

SHAHIRA FAHMY is an architect living and working in Cairo. Since 2005, Shahira H. Fahmy Architects has emerged as one of the most innovative design-focused practices in the middle-east with projects ranging from large scale urban and housing projects to interiors and product design. Her work strives to create a balance between new spatial concepts and existing context: culture, tradition, urban morphology and climate in the pursuit of a language that encompasses all fields of design.

Recent projects and awards includes: winner of Delfina foundation Architecture competition London 2012 in collaboration with Studio Octopi. Winner of Andermatt Swiss Alps Planning and Architecture Competition 2011, Switzerland. Gouna Red Sea apartment suites hotel 2011. The Designopolis -first design center in Egypt 2010-. Westown apartment Block 36 -2008: recipient of the Green Good Design Awards 2010 (Chicago Athenaeum), commended in the Architectural Review MIPIM Future Project Awards 2009, and shortlisted in the World Architecture Festival (WAF) 2009 and Dubai Cityscape 2009.

Shahira was a speaker at RIBA 2011, on public space and Uprising in the Arab worlds, speaker at Arkimeet at the Architecture and Urbanism Center in Istanbul 2010, The Harvard Arab Alumni Association's (HAAA) 6th Annual Arab World Conference, Syria, March 2011, AUB American university in Beirut city debates 2012, and Milan design week -Salone Satellite 15th Anniversary 2012.

Shahira studied architecture at the Faculty of Engineering, Cairo University, Egypt (B.Arch 1997) where she received a Masters degree in Architecture (M.Arch 2004).

Awards

- Abu Dhabi Cityscape, Residential-Future, UAE, Shortlisted, HK house – Allegeria, Egypt, 2011.
- Green GOOD DESIGN Awards 2010, Chicago Athenaeum: Museum of Architecture and Design, Winner, Block 36 - Westown, Sheikh Zayed City, Egypt, 2010.
- World Architecture Community Awards, 20+10+X Architecture Awards 6th Cycle, Winner, Block 36 - Westown, Sheikh Zayed City, Egypt, 2010.
- World Architecture News Awards, Education Sector Awards, UK, Long listed, PVA Theatre, New Campus- American University in Cairo, Egypt, 2010.
- World Architecture Festival 09, Future Buildings-Residential, Spain, Shortlisted, Block 36 - Westown, Egypt, 2009.
- Dubai Cityscape, Residential-Future, UAE, Shortlisted, Block 36 - Westown, Egypt, 2009.
- MIPIM Architectural Review, Future Projects Awards- Residential, France, Commended, Block 36 - Westown, Egypt, 2009, Publication: "MIPIM Architecture Review Future Project Awards", UK, April 2009.
- Traffic Design Competition, UAE, Shortlisted, Inside-Out Cup / Rubber & Sticks, 2008.
- The LEAF, Young Architect of the Year Awards, UK, Finalist, House on the Outskirts of Cairo, House with a Pyramids View, 2007.
- Katrina Furniture Project Competition by Interior Design magazine, Future Furniture Awards, USA, Winner, Tik & Tak Stools, Publication: "Interior Design Magazine", USA, November 2007.
- Bibliotheca Alexandrina – Architectural Competition for Young Architects, Egypt, First Prize, House on the Outskirts of Cairo, Egypt, 2005.
- Medina Design Excellence Award, International Juror Ingo Maurer, "Talking Furniture Collection", Egypt, First Prize, Floor Lamp, 2000.
- Dubai Cityscape, Residential-Future, UAE, Shortlisted, Block 36 - Westown, Egypt, 2009.
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Lectures and Presentations

- Moderator at AUB American University in Beirut, City Debates conference, "reconceptualising boundaries", May 2012.
- Speaker at AUB American University in Beirut, Shahira Fahmy Architects profile "the in-between spaces", May 2012.
- Speaker at AUC American University in Cairo, Closing ceremony of "design for the street" competitions, April 2012.
- Speaker at Salone satellite 15th Anniversary at Salone del Mobile, "its takes a brick to build a wall" moderator Fabio Novembre, April 2012.
- Speaker at RIBA Royal Institute of British Architects, symposium on public and civic spaces in the Arab world, Shubbak festival, July 2011.
- Speaker at The Harvard Arab Alumni Association's "HAAA" 6th Annual Arab World Conference. Urban Panel: "Space for growth: Urban realities and changes in shaping opportunities for Arab youth." Damascus, Syria, March 2011.
- Juror at the New York Institute of Technology (NYIT) for student projects as part of the foreign program designed and tutored by Professor Charles Matz, Luxor, Egypt, June 2010.
- Speaker at the Cairo University Architecture Department post-graduate studies division on development of residential building types in last decade in Egypt in the context of Cairo rapid expansion and how architects deal with it, Cairo, Egypt, April 2010.
- Speaker at ARKITERA, the Architecture and Urbanism center, lecture during 25th edition of ARKIMEET conference, Istanbul, Turkey, April 2010.
- Presents at the World Architecture Festival, Barcelona, Spain November 2009.

