

# **XLP AGM 2019**

Le Meridien Dubai Hotel & Conference Centre Dubai, United Arab Emirates
1-4<sup>th</sup> September 2019









**Executive Director** XLProjects (XLP)

I have some good news for you. No, strike that. I have some great news for you!

XLProjects will be in Dubai in full force in 2019. And we want to see you there...

#### Why come to Dubai?

Dubai is more than a hub. It is a world city. And for the project logistics industry it is one of the most important centers of business anywhere. Its importance extends beyond the Middle East to include Africa, the Indian Subcontinent and Central Asia.

In project cargo Dubai is where the action is. Every large oil & gas company and every major engineering company is there. All of the important actors in the transport and handling of oversized cargo has long since set up shop.

This is why Dubai is of interest to us and why should be on the list of all serious projects players.

So consider this:

- Your XLProjects partners are all going to be there
- The new XLProjects members are all going to be there
- XLProjects will be showcasing a new meeting format we designed to get the maximum positive effect for your meetings.
- What better place for a project logistics industry event than in Dubai, the undisputed commercial capital of the Middle East?

But then you knew all of that, didn't you? See you in Dubai, my friend!

Best regards, Gary Dale Cearley





# **Dubai, U.A.E.**

With year-round sunshine, intriguing deserts, beautiful beaches, luxurious hotels and shopping malls, fascinating heritage attractions and a thriving business community, Dubai receives millions of leisure and business visitors each year from around the world. These visitors can benefit from a range of services and a local infrastructure that help make any trip to Dubai smooth and hassle-free.

Dubai has a warm, sunny climate that is ideal for tourism, with mild temperatures for most of the year and a low rainfall. Summer temperatures in July and August can reach highs of around 45°C (113°F) with high humidity, making this the least comfortable time of year to visit in terms of climate. However, Dubai is well geared up for high temperatures, and public transport, shopping malls, hotels, restaurants and visitor attractions are all air conditioned.

English is widely spoken in Dubai, and as all restaurant menus, road signs and other information is usually presented in both English and Arabic, visitors who speak English will have no trouble making their way around. Many tour operators and travel professionals will also be able to offer services to French, Russian and German speaking visitors.









The local currency is the dirham, which is pegged to the dollar at Dhs 3.67. Dubai offers a sophisticated network of banks, currency exchanges and ATMs, making it easy to access money across the city.

Dubai is tolerant and cosmopolitan and all visitors are welcome. However, Islam is a way of life in the city, and therefore tourists should adopt a certain level of cultural and religious sensitivity for the duration of their stay. While dress codes are fairly liberal, swim wear should only be worn on beaches or at swimming pools, and when visiting shopping malls and other attractions, tourists should wear clothing that is not too tight or revealing. Certain attractions, such as mosques or religious sites, usually have stricter dress codes, requiring both men and women to cover up bare shoulders, arms and legs, and women to wear headscarves.

Despite being governed by Islamic laws, alcohol is available to tourists in licensed bars and restaurants (these are almost always located inside four and five star hotels), and in airport duty free shops. Drinking in public places (such as beaches) is not permitted, and being drunk and disorderly in public can result in stiff penalties.



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## **Preliminary Agenda:**

Date	Time	Activity
1 <sup>st</sup> Sept. 2019	19:00 - 19:30	Registration
1st Sept. 2019	19:30 - 21:30	Welcome Address & Cocktail Reception.
2 <sup>nd</sup> Sept. 2019	9:30 - 10:00	Registration
2 <sup>nd</sup> Sept. 2019	10:00 - 11:00	One-to-one meetings (3)
2 <sup>nd</sup> Sept. 2019	11:00 - 11.30	Coffee Break
2 <sup>nd</sup> Sept. 2019	11:30 - 12.30	One-to-one meetings (3)
2 <sup>nd</sup> Sept. 2019	12:30 - 13:00	Group Photo
2 <sup>nd</sup> Sept. 2019	13:00 - 14:20	Lunch
2 <sup>nd</sup> Sept. 2019	14:20 - 15:40	One-to-one meetings (4)
2 <sup>nd</sup> Sept. 2019	15:40 - 16.00	Coffee Break
2 <sup>nd</sup> Sept. 2019	16:00 - 17:00	One-to-one meetings (3)
2 <sup>nd</sup> Sept. 2019	18:00 - 22:00	Banquet Dinner
3 <sup>rd</sup> Sept. 2019	9:30 - 10.50	One-to-one meetings (4)
3 <sup>rd</sup> Sept. 2019	10.50 - 11:10	Coffee Break
3 <sup>rd</sup> Sept. 2019	11:10 - 12.30	One-to-one meetings (4)
3 <sup>rd</sup> Sept. 2019	12:30 - 13.30	Lunch
3 <sup>rd</sup> Sept. 2019	13.30 onwards	<b>Optional Group Activities</b>
4 <sup>th</sup> Sept. 2019	9.30 - 11.10	One-to-one meetings (5)
4 <sup>th</sup> Sept. 2019	11:10 - 11.30	Coffee Break
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4 <sup>th</sup> Sept. 2019	17:30 - 19:30	Prize Draw and Conclusion of Event





