LIVING SANDS

Site III is directly across from Masdar City and just south of Abu Dhabi International Airport. This site is at the gateway to the nation, the people and their culture: an opportunity to create a lasting impression from land and air…through night and day. As a critical hinge, this sustainable art installation will complement its distinctive neighboring communities through a highly synergistic and harmonious relationship that is visual, economic and sustainable.

The idea for the site is also highly influenced by exposure from the air, or its impact as viewed from a plane. More than a design statement, its visibility on arrival defines the identity of both the site and the environmental sensibility of the people of Abu Dhabi. The linear layout of the solar troughs bisected by the undulating landform is bold and efficient. The gently integrated bio-saline agricultural landforms reflect the care and sustainable values of the world.