Section 6 of the guide: Renting or buying when you move to Dubai: which costs more, and when each one makes sense

When it is better to rent first

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- **You do not know yet where your children will go to school.** It is worth settling the school before you buy, because the daily school run matters a lot.
- **Your job is not settled.** If you might end up working on the other side of the city, or moving back home after a year, the costs of buying would be spread over too short a period.
- **You bought off-plan and the apartment is not finished yet.** You need somewhere to live until you get the keys. Rent for that period, and plan the end of the contract around the date you get the keys.
- **Your money has not left your home country yet.** A large transfer takes preparation with your bank at home, and it is not wise to commit to a purchase before you know when the money will arrive.

The full guide on the site: u810properties.com/en-guide-rent-or-buy

How I can help

I guide buyers in Dubai, from choosing the property through to getting the keys and the visa. Send me a WhatsApp message and tell me your budget, whether you plan to buy in cash or with a mortgage, and when you plan to move. After the first consultation I give you a quote, which depends on the sale process and the services you need.

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