

Developers receive Cityscape Awards



The Cityscape Awards winners.

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Professionals, consultants and special guests have been recognised at the ongoing third edition of Cityscape Awards for real estate in Doha. United Development Company (UDC) was the star performer of 2014, winning two awards – Commercial and Mixed Use Project Award and Residence Project Award for The Pearl-Qatar. **The Leisure and Tourism Project Award Panorama went to First Qatar Real Estate Development Company for the Panorama Hilton Residence.** The Community and Culture Project Award was scooped by Hamad Medical Corporation and Qatar Foundation for its Qatar Bio Bank.

Msheireb Properties came out as winner of the Retail Project Award for its Msheireb Downtown Doha project.

Open only to Qatar-based projects, a large number of entries were drawn from the real estate development companies and project owners, with the winners selected by a panel of top international judges. Applications for the awards must demonstrate the highest level of excellence across six criteria, including design, planning, construction, fulfilling the brief, management and sustainability.

Deep Marwaha, group director, Cityscape, said: "The Cityscape Awards were created to recognise outstanding individuals and companies who are leaders in delivering exceptional real estate developments in the fast growing Qatari markets."

Cityscape Qatar 2014 enters its last day today, after two days of exhibition, panel discussions, networking and awards ceremony.

The region's leading real estate event is expected to attract over 8,000 people over the three days, with approximately 100 exhibitors coming from over 20 countries.

Ibrahim Jaidah, chief executive and chief architect, Arab Engineering Bureau, said that the third annual Cityscape Qatar 2014 showed great potential of real estate market in Qatar.

"It showcases some mega projects of major local developers, and for a few we are playing major role in design and construction supervision. In comparison to the previous years this exhibition is considerably larger and there is an apparent shift in the exhibitors' profile."

Matthew Warner, business development co-ordinator at Turkey-based Astas Holdings, said: "We are pleased to be here in Doha, a city which like Istanbul, has seen significant change over the last decade."

Cityscape Qatar is taking place under the patronage of the Prime Minister and Minister of Interior HE Sheikh Abdullah bin Nasser bin Khalifa al-Thani.