

Press release

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**30 St Mary Axe Awarded Major Prize at MIPIM**

Today at the MIPIM property fair, 30 St Mary Axe, the headquarters building for Swiss Re, was awarded Best of Class in the Offices category and the overall joint winner of the MIPIM Best of Show prize in the AR/MIPIM Future Project Awards 2003.

The new prize, which is to be awarded annually at the MIPIM fair by The Architectural Review, is given to distinguished, but uncompleted projects and in this inaugural year the judges selected from more than eighty submissions.

The 180m-tall tower for Swiss Re will be completed by the end of the year. It will be the capitals first environmentally progressive tall building. Utilising its aerodynamic form to assist natural ventilation, the mechanical cooling and ventilation supply systems can be supplemented by fresh air for up to 40 per cent of the year, thus reducing energy consumption and carbon dioxide emissions.

Credits

Client:  
Swiss Re

Architect:  
Foster and Partners

Structural Engineer  
Arup

Building Services  
Hilson Moran Partnership

Cost Consultant  
Gardiner and Theobald

Fire Engineering  
Arup Fire

Project Manager  
RWG Associates

Main Contractor  
Skanska

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