#### **Costs:**

Attendee	Normal Rate	Early Bird Fast Pay Rate*
1st Attendee	USD 1195.00	USD 995.00*
2 <sup>nd</sup> Attendee	USD 1145.00	USD 945.00*
3 <sup>rd</sup> Attendee	USD 1095.00	USD 895.00*
Spouse/Plus One Club**	USD 395.00**	USD 395.00**

<sup>\*</sup> Valid for those who register before 1st March 2019 and make payment within 5 working days from their registration.

## **Sponsorship**

Sponsorship packages at the AGM are a great way to maximize your exposure and benefit from attending. If you want to be remembered within the group, investing into sponsorship is a great way to market your company to the community.

There are options to suit all budgets! If this sounds interesting and you would like to discuss the sponsorship opportunities, please contact us at:

Sponsorship@XLProjects.net



<sup>\*\*</sup>Spouses are allowed to attend the evening social functions and plus one club activities only. They will not be allowed to enter the meeting venue or attend the one to one meetings.







Airport Road, PO Box 10001, Dubai. United Arab Emirates Sophisticated, refined and inviting, Le Méridien Dubai is a hidden haven that enjoys an idyllic verdant setting in a city location. This Dubai airport hotel offers an exceptional 5 star hotel accommodation option providing the ultimate in contemporary comfort. Staying with us puts Dubai's leisure attractions and business districts right on your doorstep and is the perfect base from which to discover the city.







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### **ROOM RATES:**

#### Le Méridien Dubai Hotel & Conference Centre

Airport Road, PO Box 10001, Dubai, United Arab Emirates

This year, based on your feedback, we have worked very hard to reduce the room rates and make your stay more cost effective. Please find the INCLUSIVE room rates we have on offer below:

#### STANDARD DELUXE ROOM

Single Occupancy AED 250.00 per room per night (Approximately 69.00 USD) Double Occupancy AED 350.00 per room per night (Approximately 95.00 USD)

- Rates exclusive to an additional Tourism Dirham fee of AED 20 per room per night
- Rates are per room, per night, in UAE Dirhams
- Rates are **inclusive** of 7% municipality fees and 10% service charge
- Rates are inclusive of 5% VAT
- Rates are inclusive of daily buffet breakfast in Yalumba Restaurant (5.30am 10:30am) Hotel may choose to offer a separate venue based on the groups requirements
- Rates are **inclusive** of high speed internet access
- Rates are inclusive of in-room tea, coffee, and espresso facility
- Currency: All prices stated are UAE Dirhams (AED)
- Check in time is 14:00 hrs
- · Check out time is 12:00 hrs

These rates our only valid when using our booking link and before 1st July 2019.



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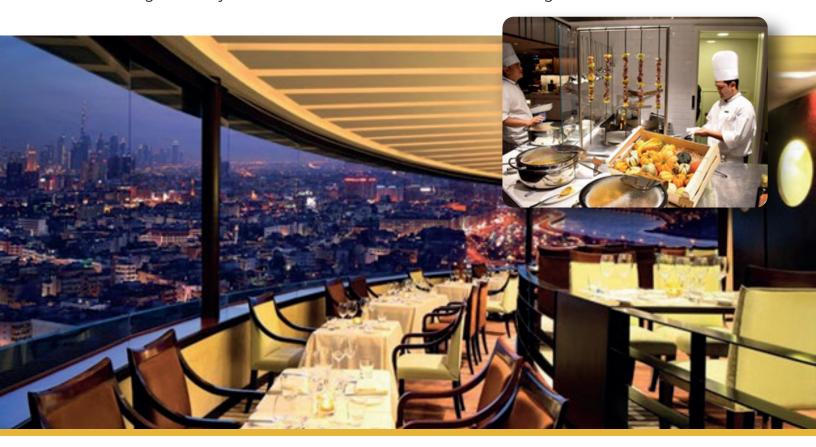
# Dinner Sponsorship – Al Dawaar Revolving Restaurant:

This year's dinner will be held on the beautiful Al Dawaar Revolving Restaurant. On  $2^{nd}$  September, 2019 and is set to be an amazing night.

