



PRESS RELEASE
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ADNEC's 'Capital Gate' wins Cityscape Middle East Future Commercial & Retail Development Award 2009

Abu Dhabi's new signature tower believed to be 'World's Most Inclined' is recognised as top MENA project

Abu Dhabi National Exhibitions Company's (ADNEC) Capital Gate tower project has won the prestigious 2009 Cityscape Middle East Commercial and Retail Development 'Future' of the Year Award, beating other key projects in the MENA region.

ADNEC representatives accepted the award during a special Awards Gala Dinner hosted by Cityscape Abu Dhabi (Sunday, April 19, 2009) at the Emirates Palace Hotel in Abu Dhabi. Capital Gate received exceptionally high marks for criteria which included contribution to world architecture, culture, invention and imagination, respect for people, the planet, environmental awareness, and appropriateness in the MENA region.

Commenting on the award, Simon Horgan, ADNEC CEO said, "The Middle East real estate industry has recognised Capital Gate as a modern day icon for the region. This award is a tribute to the government's support throughout the design and development of Capital Gate. It also acknowledges the dedication of the development team and partners. Capital Gate will honour the past and celebrate the future, providing Abu Dhabi with one of the world's greatest commercial mega structures."

Upon completion, the 160-metre, 35-storey tall Capital Gate will be an iconic 'gateway' into Abu Dhabi, reflecting the national identity and values of the country through its unique past and futuristic design. The tower will be connected to the

historic Grandstand of the Abu Dhabi National Exhibition Centre and form a vital part of the AED 8 billion Capital Centre development, the world's first exhibition lifestyle destination. The structure will offer 20,000 sqm of exclusive office space and be home to the 5-star "Hyatt at Capital Centre" - Hyatt Hotels and Resorts' first hotel in Abu Dhabi.

Capital Gate's distinctive 18-degree westward incline, was made possible through the use of an innovative "slanting core" concept never before used in other developments. As construction continues, ADNEC and RMJM architects have jointly submitted an application to the Guinness Book of World Records to be recognised as the 'World's Most Inclined Tower.'

The 2009 Cityscape Middle East Real Estate Awards is part of the 3rd Cityscape Abu Dhabi international real estate investment and development event running from April 19 to 22, 2009 at the Abu Dhabi National Exhibition Centre.



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Capital Gate Key Facts:

Owner/Developer:	ADNEC
Architects:	RMJM
Project Manager:	MACE
Main Contractor:	Al Habtoor Engineering Enterprises
Hotel Operator:	Hyatt Hotels and Resorts
Hotel Name:	Hyatt at Capital Centre
Exclusive Offices:	Retailers TBC

About Abu Dhabi National Exhibitions Company (ADNEC)

Abu Dhabi National Exhibitions Company (ADNEC) is a strategic international venue development and management company. ADNEC's venue portfolio includes one of the most modern exhibition centres in the world - the *Abu Dhabi National Exhibition Centre*, and the UK capital's largest exhibition and conference venue, *ExCeL London*.

ADNEC is creating unique business districts to serve Abu Dhabi's rapid expansion and emergence on the global stage.

Development projects surrounding the Abu Dhabi National Exhibition Centre include *Capital Centre* (a mixed-use development of 23 residential, commercial and mixed-use towers adjacent to the exhibition centre), *Capital Gate* (an iconic 35 storey gravity defying feature tower, featuring the 5-star hotel - 'Hyatt at Capital Centre') and a 2.4km *Marina* zone.

In addition, ADNEC is expanding within the region, with The Al Ain Convention Centre, a residential and business micro city around a state-of-the-art convention centre.

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