



SHADE AND SHELTER WITH A TOUCH OF AVANT-GARDE

TITLE	Desert Palm Polo Estate
DESCRIPTION	Walkway canopies
LOCATION	Dubai, UAE
COMPLETED IN	2008
FABRIC AREA	750m ²
FABRIC TYPE	PVC - Mehler FR700M
ARCHITECT/CLIENT	Al Bawardi Group

DESERT PALM POLO ESTATE DUBAI, UAE

The challenge – design walkway canopies that complement chic desert architecture

Set amidst green fields and palm trees, the Desert Palm polo estate epitomises Arabia touched with the avant-garde. Guests get a double hit of scenery – the vast sandscapes of the surrounding desert and the verdant lushness of an extensive polo property.

The average high for this part of the world is 40°C and rain is a rare event, making it essential to shade the walkways that connect guest accommodation to the main buildings.

Structurflex were given the challenge of designing, engineering, fabricating and installing walkway canopies that complement the property's chic architecture. The timeframe was tight; installation had to be complete in time for the grand opening.

The solution – sleek, simple shapes that can survive a sandstorm

Working against the clock, Structurflex collaborated with the architect to develop a sleek, simple, desert-proof design using white PVC. Extra people were employed and working hours extended to ensure that the deadline was met, which was moved forward part way through the project.

The resulting canopy walkways add a sophisticated horizontal detail to the resort's front view. All stakeholders are highly satisfied with the outcome.

