



Al Wakrah Waterfront

Al Wakrah, Qatar

We were invited by PEO (Qatar) to enter their short list ideas competition. Our remit was to provide the PEO (Qatar) with a strategic master plan for a 6km stretch of waterfront in Qatar's second largest city. We invited Barr Gazetas architects to assist us with the development of the masterplan and provide information relating to the built form.

Our understanding of the client's brief was to provide a vision for the public realm to Al Wakrah's waterfront. The stitching of our proposals into the existing urban fabric of this historic city was an important consideration from the outset. We considered it important that the landscape design provide facilities that would help to attract both national and international tourists.

To create a successful and vibrant pedestrian focused waterfront we felt that transport was an important issue that needed to be integrated into the heart of our proposal. We suggested that this be a car free zone, with restricted delivery and service vehicle access. We suggested a rapid transit system should follow the north south route of the waterfront. A transport hub was proposed adjacent to the historic centre of this site. This would connect buses, local and intercity water buses and the rapid transit route. At strategic points cycle stations were incorporated into the design.

Enhanced existing elements contained within our masterplan included the historic suq, harbour, boat workshops and various civic buildings. Strategic landscape proposals included a marina, a hotel complex, a number of new parks, new public spaces, a new shopping district, floating cafes and strategic tree planting.

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PEO (Qatar)

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