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Boxer Amir Khan could fight in Dubai

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DUBAI // The English boxer Amir Khan has said he wants to fight in the UAE and is trying to make it happen.

"It's a great place," Khan said at Dubai's Al Qasr hotel yesterday.

"It's where everything is happening. It would be brilliant to fight here and it is definitely something we are working on. I would love it and I am sure my fans would love to come here to watch me."

But first, Khan, 21, the Olympic lightweight silver medallist in 2004, has to rebuild his career after defeat, the first of his professional life, to the Colombian Breidis Prescott in Manchester last month.

He is going to America to work in Los Angeles with Freddie Roach, the trainer, and will spar with Manny Pacquiao, the Filipino fighter, widely regarded as the best pound-for-pound boxer in the world.

"I have learnt from my defeat to Prescott and will come back as a better and wiser boxer," Khan said.

He added: "I am determined to be world champion within 12 months." Khan was in Dubai to launch the Tejarah Executive, a commercial tower in Ajman.

The tower is a joint project of Profile Group and Moosa Group Enterprises. It is run by Reeyaz Moosa, group chairman and chief executive of Moosa, and Imtiaz Khoda, co-founder of the Profile Group.

Khan belongs to the Janjua Rajput clan of Maira Matore in Rawalpindi, Pakistan, which has a strong tradition of skilled fighters.

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After a knockout ended his undefeated streak, the boxer Amir Khan says he wants to fight in the UAE. Paulo Vecina / The National