

Century City Developments Short-Listed at SAPOA Awards

No less than four recent developments at Century City were selected as finalists in the 2008 Sapoa Awards for Innovative Excellence in Property Development continuing a proud tradition of previous years.

The new finalists include the Liberty Life Regional Offices which were completed last year. The 20 000 square metre building, which includes 440 basement parking bays, 140 external bays, a medical suite, in-house canteen, training facilities, meeting rooms, executive boardrooms, dining rooms and pause areas on each floor, enjoys spectacular views of Intaka Island nature reserve and Table Mountain. The contemporary building was designed by Louis Karol Architects.

The three other Century City developments to be shortlisted all fell within the same “other” category which includes hotels and leisure, residential and mixed use developments.

Two residential developments, The Oasis Luxury Retirement Resort and KnightsBridge also made it to the shortlist with Oasis winning a merit award at the 2008 Sapoa Convention at the Cape Town Convention Centre last week.

A joint development by Harries Projects and Redefine Property Fund, Oasis Luxury Retirement Resort comprises 182 luxury apartments for active retirees, 78 independent living suites for those requiring assisted living in the separate care centre as well as a 30 bed frail care and sub-acute and post operative care facility registered with the Department of Health and Board of Healthcare Funders of South Africa. The complex also has a luxurious Clubhouse and Spa and Wellness Centre that is unprecedented in the Western Cape, says architect Marc Harries.

The second residential project to be shortlisted was KnightsBridge, a spectacular 15 storey tower block of 198 apartments developed by the Rabie Property Group. Built on a private island and adjoining wharf and spanning the Grand Canal, KnightsBridge was designed by Munnik visser in association with Anthony Papageorgiou and offers the ultimate in secure, urban living for discerning homeowners.

The fourth to be shortlisted was the Colosseum mixed use development, also by the Rabie Property Group, which provides a mix of offices, luxury hotel suites and complementary retailing. Designed by Boogertman and Partners, the building is at the cutting edge of global trends to provide integrated lifestyle environments and has brought sophisticated highstreet living to Century City.

Rabie director John Chapman said that the recognition by the property industry of the high quality of developments at Century City was extremely pleasing.

“We are striving to create an exceptional, environmentally friendly, new urbanist precinct where people can literally live, work, shop and play in energy efficient buildings and all within easy access to one another. In our quest, attention to detail and the excellence of each of the component parts of the city we are creating is critical. The endorsement from the industry through Sapoa indicates that we are achieving what we set out to do,” he said.

Previous award-winning developments at Century City include The Island Club which was not only selected as the top residential development in South Africa in 2006 but also won a top international award.