

Lebanese firm Nabil Gholam Architecture & Planning received two awards at Cityscape 2005

Under the banner “Design For An Emerging World”, Cityscape and the international publication, Architectural Review, have teamed up to hold the Cityscape Architectural Review Awards (CARA) for the second year. With a mandate to “recognize and promote excellence in architecture and design from the Middle East, Africa, Central & Eastern Asia, Australasia (excluding Japan and Australia), and South America”, the awards were announced at a Gala dinner, held at the Jumeirah Beach Hotel in Dubai, on September 17th, 2005. A record of 300 projects from 31 countries were reviewed by the five member international jury seeking projects that contribute to world architectural culture; invention and imagination; respect for the people, the planet and context; environmental awareness; appropriateness. Lebanese firm Nabil Gholam Architecture & Planning received two awards, out of sixteen, for the categories of Residential Future and Commercial / Mixed Use Future, simultaneously.

For the category of Residential Future, the project of Doha Gardens in Al Khobar, Saudi Arabia was recognized for its successful design of a required “Islamic” identity through subtle re-interpretation of cultural specifications of the urban, architectural and functional realms. The Doha Gardens consists of 188 apartment units in six general typologies, served by communal amenities.



Doha Gardens in Al Khobar, Saudi Arabia

As for the category of Commercial/Mixed Use Future, Nabil Gholam Architecture & Planning received another award for the Doha Souks in Qatar. The project is a modern mall that reinterprets the traditional khan-like souk typology. It is organized around a freed-up central space that is lushly landscaped and is designed as a main part of the eco-friendly air conditioning system of the project.



Doha Souks in Qatar

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