

The 2008 Community Advancement Awards Gala on November 8th was a glamorous evening full of recognitions and the Inauguration of the 2009 DBA Honorary President, Mr. Hassan Sharbatly.

For the fifth consecutive year, the Developers & Builders Alliance has honored outstanding individuals and organizations in the development and construction industries. This year broke all records with over 2,000 entries received as nominees for the Community Advancement Awards. The Developers & Builders Alliance is committed to encouraging and supporting those who strive to raise the bar in our industry; who tirelessly toil to innovate and improve communities; who help local economies grow; and who have the tenacity to continue to drive the industry forward through their leadership, veracity and determination.

All entries were judged on the following criteria: Overall Impact in the Community, Technical Excellence, Innovative Design and Construction, General Appearance, Vision, Historic Preservation and Involvement with their Communities. The Judges consist of the most notable leaders in the industry: Mr. Jorge Corzo, C3TS Engineers and Architects; Zaha Hadid Architect, Francesco Valletta of FIABCI in Italy; Jose Machiavelo of ETINAR in Ecuador; and the DBA members that helped us with this project.



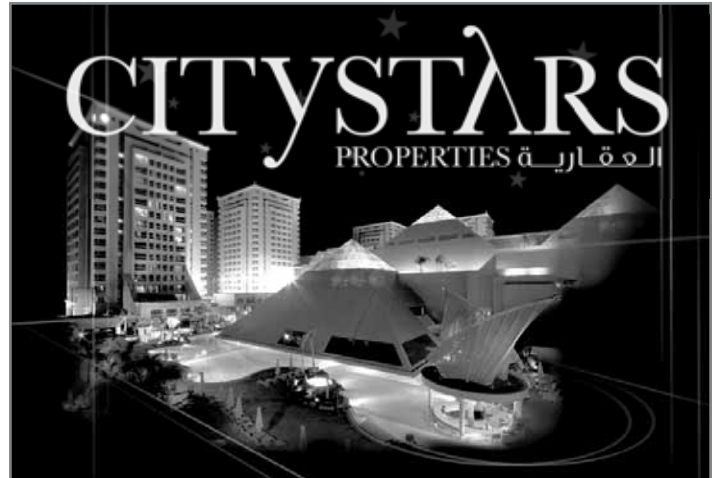
Mr. Sharbatly was sworn in during the ceremony, and he was also the recipient of the **Top Honor 08' Award**; the most prestigious award given to an individual / company, for the role of best developer, best community service, and best project.

Awards in multiple categories including National and International Projects of the Year were:

USA - Commercial: The Shops at Pembroke Gardens - Jeffrey R. Anderson Real Estate & Duke Realty Corporation (OH). High Rise: Carillon Phase II (Canyon Ranch Living) - KM-Plaza (FL). Historic Preservation: The Mar-a-Lago Club - R.E.G. Architects (FL). Industrial: Aviation Commerce Building - Link Construction (FL). Landmark: Wachovia Building - T.R.C. Worldwide Engineering (NC). Luxury Custom Homes: The Jalali Private Residence - Borges & Associates (FL). Hotel: W Fort Lauderdale - DYL Group (FL). Mixed Use Property: Evergaldes on the Bay - Cabi Developers (FL). Green Building: Miami Green - Holly Real Estate (FL). Institutional: Creekside High School - The Tower- OHL Group (FL). Restaurant: Karu + Y - Levine Calderine & Associates (FL). Restoration: Tiara Condominiums - Straticon Construction Services (FL). Transportation: Banyan Air Service/FBO - Kenneth R. Carlson Architect P.A. (FL).

International. Costa Rica: Wyndham JACO Beach Resort & Condominiums - Grupo Rica Costa Inmobiliaria. Mexico: Campeche Playa Golf Marina & Spa Resort - Grupo Mall. India: Seawoods Development - L & T Realty. Saudi Arabia: Saraya Aqaba - Saudi Oger. Spain: Pacific Tower - Maioris Internacional. Argentina: La Lomada de Pilar - Grupo Farallon. Panama: Third largest swimming pool in the world located in Playa Blanca Resort, Residences and Hotel - Lynx Strategic Development.

Special acknowledgement was to the developer creator of the innovative water treatment system. Mr. Fernando Fischman, Crystal Lagoons original pool creation in



Chile holds the Guinness World Record for the largest pool in the world. His design was used in building a magnificent second pool in Egypt (Citystars Properties), and a third in the Playa Blanca Resort in Panama.

Best Contractors of the Year in the categories: Painting - Spectrum Contracting (FL); Concrete - Concrete Supply Co.(NC); Landscaping - Nanak's Landscaping (FL); Roofing - Salomon Roofing & Construction (FL); Paving - Weekley Asphalt Paving (FL).

Best Professional Services Firms in the category: Construction Management - Hill International (NJ); Market Analysis and Consulting - Integra Realty Resources (FL); Real Estate Transactions - TEW Cardenas LLP (FL); Renovation Firm - Capponi Group (FL).

Special Awards of Excellence: Caporchanes Grupo Promotor (Spain); Dooley Mack Constructors of South Florida; Adsum Group (FL); G & D Developers (FL); De Yturbe Arquitectos (Mexico); Woodland Construction (FL); AEDAS Ltd (NY/Hong Kong).

Best Industry Leaders. Engineering Firm of the Year: Langan Engineering & Environmental Services (NJ); Architect of the Year: David Fisher of Dynamic Architecture (Italy); General Contractor of the Year: KMC Corporation (FL); and Vanguard Award: Mayor Julio Robaina, City of Hialeah, Florida.

The Ultimate Sponsors of this year's event were Citystars Holdings, Golden Pyramids Plaza, Crystal Lagoons, AC Graphics and Visual Media Productions Group. Centurion Sponsors were OHL/The Tower Group, DYL Group, Maioris Internacional. Platinum Sponsors were AEDAS Ltd, De Yturbe Arquitectos. A donation of \$50,000 was given to Certified Green Partners, a non-profit organization devoted to the preservation of our forests, reduction of oil-dependency and ultimately, the strength of our environment.