Involves Donald Trump, Eric, Don Jr.

Dubai developer DAMAC pays Trump $12.6 million as it builds U.S. data centers

B Reported

The payments are read directly from Trump's annual disclosure for 2025 (Schedule 1, lines 51, 63, 65 and 81), which also accounts for the gap between CREW's and CNBC's readings. No DAMAC-specific federal approval has been identified.

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REACHED THE FAMILY

2025 year precision

$12,589,884 exact

DAMAC companies' 2025 payments to Trump businesses, read directly from Trump's annual disclosure for 2025, Schedule 1: license fees of $5,000,000 from DAMAC Sky View Real Estate LLC to DT Marks Abu Dhabi LLC (Schedule 1, line 63), $5,000,000 from DAMAC Properties Investment LLC to DT Marks Al Raha Beach LLC (Schedule 1, line 65) and $1,335,140 from Damac Crescent Properties LLC to DT Marks Dubai LLC (Schedule 1, line 81), and $1,254,744 in golf management fees from Damac Crescent Properties LLC to DT Dubai Golf Manager LLC (Schedule 1, line 51). CNBC's $11.3 million is the three license fees; CREW's and The National's $12.5 million adds the management fee. The two $5 million fees went to new Trump companies, apparently for UAE projects not formally announced; AGBI reported in December 2024, citing unnamed sources, that DAMAC had secured rights to build a Trump Tower in Abu Dhabi. In 2024, per Trump's annual disclosure for 2024, Damac Crescent Properties paid a $5,213,389 license fee (Schedule 1, line 65) and $1,078,967 in golf management fees (Schedule 1, line 45); those are not in the amount.

FROM DAMAC Properties (company)

CHANNEL brand licensing and management fees

OFFICIAL ACTION

Jul 2025 month precision

At Mar-a-Lago in January 2025, DAMAC chairman Hussain Sajwani announced a $20 billion U.S. data center investment and Trump suggested he could secure expedited reviews; in July 2025 Trump signed an executive order accelerating federal permitting of data center infrastructure. No specific federal approval for DAMAC is documented.

AGENCY President

No day count is calculated because at least one of the two dates is known only to the month or year.

WHAT HAPPENED

DAMAC Properties, a Dubai developer run by Hussain Sajwani, is a longtime Trump business partner tied to Trump International Golf Club Dubai. On January 7, 2025, at Mar-a-Lago, Sajwani announced a $20 billion investment in U.S. data centers, and Trump suggested he could help secure expedited reviews.

Trump's June 2026 financial disclosure shows DAMAC companies paid his businesses $12,589,884 in 2025: license fees of $5 million each to two newly formed Trump companies, DT Marks Al Raha Beach LLC and DT Marks Abu Dhabi LLC, $1,335,140 to DT

Marks Dubai LLC, and $1,254,744 in golf management fees (Schedule 1, lines 51, 63, 65 and 81). CREW and The National reported $12.5 million, more than double any single year since 2015; CNBC's $11.3 million counts the license fees alone. CREW notes the Trump Organization has no developments underway in Abu Dhabi, so the two $5 million fees appear tied to projects not yet announced.

DAMAC's data center arm is building in Ohio and Kansas. In July 2025 Trump signed an order speeding federal permitting for data centers. No DAMAC-specific federal approval has been documented, and a Canton, Ohio spokesperson told CNBC the local project is still under review, faces the same requirements as any developer and has had no incentives approved. DAMAC did not respond to CNBC.

POTENTIAL VIOLATION

No legal question has been raised by anyone with standing or expertise in the sources reviewed, so this field is left blank rather than supplied by the ledger.

THEIR RESPONSE

DAMAC did not respond to CNBC's requests for comment.

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