

## QATAR FOUNDATION HONOURED WITH MEED EDITOR'S AWARD

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**Dubai, UAE:** Qatar Foundation for Education, Science and Community Development has received special recognition at this year's prestigious annual MEED Quality Awards for Projects.

On behalf of Qatar Foundation, Rasha Al Sulaiti, Project Management Director of the Capital Projects Directorate, was delighted to accept the MEED Editor's Award, which recognises innovation, design and leadership. The event was held at an exclusive ceremony at the Sofitel Dubai Hotel on the Palm Jumeirah.

Commenting on the recognition, Engineer Jassim Telefat, Group Executive Director of Qatar Foundation Capital Projects and Facilities Management, said: "We are truly honoured to receive the MEED Editor's Award, since it reflects and recognises of our commitment to green building design and to educating the community about the importance of sustainability."

"From the start, Qatar Foundation's Education City has been built with the goal of minimising the environmental impact of construction and developing high-performance buildings with significantly reduced energy and water demands to ensure sustainability for future generations."

MEED, formerly known as the Middle East Economic Digest, is a renowned business intelligence publication for the Middle East and North Africa and provides in-depth analysis and commentary on companies and projects in the region.

Having accepted the award on behalf Qatar Foundation, Rasha Al Sulaiti said: "It is an honour to receive this award on behalf of Qatar Foundation as it encourages us to continue our sustainable construction efforts while adhering to the highest possible global standards. Qatar Foundation remains committed to its vision of community development while maintaining a sustainable environment for generations to come."

Now in its fourth year, MEED's quality awards have attracted substantial interest from companies and individuals across the GCC construction industry. Through its annual

awards, MEED seeks to recognise the finest achievements in the GCC projects industry, and to celebrate all those who have made possible the exceptional design and delivery of major projects.

The Qatar Foundation Male and Female Student Housing project was also commended in the two key MEED Quality Award categories of 'Sustainable Project of the Year' and the 'Louis Berger Building Project of the Year'.

Qatar Foundation has received numerous awards for its eco-friendly developments and has been recognised by the U.S. Green Building Council for its commitment to green building design. It has most recently been presented with the Sustainable Leadership Award at the World Corporate Social Responsibility Congress in Mumbai. For its exceptional Male and Female Student Housing Project, Qatar Foundation won last year's Big Project Middle East Construction and Sustainability Award of Excellence in the Sustainable Solution of the Year category.

Engineer Telefat added: "The Male and Female Student Housing Project, which is located within the Education City campus consists of the highest concentration of independently registered platinum LEED buildings by the U.S. Green Building Council and we are delighted to see this project commended by MEED. This recognition is a true honour as it highlights the sheer hard work that has gone into this exciting undertaking."

The student housing, which has been developed by Qatar Foundation and designed by Burns & McDonnell, in partnership with architectural firm Treanor Architects, green building consultants Vertegy and ASTAD Project Management, successfully integrates a highly functional and durable design.

It has earned 12 Platinum LEED certifications in the category of 'New Construction' from the U.S. Green Building Council. The development comprises two individual male and female complexes. Each complex spans 36,000 square metres and boasts five residential buildings, as well as a community centre. State-of-the art sustainable technology and energy-efficient systems are used throughout the complex.

To assist the students in keeping track of their green footprint, each housing unit contains a monitoring system that checks an individual's water and energy consumption. The complex is also equipped with clean power sources, a solar-panelled roof and wind turbines that generate energy at gusts of 10 kilometres or more.

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## **Qatar Foundation – Unlocking Human Potential**

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QF's work encompasses education, research and community development. World-class universities are brought to Qatar to help create an education sector in which young people can develop the attitudes and skills required for a knowledge economy. At the same time, QF builds Qatar's innovation and technology capacity by developing and commercializing solutions through key sciences. The Foundation also works to foster a progressive society while enhancing cultural life, protecting Qatar's heritage and addressing immediate social needs in the community.

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