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SAPOA Annual Convention 2024 Award Winners: Celebrating Excellence in Property Development and Journalism

The South African Property Owners Association (SAPOA) is happy to announce the prize winners for its annual convention 2024, which honoured the most innovative and influential projects in the property sector, as well as excellence in journalism. The event commemorated significant industry advancements, the completion of outstanding property projects, and the contributions of South Africa's top property journalists.

This year's convention also marked a leadership transition within SAPOA, with Jackie van Niekerk, CEO of Attacq, giving her final address as President. Van Niekerk commented on her tenure, emphasising the association's progress and dedication to promoting long-term growth in the property sector. Itumeleng Mothibeli, Vukile Property Fund's Managing Director for Southern Africa, was introduced as the next SAPOA President, expressing his goal for inclusive growth, sustainability, and advocacy in the sector.

The convention's highlight was the SAPOA Property Development Awards for Innovative Excellence and the SAPOA Journalism Awards, celebrating the industry's most innovative developments and outstanding journalism.

2024 SAPOA Property Development Awards for Innovative Excellence Winners

These awards recognize developments that excel in creativity, sustainability, and economic impact. Judged by a panel of industry experts, the winners were chosen based on their design innovation, functionality, and contribution to community and economic development.

Winners

Corporate Office Development winner: AVBOB South Africa (Abland Property Developers)

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Industrial Development winner: Plumblink - Proudly Bidvest (Attacq Limited, Empowered Spaces Architects)
Innovative Award winner: Net Zero Waste (Liberty Two Degrees)
Interiors Award winner: Attacq Head Office (Attacq Limited)
International Development winner: Stanbic IBTC Head Office (@Profica)
Mixed-use Development winner: Barlow Park Phase 1 (GASS Architecture Studios)
Other Development winner: New Science Centre - Nelson Mandela University (NMU) (SVA International)
Refurbishment winner: Bridge City Shopping Centre (MDS Architecture, Community Property Fund, Capital Land)
Retail Development winner: Eyethu Shopping Centre (Abland Property Developers)
Rural & Small-Town Development winner: Tshakhuma Mall (McCormick Property Development, MDS Architecture)
Student Accommodation winner: Thrive @ Horizon Heights (Feenstra Group, Growthpoint)

Overall Awards winners

Transformation Award winner: Balfour Clinic
Heritage Award winner: Eyethu Shopping Centre
Overall Development Award winner: New Science Centre - Nelson Mandela University (NMU)

These developments reflect the industry's commitment to innovative design, sustainability, and community growth, setting a benchmark for future projects across South Africa.

SAPOA 2021 Journalism Award Winners

In addition to recognizing property development excellence, SAPOA honored South Africa's leading property journalists and publications for their contributions to accurate, insightful, and impactful reporting in the property sector.

Property Journalist of the Year winner: Joan Muller (Financial Mail)

Joan Muller was recognized for her incisive reporting and deep understanding of the property sector, consistently providing high-quality analysis.

Property News Feature Journalist of the Year winner: Chanel Retief (Forbes Africa)



Chanel Retief was acknowledged for her feature articles that provide in-depth insights into the latest trends and developments in property, engaging readers with compelling storytelling.

Property Publication of the Year: Asset Magazine

Asset Magazine won this accolade for its exceptional coverage of property industry developments, becoming a key resource for property professionals.

Property News Website of the Year: Property Wheel

Property Wheel was celebrated for its timely, reliable reporting and its role as a leading online platform for property news and analysis.

The SAPOA Annual Convention 2024 proved to be a landmark event, reinforcing the association's role as a thought leader and advocate for the South African property industry.

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