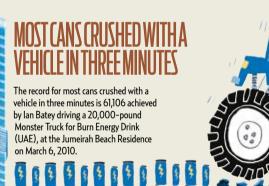


HIGHEST RESTAURANT FROM GROUND LEVEL AT.MOSPHERE Nestled 442 metres above the ground, at.Mosphere is situated on the 122nd floor of the Burj Khalifa, just two levels below the world's highest observatory deck

HIGHEST SWIMMING POOL IN A BUILDING The highest swimming pool is on level 76 (over 270 metres) in the Burj Khalifa.



ARGEST ACRYLIC PANEL The largest single acrylic panel is an aquarium window at the Dubai Mall. It measures 32.88 metres by 8.3 metres and was completed on July 25, 2008.







DUBAI MALL The largest shopping centre located within Downtown Dubai consists of four levels with an internal floor area of 548,127 square metres. It comprises 1,200 retail outlets and has over 160 food and beverage outlets. Construction began in 2004, with the mall opening its doors

on November 4, 2008.



ARGEST SEASHELL The largest seashell mosaic measures 147 square metres and was placed at Dubai Police headquarters on January 17, 2009.

PRIZEPURSE The largest prize fund for a single horse race was \$10 million (Dh36.7

EMIRATES PALACE

The richest single day's racing purse

totalled \$26.25 million (Dh96.38 mil-

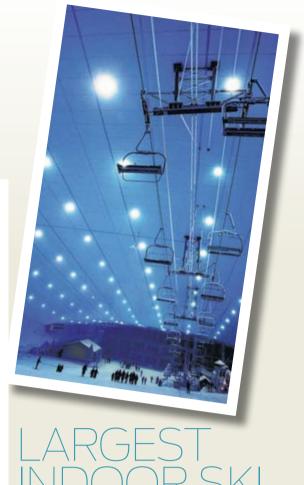
Mevdan Racecourse on March 27, 2

FOR SINGLE

held in Sharjah in December 2005.

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lion) during the Dubai World Cup at the



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The largest indoor ski resort opened in December 2005. It has an area of 22,500 square metres and is covered with up to 6,000 tonnes of artificial snow all year around, servicing a maximum of 1,500 visitors. It has Alpine-style chalets, chairlifts, fir trees, a 3,000 square metre interactive Snow Park for tobogganing and bobsleigh, a 400-metre long slope with a 60-metre drop, a 90-metre quarter pipe for trick practice, and a range of five ski runs —one of which is the first indoor run to be classified as black (advanced).



the 12th floor up.

held at Meydan Racecourse on March The most expensively dressed Christmas tree was valued at Dh41.32 million and was erected and displayed by the Emirates Palace from December 16-29, 2010.

million) during the Dubai World Cup,



RAMA THE CAMA

On January 14, 1998, Rama, the world's first hybrid offspring of a camel and llama, known as a cama was born at the Camel Reproduction Centre in Dubai. The long-term project headed by chief scientific officer Dr Julian A. (Lulu) Skidmore (UK) finally came to fruition with Rama's birth. Rama was a male specimen. His father was an Arabian camel or dromedary (Camelus dromedarius), and his mother was a South American guanaco (Lama huanacos), from which the domestic llama descended. Moreover, because the camel is over six times heavier than the guanaco, Rama was conceived by artificial insemination. In 2002, a second cama was born, this time a female called Kamilah



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FASTEST SWIM SHORT COURSE RELAY 4 X 200 METRES FREESTYLE (MALE) The fastest swim short course relay 4 x 200

freestyle (male) was completed in 6 minutes 49.04 seconds by Team Russia, consisting of Nikita Lobintsev, Danila Izotov, Evgeny Lagunov, and Alexander Sukhorukov, in Dubai on

Neyadi and Omar Al Hujailan (both UAE). They jumped off the Burj Khalifa on January 5, 2010 and reached speeds of over 220 km/h during

The fastest time to climb the Burj Khalifa is 6 hours 13 minutes 55 seconds and was achieved



BIGGEST The biggest Yola dance was performed by 285 participants

from three different tribes as part of the AI Saif Traditional Sword Competition on November 26, 2010.



The largest parade of Hyundai buses comprised 390 buses and was organised by Emirates Transport in Abu Dhabi on December 2, 2010.