

Project Name: Wafra Living

Type: Housing | 56,000 sqm – Competition – First Prize

Location: Jabriya, Kuwait

Date: 2010 – under construction

Client: Private.

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Awards:

- *A'Design Awards 2012* - Bronze A'Design Award "Architecture, Building and Structure Design Category - Residential Complex"
- *MIPIM Architectural Review Future Projects Awards 2012* - Commended "Residential"
- *International Property Awards 2011 (IPA)* - 5 Stars Award Arabian Residential Property Awards "Architecture - Multiple Residence"
- *World Architecture Festival Awards 2011 (WAF)* - Winner "Future Projects – Residential Building".

Project Description

The design for the “**Wafra Living**” complex, consists of a high rise building set back from the street and an L-shaped building defining the street edge, conceived to maximize privacy within the community, whilst providing ample natural light and usable indoor and outdoor common spaces. Cuts have been made in the front building in order to provide better views for the lower floor apartments in the back tower.

The proposal combines at different levels domestic and collective scales, private and public, within the complex, whilst at the same time traces the way to merge in the neighborhood by offering part of the ground floor level (where the pedestrian and car access are) to community life through the retail facilities included.

At level +6.00 m is created a “High Square”, a community space for the tenants to enjoy sports or any other leisure activities in a more private environment.

A “veil” climbs the façade as an occupiable layer that conceals the various service spaces within the apartments that do not directly relate to the public. It also hosts the fire escape stairs, separated away from the cores to be placed in this secondary circulation layer that faces the inner courtyard of the complex.

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