Exhibitions

- The Home in the Arab world exhibition, at the Mosaics rooms, A.M. Qattan Foundation, presented by MOA and the British council, London architectural festival June-July 2012.
- Exhibition of the winning projects phases 2-3 Andermatt Swiss Alps AG, Altdorf, Switzerland, November 2011.
- Green Good Design Exhibition, Athens, Greece, April 2011.
- Cityscape Abu Dhabi, Abu Dhabi, UAE, April 2011
- +20 Egypt Design, Cairo, Egypt, June 2010. • WAF – World Architecture Festival, Barcelona, Spain, November 2009. • Cityscape Dubai, Dubai, UAE, October 2009. • MIPIM – The World's Property Market, Cannes, France, March 2009. • Cityscape Dubai, Dubai, UAE, October 2008.
- Traffic, 2008, Dubai, UAE
- Furnex, June 2007-2008, Cairo, Egypt
- LEAF Award, November 2007, London, UK
- 100% Design/ 100% Futures, September 2007, London, UK
- Salone Internationale del Mobile Salone Satellite, April 2007, Milan, Italy
- Bibliotheca Alexandrina, 2005, Alexandria, Egypt
- Furnex, June 2000, Cairo, Egypt

Publications

Books

Atlas Architectures of the 21st Century - Africa and Middle East published, Edited by Luis Fernández-Galiano, fundacionBBVA 2011.

Top 50 Beautiful Homes, Design Media Publishing Limited, UK, January 2011

Atlas of World Interior Design, Braun, Germany , *November 2010*

Andrew Martin, Interior Design Review, UK – Vol. 14, *2010*

Egyptian Homes, Dar El-Shorouk, Egypt, “Summer Fun”, “Modern Opulence”, “Montazah”, “Place in the Sun”, *2010*

The Independent Design Guide, Thames & Hudson, UK , Tik & Tak stools “Furniture/Seating”, *2009*

30*3 -Andrew Martin International Design Award Book, China, *2008*

Interior Design Review, Vol. 9, Andrew Martin, UK, “Shahira Hamed Fahmy”, *2007*

Press

Phaidon, UK, homepage, july 2011 “the architects building the Arab future”.

DE Design Exchange Magazine, UK, summer edition 2011

2A ARCHITECTURE & ART , London, UK, March 2011, “Women's Voices in Architecture and Design in the Middle East”

KONSEPT PROJELER Elit Yapilarn Dergisi, Turkey, March 2011. “green architecture”

Arredamento Mimarlık, Turkey, March 2011, "Mısır'da Bir Mimar: Shahira H. Fahmy" (An Architect in Egypt: Shahira H. Fahmy)

DDN (Design Diffusion News), Italy, October 2010, “L’Egitto Muove I suoi passi”

Vogue Italia, Italy, August 2010, “Design Talks” Visions Of Cairo

Inside the Middle East on CNN, United States, June 2010, “Egypt, the next global style capital?”

Wallpaper, UK, June 2010, “Fair report: new showcase +20 Egypt Design, Cairo”

Design-Italia, Italy, June 2010, “Events +20 Egypt Design”

The Daily News Egypt, Egypt/USA, June 2010, “Shahira Fahmy: Mashrabiya magic”

Today's Zaman, Istanbul, Turkey, April 2010, “Shahira Fahmy to speak at 25th ARKIMEET conference”

Wallpaper Magazine, UK/USA, December 2009, “Nile Style, Tamarai, Cairo”

Interior Design Magazine, Issue No.14, UK, December 2009, “Innovative Illuminations”

Grazia Magazine, UAE , June 2009, “Party: Tamarai”

London Times, London, UK , May 2009, “Tamarai”

MPIM Architectural Review Future Project Awards, London, UK, April 2009, “Residential Commended- Block 36”

Gulf Life, London, UK, March 2009, “Inside and Out”

Frame Magazine, Netherlands, March-April 2008

Canvas Magazine, UAE, January 2008, “Going global”

Hinge Magazine, Hong Kong, January 2008

Slovakia and Real Estate, Slovakia, 2007

Interior Design Magazine, USA , November 2007

Alef Magazine, Lebanon, Autumn 2007

Gulf Interiors Magazine, UAE , 2007

Estetica – Protagonist, Italy, June 2007

Financial Times – Weekend Edition, UK, April 2007, “First-timers and fringe benefits”

Gulf Interiors Magazine, UAE, 2000