**Azizi Developments Official Sponsor of the Dubai International Basketball Tournament**

**Dubai, 17 January 2018:** Azizi Developments, a leading private real estate developer operating in the UAE for over a decade, is sponsoring the 29th Dubai International Basketball Tournament which gets underway on Thursday, January 18 with the UAE National Team and Al-Hikma from Lebanon featuring in the opening match at Shabab-Al-Ahli Club, Dubai. The event is organised by the UAE Basketball Association and will run until January 26, 2018.

The tournament will bring together 14 local and international teams in a true representation of team spirit and sportsmanship. Teams from Egypt, Lebanon, Morocco, Libya, Kuwait, Saudi Arabia, Iraq, Bahrain, and Palestine will be represented at the tournament, along with the national teams of the Philippines and UAE. The event is expected to attract an average daily audience of 1,000 – 2,500 people with numbers reaching 3,000 – 4,500 people for the final matches.

Speaking on the sponsorship Farhad Azizi, CEO of Azizi Developments, said: “Azizi Developments wholeheartedly extends its support to events that promote sports in the UAE and beyond, recognising the important role sports play in the all-round development of youth and bringing people and communities together. As a leading private real estate developer operating in the UAE, we will continue to remain aligned with the Government’s vision to support initiatives that play a role in enhancing Dubai’s image.”

He added: “The Dubai International Basketball Tournament has established itself as one of the leading sporting events for basketball in the Middle East, consequently making it an excellent platform to increase awareness of our brand values and establish closer engagement with the public.”

In 2017, the developer became an official sponsor of the globally renowned Dubai World Cup and the Toscana Endurance Lifestyle, pledging its support to equestrian sporting activities. Azizi is also the main sponsor of Shabab Al Ahli Dubai Football Club, one of the most successful football clubs in the UAE, which is presided by HH Sheikh Hamdan Bin Mohammad Bin Rashid Al Maktoum.

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**About Azizi Developments**

Azizi Developments is the real estate investment arm of Azizi Group. Established in 2007, the company’s diverse experience in the property market has led the value of its current portfolio in the emirate to over AED20billion and more than 100 projects at various stages of development.

Azizi Developments was awarded ‘Developer of the Year’ at the Construction Innovation Awards for two consecutive years in 2016 and 2017, and has been instrumental in developing some of the finest properties in The Palm Jumeirah, Meydan, Dubai Healthcare City, Al Furjan, Studio City, Sports City and Jebel Ali.