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Slew of top accolades for Zutari in 2022 as it celebrates its 90th anniversary

**30 November 2022:** Celebrating its 90th anniversary, leading consulting engineering and infrastructure advisory firm [Zutari](http://www.zutari.com) has received accolades from some of the leading professional associations in South Africa throughout the year. “This recognition from the industry and our peers is important to us as it underpins our theme of ‘impact engineered’. There is no way Zutari would have won these accolades alone as such projects are always team efforts. These awards are also a testament to the hard work and collaborative spirit between our employees and our clients,” comments CEO **Teddy Daka**.

At the 50th CESA Aon Engineering Excellence Awards, Zutari won in the category of Projects with a Value Between R250 million and R1 billion for the TASEZ Cluster 2 Ford Frame project. The Ford Frame hub is a 100 000 m² facility that consolidates offices and warehouse space for Ford and its suppliers, as well as a chassis E-coating, waxing facility and assembly line. Zutari was appointed Structural Engineer for the building.

It also racked up the much coveted for Best International Project award for the Golomoti Solar PV and Battery Energy Storage project in Malawi. This the first utility-scale, grid-connected hybrid solar and battery energy storage system in sub-Saharan Africa. As Engineer, Zutari was extensively involved throughout site identification, concept development, tender development/procurement, preliminary design and detailed design through to project execution. Golomoti also received a Commendation in the Engineering Technology and Innovation category.

In the category of Projects with a Value Between R50-Million and R250-Million, Zutari sealed another win for the RMB 8 Merchant Place project. Identifying the need to improve the quality of its employees’ work-life balance, private bank RMB consolidated various employee well-being offerings into one integrated lifestyle facility building within its existing Merchant Place Campus in Sandton. The building was awarded a 4 Star Green Star certification under the Public and Education Building scheme of the GBCSA. Occupants’ health and well-being and optimal building performance are central to the design of the building.

Various Zutari employees were winners at the SAPOA Property Awards for Innovative Excellence 202 on 29 September: **Jaco de Villers** in the Commercial Office category for 35 Lower Long Enriching the Foreshore, and in the Mixed-Use category Bridgewater, Century City, and **Brandon Huddle** and **Yovka Raycheva-Schaap** in the Interiors category for the Anglo American Head Office.

At the 21st Construction World Best Projects Awards on 9 November, Zutari received a Special Mention in the Civil Engineering Contractors category for the Omaruru River Bridge project in Namibia. It also received a Special Mention in the AfriSam Innovation Award for Sustainable Construction for RMB 8 Merchant Place. The Golomoti Solar PV and Battery Energy Storage Project in Malawi was declared winner in the Consulting Engineers category.

Zutari also won the Best Project Award 2022 for Clairwood Logistics Park from the Geosynthetics Interest Group of South Africa (GIGSA). The application of geofoam as a lightweight fill solution for road construction at the site in Durban is a first for South Africa. In addition, Zutari provided a unique geocell solution for the founding and pavement design of the container yard. The success of these innovative solutions was through close collaboration between the design team, client, contractor and all stakeholders.

Zutari’s Business Communication Team regularly engages in opportunities where its work is evaluated against global best practice standards. It recently received two Awards of Excellence from the International Association of Business Communicators (IABC). These achievements signify its adherence to global standards and best practice communication principles.

Zutari’s ability to achieve all these outcomes is primarily a result of the trust clients place on the firm to come up with impactful solutions. “We know our markets are constantly changing, and we know the needs of our clients are constantly changing – which is why we cannot afford to not continuously evolve and grow.”

In the past, engineering focused mainly on the design and construction of assets. Zutari deliberately connects assets to strategy for improved decision-making. “We see better results when the designer of an asset advises clients how to plan, operate, optimise and repurpose their assets,” says Daka. Over the last 90 years, the company has demonstrated strong resilience and impressive agility to constantly reinvent itself.

“Congratulations to all the winners and everyone who worked on these exemplary projects, often under difficult and challenging conditions,” concludes Daka. “We remain humbled by this recognition.”

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As an engineering and advisory firm, we believe infrastructure has unparalleled potential to create enduring impact. Never more relevant, this potential can be realised only if we plan, design, deliver and manage infrastructure in ways that maximise its value. Our work in water, transport, energy, resources, and built-environment infrastructure does just this – helping to nurture thriving communities, growing economies, and healthy environments.

At Zutari we understand that radical impact doesn’t just happen; it requires more of us to connect differently, work smarter, and stay rooted.

**We connect differently**. Our broad collective of in-house experts connects across traditional disciplines to provide integrated results. We collaborate with clients, partners, and end-users, leaning into diverse perspectives to create superior solutions - together.

**We work smarter**. Our people lead the industry. We draw from deep technical skills, accrued over decades, and embrace the transformative power of digital technology to find simpler, better, and more innovative ways to deliver value.

**We stay rooted**. Few can rival our local capacity and understanding. Building on solid foundations, now 90 years in the making, we are trusted to shape locally relevant solutions through our extensive footprint in Africa and the Middle East.

At Zutari our people connect differently, work smarter, and stay rooted. Working in this way, we reliably deliver impact through infrastructure, making the world a better place – one project at a time.

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