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## **dwp | design worldwide partnership bags 3 shortlistings in Middle East Architect Awards 2011**

*dwp has been shortlisted for 3 awards in this year's Middle East Architect Awards 2011, recognising the best projects and individuals from the region...*

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The Middle East Architect Awards recently announced the shortlist for their 2011 awards, with a glamorous gala ceremony to be held on Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> September 2011 at the Jumeirah Emirates Tower, Dubai. Among nominations from throughout the MENA region, **dwp** | design worldwide partnership was delighted to have been shortlisted in three categories: Architect of the Year, Raya Anji; Residential Project of the Year, Maysan Residences; and Young Architect of the Year, Florian Oettl.

“It is both a pleasure and an honour to be recognised in this manner for our design talent and our work, among our peers and respected industry experts” commented **dwp** group CEO, Brenton Mauriello, at the news of the shortlist.



Maysan Towers, Al Reem Island, Abu Dhabi

The Maysan Towers project, Abu Dhabi, has been receiving much critical acclaim. Located in the heart of the emerging residential district of Maysan, on Reem Island, these two sculptural residential towers were designed by world-class architecture and interior design firm **dwp**, in a

cross-border collaborative endeavour. At 38 and 36 storeys respectively, Maysan Towers provide a vivid addition to the urban masterplan framework and ambitious sustainable agenda of the capital city of the UAE. The architectural design theme draws influence from the unique natural topography of Al Ain, often referred to as the Garden City of the Gulf. The architectural detailing thus echoes unique green oases, dramatic rock overhangs and planar mountain plateaus. Maysan Towers offers extroverted living spaces, sheltered from the strong sun by projecting overhangs. This ambitious state-of-the-art development, with a gross floor area of 64,500sqm, employs sustainable strategies, supporting a holistic green approach to building design and compatibility with existing natural site conditions and the cultural identity of Abu Dhabi.

Florian Oettl, educated in Germany and the US, is a licensed architect in Germany and a member of the Society of Engineers in Dubai. His rigorous design approach is to constantly evolve the best design solutions, through the entire design process, from conception to built form. Florian's experience includes the design for high-rise residential and commercial buildings, museums and urban masterplans, with awards from the Rudolf Ladders Foundation, the Eo Wijers Foundation, and the Berlin Institute of Technology, as well as from international design competitions.



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