











Al Hilal Bank Office Tower

Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates

This 24-story office tower serves as the flagship commercial development for Al Hilal Bank, a progressive Islamic bank in Abu Dhabi. Located on Al Maryah Island, the emirate's designated new CBD, the building is designed to attract leading national and global companies with Class A office space of an international quality. The building features efficient, column-free floor plates; floor-to-ceiling glass; and the latest technology and amenities—features that are not widely available in the UAE market.

Challenged to define a distinctive image that would reflect the bank's progressive brand while also setting an international aesthetic, the design defines a bold, contemporary tower that shifts in massing as it rises. The podium contains retail space and a dramatic three-story transparent lobby to the north, with pedestrian arcades on the east and west. Three cubical masses sit atop the podium, stacked like shifted blocks. These forms derive their interest from recessed corners that are offset from each other and distinguish the tower from others on the island. In addition, the building's façade changes at the created voids to accentuate the shifted aesthetic. Orange accents highlight the voids while reinforcing the bank's branding both day and night.

Intended to convey a timeless, elegant image, the façade is composed of an aluminum-and-glass curtain wall system with glass and notched metal-spandrel elements and vertical glass fins that enhance the building's verticality while also providing subtle shading. Achieving an Estidama 1 Pearl sustainability rating, the tower offers maximum transparency, with floor-to-ceiling, high-performance glass providing spectacular views for occupants while significantly increasing interior daylight.

A landscaped park and reflecting pool along the building's western façade draw pedestrian traffic by creating an inviting, shaded urban space. Seating for tenants and visitors helps further complement the outdoor setting.

Project Data

SIZE

24 stories
942,600 sf total
528,600 sf office and commercial

FEATURES

1,000 parking spaces
Estidama 1 Pearl

CLIENT

Al Hilal Bank

Recognition & News

RECOGNITION

2018 National Winner, Commercial Project of the Year – MEED Quality Awards for Projects
2017 National Winner, Commercial Project of the Year – MEED Quality Awards for Projects
2016 Distinguished Building Award – American Institute of Architects, Chicago Chapter
2016 Commercial Project of the Year – Middle East Architect Awards
2015 Award of Excellence, Best Tall Building Middle East & Africa – Council on Tall Buildings and Urban Habitat
2015 Tower Project of the Year – Construction Week Awards

NEWS

James Goettsch Honored With CTBUH Lifetime Achievement Award
Al Hilal Bank Office Tower Wins Commercial Project of the Year at MEA Awards
Al Hilal Bank Office Tower Wins AIA Chicago Distinguished Building Award
Al Hilal Bank Office Tower Receives CTBUH Best Tall Building Finalist Award