

NEW HEIGHTS

↳ Located in the heart of the emerging residential district of Maysan, on Reem Island in ever-expanding Abu Dhabi, **Maysan Towers** provide a vivid addition to the urban masterplan framework and ambitious sustainable agenda of the capital city of the UAE. The architectural design theme draws influence from the unique natural topography of Al Ain, often referred to as the Garden City of the Gulf. The architectural detailing thus echoes unique green oases, dramatic rock overhangs and planar mountain plateaus. The two residential towers, 38 and 36 storeys respectively, have been designed by world-class architecture and interior design firm **dwp** (www.dwp.com), and the project has also just received the prestigious MENA Industry Acclaim at Cityscape Abu Dhabi 2011, the region's premier real estate investment and development event. Construction is scheduled to commence by mid 2011.



A TOUCH OF CLASS

↗ For over 20 years, Atlanta designer Suzanne Kasler has been creating warm, inviting environments that strike a balance between elegant, traditional design and practical comfort. The same can be said of the new **Suzanne Kasler for Hickory Chair** line. Known for her love of all things French, Kasler brings a fresh mix of Continental flavor and classic style to her interiors. By mixing both antiques and modern pieces, she creates environments that are timeless, sophisticated, and livable. Her passion for perfection and detail is also consistent with Hickory Chair's tradition of personalized home furnishings. The collection features couture details, such as grosgrain ribbon trim, slipcovers with graceful ties, and custom-made hardware for a perfect finishing touch. Available from **Chanintr Living** (www.chanintrliving.com) on the 3rd floor of Siam Paragon in Bangkok.



SYMPHONY IN CONCRETE

↗ With inspiration drawn from the sculptures of Jorge Oteiza, renowned for being one of the main theorists on Spanish modern art, Spain's **A-cero** (www.a-cero.com) created this architectural masterpiece on the outskirts of Madrid. Calling it the **Open Box House**, the three-storey, 750-square-meter home is beautifully



flooded by natural light throughout. On the basement level is a garage, on the ground floor spacious living areas, together with a kitchen and servant's quarter. The first floor features four en-suite bedrooms and a library. Sculptural and modern in every detail, the house is typical of A-cero's design philosophy. The firm, headed by the award-winning duo of Joaquin Torres and Raphael Llamazares, was also responsible for the Japanese garden landscaping and contemporary interiors, with furniture supplied by Italian company Fendi.