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Canada's Absolute World Towers wins Emporis Skyscraper Award 2012

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The world's most renowned architecture prize for skyscrapers, the Emporis Skyscraper Award, has been given to the Absolute World Towers in Mississauga, Canada.

The award, given by Emporis (www.emporis.com), the international provider of building data, is being presented for the thirteenth time this year.

Absolute World Towers, which form part of a five-building complex and were designed by the architectural practices MAD and Burka Architects, won over the jury primarily through their unmistakable design: "The way the two structures twist organically by up to 8 degrees per floor is not just a superb technical achievement, but also a refreshing change to the set forms of high-rise routine," stated the panel of experts in explaining the choice of the pair of towers, 176 and 158 meters tall, as the winner.

The second-placed project is Al Bahr Towers in Abu Dhabi, designed by Aedas Architects. Due to its innovative facade, the skyscraper complex convinces in terms of both climate and design criteria.

The outer skin of the facades is rotated by computer in response to the sun's position, leading to a substantial reduction in thermal energy inside the buildings. In designing the towers, the architects drew inspiration from Arab mashrabiya windows - sun and privacy screens found in traditional Islamic architecture.

The expert jury voted Burj Qatar, a 238 meter tall skyscraper in Doha, into third place. Designed by Ateliers Jean Nouvel, it is the building's exceptional facade design that stands out. The metal mesh facade, whose design - as with Al Bahr Towers - draws on traditional mashrabiya windows and is intended to contribute to protection from the sun, reveals a complex pattern at close quarters.

The imposing effect of the ornamental facade reaches its full expression under the dome that tops the cylinder-shaped skyscraper. (ANI)

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