

Excellence in property development



15 Alice Lane Towers in Sandton, overall winner in the SAPOA 2011 Awards for Innovative Excellence in Property Development.

The distinctive 'chequered' 15 Alice Lane Towers in Sandton Central scooped top honours at the South African Property Owners Association (SAPOA) Innovative Excellence in Property Development Awards 2011, sponsored by Nedbank Corporate Property Finance.

The awards were presented at the SAPOA Conference held in May. This year five of the nine award-winning property developments are located in Sandton, highlighting it as a node of innovative property development and design in South Africa.

Neil Gopal, CEO of SAPOA, says, "The awards acknowledge quality, innovation and excellence in design – which are all essential in the evolving arena of property development. They give recognition to the ability of South Africa's property developers to find exciting solutions for clients' requirements and to stay at the forefront of global trends."

Overall winner and best in the office development category, 15 Alice Lane Towers rises 17 floors above a six-storey basement. Co-developers Zenprop Property Holdings and Tiber Projects commissioned the building, designed by Paragon Architects, which is now home to an international law firm.

The 24 000m² development is located

at the western edge of Sandton Central, next to Sandton City Shopping Centre, and the two curved towers, constructed of concrete, glass and aluminium, establish a new landmark on the Sandton skyline.

Winning the retail development category is the new Pick n Pay Nicol on the Nicol Highway, also in Sandton. Developed by Abland and owned by Pick n Pay, the shopping complex

was designed by Bentel Associates International.

In the mixed-use developments category the winning project is Legacy Corner, just north of Sandton City, developed by Legacy Development & Management, owned by Sandton Square Portion 7 (Pty) Ltd, and also designed by Bentel Associates International.

The Park Inn Sandton is the winner in the category

for other developments: hotels. This 273-room 3-star hotel, developed by New City Group and owned by Crystal Lagoon Investments 53, was designed by GLH Architects (Grosskopff Lombart Huyberechts & Associates).

The overall winner in the green developments category is Nedbank Phase II, owned and developed by Nedbank Limited and also designed by Grosskopff Lombart Huyberechts & Associates Architects. Nedbank Phase II, which extends the Nedbank building in Sandton, has also achieved a certified four-star Green Star rating from the Green Building Council of South Africa (GBCSA) for both 'design' and 'as built' – and was the first Green Star certified building in South Africa.

This award demonstrates that Nedbank's commitment to the highest quality in property development extends beyond its sponsorship of the awards to its own development.

Other winners in the SAPOA 2011 Awards include:

- Castle Walk Shopping Centre, in the refurbishment category. The shopping centre is owned by the Public Investment Corporation (PIC) and Boogertman + Partners were appointed to design the external refurbishment.
- University of the Western Cape Life Sciences building, in the other developments category. Developed by the university and designed by DHK Architects, this institutional research laboratory tackles social and environmental

research in Africa and brings together several science departments and research institutes formerly located in separate buildings.

- Lebone II College of the Royal Bafokeng in Phokeng, North West Province, is the winner in the social development category and the transformation category, new this year. Developed and owned by the Royal Bafokeng Administration and designed by Activate Architecture and Afritects, the college provides top quality education and serves as a resource centre for 45 other schools in the region. It includes extensive facilities over a gross floor area of some 25 000m² and can accommodate up to 800 learners.

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Sustainable design for 'The Future African City'

The Future African City' is the theme of the fifth annual Cement & Concrete Institute (C&CI) Sustainable Design Competition.

Daniel van der Merwe, architect at the C&CI, says the competition aims to promote the innovative use of concrete in building sustainable environments.

"C&CI wants to stimulate fresh thinking that produces original and inventive design proposals, and to raise awareness of the critical built environment issues. Concrete is the most commonly used building

material in the world, yet much of what it offers as a sustainable material is often overlooked. The proposals to come for this competition should aim to extend sustainability in the built environment, particularly the South African city," he says.

"Typical questions the students should tackle in their submissions include the difficult task of bringing sustainability to urban transport systems, options for recycling, the harnessing and expansion of technology systems, and how cities can function as complete ecosystems," van der Merwe adds.

The competition is open to students in their final year of an undergraduate architectural qualification at an accredited tertiary institution. The three selected winners and their respective study institutions will each receive cash awards from the C&CI.

The closing date for the submission of names of students entering the competition is 29 November this year. Nominated entries must reach the Midrand office of C&CI by 29 February 2012.

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The Green Building Conference and Exhibition returns to Sandton Convention Centre in 2011 and will provide a powerful mix of international and local content for built-environment professionals and stakeholders.

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