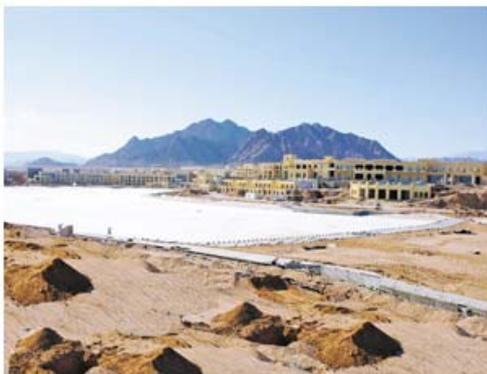


Huge Swimming Pool, Possibly World's Largest, Takes Shape in Egypt



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Lagoon-like structure on the Sinai Peninsula will use similar technology to one built by the same developer in Chile in 2006, but the Egyptian pool will be larger.



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The pool, seen here in an early construction photo, will be the centerpiece of a luxury resort and residential development.

opening" will occur by the end of 2012. Once filled, the 591-ft-wide, 2,428-ft-long pool will have an average depth of six feet, 10 in., and a maximum depth of eight feet. It will hold 62.6 million gallons of water. "The water will be recovered from underground aquifers of salty water," says Pascual. "This water has no alternative use."

Once operational, the pool will be the world's largest in terms of surface area and exceed by 50% the current record-holder, the San Alfonso del Mar pool in Chile, also developed by Fischmann. Opened in 2006, the San Alfonso pool is listed in the Guinness Book of World Records as the world's largest pool, at one kilometer in length and 19 acres in area. However, because that pool has a maximum depth of 115 ft, it will retain the world record for most capacity, holding 66 million gallons of treated seawater.

The cost of the Sharm El Sheikh pool was not disclosed, but published reports listed the price tag for the Chilean structure at up to \$2 billion, with annual maintenance costing \$4 million.

In addition to the the pool, the first phase of the Egyptian resort project is set to include a 415-room resort and 1,200 residential units, says Citystars. Later phases could include 10 other large lagoons and a total of 20,000 housing units, it notes.

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