We will travel by Coach to the Hyatt Regency Dubai Hotel, where we will be escorted to the top of the building to their exclusive revolving restaurant.

All participants have the opportunity to meet and network in a relaxed environment whilst enjoying the views of Dubai City and the port area. Here the attendees enjoy a seated dinner surrounded by colleagues, friends and new contacts.

Experience Al Dawaar, Dubai's only rooftop, revolving restaurant. It combines culinary excellence with panoramic 360-degree views of the city's skyline, Burj Khalifa, creek, and the sea. Enjoy live kitchen dining in a chic, tropical colonial setting or treat yourself to a handcrafted cocktail at the lounge.







### **Activities:**

On the afternoon of the 3<sup>rd</sup> September, 2019, we will be putting on a tour called 'Desert Safari'.

Desert Safari Dubai package offers six hours of untainted fun and heart-stopping activities in one of the biggest as well as magnificent deserts in the Arabian Peninsula. Desert Safari in Dubai is a mix of adventure, cultural entertainment, and sumptuous dinner under the stars.

The real highlight of the tour is an exciting, adrenaline-pumping 4x4 drive deep into the desert to explore the vast stretch of the golden dunes by plummeting low in the deep ditches and escalating high on the summit of the dunes. This is followed by a visit to our traditional Arabic Bedouin campsite, which enables you to capture the real essence and beauty of the desert, as you relish traditional Arabic coffee, smoke a flavored Shisha, and rivet in the mesmerizing belly dance movements and Tanura horse shows.

A not to miss out is the enchanting desert sunset views that promote for an exceptional photographic experience. You will also get the opportunity to ride a camel, walk over desert sand, put on Arabic attire, adorn your hands with mind blowing henna designs, and take pictures of falcon sitting on your shoulder. To tantalize your taste buds, this exclusive Dubai desert safari also includes a scrumptious dinner featuring international buffet with a choice of vegetarian and non-vegetarian dishes.







#### Inclusions for the tour:

- Hotel Pick up in 4x4 Land Cruiser Vehicle
- Dune bashing in fully air-conditioned 4x4 Vehicle
- Unlimited refreshments
- Sunset photography opportunity
- Henna designing
- · Shisha or hookah smoking facility
- Tanoura show by male artist
- BBQ dinner with a variety of vegetarian and non-vegetarian dishes
- Fireshow
- Photographic opportunity by dressing up in Arabic dress
- Belly dancing
- Camel riding
- Washroom facilities are separate for men and women
- Hotel Drop off in 4x4 Land Cruiser Vehicle







# **The Plus One Club**



As a new addition to this year's event, we are introducing the Plus One Club!

Dubai is an incredible city for business and tourism. Therefore we are sure there will be a number of our members who will want to bring their partners this year.

As such, we would like to arrange some group activities for your spouses to enjoy whilst the hard work and meetings go on.

The Plus One Club will include the following:

- The welcome cocktail (1st September)
- A private lunch for the plus one members (2<sup>nd</sup> September)
- Afternoon activity (2<sup>nd</sup> September)
- The banquet dinner (2<sup>nd</sup> September)
- A private lunch for the plus one members (4<sup>th</sup> September)
- Afternoon activity (4<sup>th</sup> September)
- Closing Cocktail (4<sup>th</sup> September)

We are currently finalizing the specifics of this program and will announce more information shortly.

<sup>\*</sup>Please also note that the spouses are not able to attend the one-to-one meetings.





<sup>\*</sup>Please note the plus one club only applies for registered spouses with the event. The cost is USD 395.00 per person.



## The XLP AGM 2018 Recap — Ho Chi Minh, Vietnam.

Last year's event was a huge success. Held in the Sheraton Saigon Hotel, project forwarders from all over the world came together to network and create new business opportunities!

Don't miss out this year!







More photos from the event!

