

## Adelaide building scoops international design prize

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A new commercial building in Adelaide's popular East End district has been awarded Best Design—Project at the Rapid Urbanisation Conference, organised by the London Summit of Leaders.

The six-storey building at 8–10 Union Street, which was developed by South Australian property outfit Maras Group, beat a worldwide field of competitors.

Designed by award-winning firm Loucas Zahos architects, the project was deemed the best in the category of 'integrated development within the city and preservation of cultural heritage' in the Innovative City of the Future International Competition.

The building, which includes a licensed restaurant and five levels of boutique office accommodation, was judged the best in its

category in terms of overall design, amenity, innovation, environmental sustainability, preservation of adjacent historical and cultural landscape, and special key design features. Among the building's notable elements are night-time illumination of the façade and an eastern wall mural—the largest in Adelaide.

The building has attracted national and international offices, including Cox Architecture, Kelly Hazell Quill Lawyers, Interfleet Technology and Brown Sauce Media.

Maras Group has several development projects in the pipeline, among them a comprehensive redevelopment of an old-style commercial building in the Adelaide city centre.