

KhaleejTimes - SEHA wins Best Sustainable Development Award

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ABU DHABI - Abu Dhabi Health Services Company (SEHA) won the Best Sustainable Development Award at the Cityscape Real Estate Awards – MENA - for its Sheikh Khalifa Medical City (SKMC) development.

Cityscape, one of the region's leading real estate exhibition companies, seeks to highlight key innovations and developments in the real estate industry. Chris Speller, Cityscape's Group Director, awarded the distinction to SEHA in a ceremony held at the Yas Viceroy Hotel in Abu Dhabi.

"We are profoundly honored to receive this award as a tangible recognition of our commitment to innovation and sustainability," said Saif Fadhel Al Hameli, Chief Officer, Facilities and Construction Division of SEHA. "We were granted this distinction along with the projects architecture firms ICME, TILKE and SOM They have designed several important projects in the country we are delighted to have them onboard as we continue to build SEHA into a world-class healthcare provider."

Envisioned as a "city within a city," SEHA's SKMC goes beyond the typical somber design of medical centers and creates a bustling community featuring vibrant public spaces and a distinct character. Encompassing over 300,000 square meters, SKMC will include three distinct hospitals – a general hospital with a Level 1 trauma center and tertiary women's and pediatric hospital.

The primary design challenge was creating distinct identities for each of the three hospitals while maintaining a unified look. Designers incorporated heavy stone columns and walkways around the city as an homage to the region's ancient architecture. SKMC will also feature tranquil green spaces and tree-lined boulevards, providing a relaxing environment for recovering patients.

Upon completion, SKMC will be the largest hospital in the UAE and will utilize state-of-art, high efficiency systems while integrating traditional Middle Eastern architectural designs to naturally minimize the harsh effects Abu Dhabi's climate. The hospital will feature a solar panel system with high-efficiency concentrating photovoltaic cells for power alongside traditional practices such as condensate recovery system supplying natural irrigation for the hospital's garden areas.

Located in the center of Abu Dhabi just off Airport Road, the new facility will build upon the existing 36 hectare SKMC site.

With an 826-bed capacity, the new SKMC will provide world-class healthcare services to the community. Consisting of three separate hospitals - a public general hospital alternative to the current SKMC, an obstetrics and gynecology hospital providing expectant mothers as an alternative to the Corniche Hospital and a specialized pediatric hospital dedicated solely to children – SKMC is a unified medical city where each unique facility is fully-integrated, providing patients with quick, easily accessible service for all their healthcare needs.