



A training programme being held to promote Emiratisation in the private sector.

Emirati graduates heed private sector calls

Most feel private sector jobs provide challenges that they don't find in the public sector

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DUBAI — Amna Al Tayer is bucking the trend for young Emirati graduates. Instead of taking up a career in a government company, she prefers the challenges posed by the private sector.

For the last two months she has taken part in a training scheme organised by Hamptons, a property company, designed to promote Emiratisation in the



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government job for the excitement of private enterprise.

Since graduating from Dubai Wom-

en's College, Amna has been enrolled in the Al Bedaya scheme at Hamptons, a vocational training programme for UAE nationals.

"I think that the private sector provides challenges that you don't find in the public sector," she said.

She is one of a growing number of Emiratis who are swapping the stability and high salary of a gov-

ernment job for the excitement of private enterprise.

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"According to recent reports, Emiratis make up only four per cent of the private sector workforce while they form 52 per cent of the public sector," a spokesman for Hamptons International said.

"Al Bedaya has been specially launched to enhance awareness among UAE nationals on the opportunities offered by the private sector, and provide them hands-on knowledge and experience of working in a leading private sector organisation."

Emirati graduates who are taking part in the programme.

Amna, who has been at Hamptons since June, is a part of a small team of

Emirati graduates who are taking part in the programme. She said that she has been given opportunities to work in marketing, finance, sales and other parts of the business. "Every day when I come to the office, I am learning something new. I am certain that the skills I have learned will be useful in the future."

She said that despite studying medicine at college, she was considering taking a career in real estate. "It's totally different from what I studied, but it's very interesting." In the next 10 to 15 years she hopes to see herself as a high-ranking executive in a leading organisation. "Definitely want to work in the private sector," she said. — martin@khaejtimes.com