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## AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE

### Sasol Place

Paragon Architects, Johannesburg

Citation extract: "To understand something of the nature and magnitude of a building like Sasol Place, it is important to look briefly at the history of the company as well as the historical development of the urban context where the building has been placed. Before this building was constructed, the company operated from 14 different buildings, situated mainly in Rosebank in Johannesburg. Furthermore, the building needed to be energy efficient, be able to accommodate about 7 500 staff and, above all, to create a physical symbol for the home of Sasol as a company.

"In the Sasol Place building there is a thoughtful and careful expression of form and function in a relatively uncontrolled urban context that portrays a deep and sensible knowledge and professionalism. It might just be that the multi-national conglomerate, Sasol, has finally found itself a home from where it could now approach the future. If anything expresses South African intellectual and corporate ingenuity on the world stage, it might also just be this building as the new symbol for Sasol."