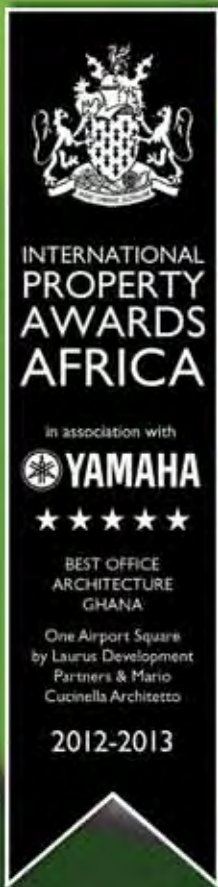


# ONE AIRPORT SQUARE WINS A PRESTIGIOUS AFRICAN PROPERTY AWARD



Laurus Development Partners, the West African development firm, announced today that ONE AIRPORT SQUARE, has won a 5 star award for Best Office Architecture, Ghana, under the International Property Awards, Africa.

Jointly developed by Laurus and Actis in partnership with Boston Investment Limited and designed by the award-winning architect Mario Cucinella, One Airport Square is a Class-A office development located in the growing commercial district of Airport City in Accra.

Elegant and contemporary, One Airport Square is a striking development comprising 2,000m<sup>2</sup> of shops, 17,000m<sup>2</sup> of offices and 250 car parking spaces, featuring large and efficient floor plates and raised flooring. It will also be a pioneer in green design being the first green-rated commercial building in Ghana. Conceived to redefine standards and expectations, One Airport Square is set to become one of Accra's most prominent design landmarks.

Carlo Matta, CEO of Laurus Development Partners, commenting on the award said, "Winning this award underlines the emergence of Ghana as one of the

most advanced African real estate markets and affirms Laurus' ongoing commitment to delivering quality property development and its contribution to today's African marketplace".

The African Property Awards are a regional category of the long established International Property Awards whose objective is to recognise excellence in the property industry worldwide and to promote an international standard.

Stuart Shield, president of the International Property Awards, says, "We received entries from 10 different African countries this year and the standard was extremely high. Any company to win one of these awards has shown exceptional levels of professionalism and competence in their respective field." He went on to say, "As we have come to expect from this part of the world, the level of competition was extremely high. We now look forward to finding out how many international accolades Africa can achieve when competing against the rest of the globe." Later this year, the highest scoring winners from African Property Awards will compete against other winning companies from Asia Pacific, Europe, the Americas and Arabia to find the ultimate World's Best in each category.

Successful entrants were invited to attend a high profile gala presentation dinner at the One & Only Royal Mirage Hotel in Dubai on Thursday, October 18th where the official announcements and presentations were made. Laurus' Marketing and Leasing Director, Mrs Muina Wosornu received the award on behalf of the company.

These awards, combined with the other regional awards for Europe, Asia Pacific, Africa, the UK and the Americas, form the globally renowned International Property Awards. Now in their 18th year, they are the world's most prestigious property competition and cover residential as well as commercial categories.

Laurus Development Partners, an Actis portfolio company, is a real estate firm focused on property development in West Africa. The company's affiliation with Actis gives it the financial backing to deliver complex, long-term projects in the challenging West African business environment. Combining local expertise with international best practices, Laurus develops environmentally sustainable, quality projects that deliver enduring value to communities, investors and end users. The Firms current portfolio includes 150,000 sqm of projects under development in West Africa representing a total value of more than US\$ 500m. With offices in Accra – Ghana and Lagos - Nigeria, Laurus Development Partners operates in both the Nigerian and Ghanaian markets. Visit [www.laurusdp.com](http://www.laurusdp.com) for more information.