

Mayors of Paris and London go head-to-head in Cannes



Mayor of Paris Bertrand Delanoë.



London mayor Ken Livingstone.

BERTRAND Delanoë, mayor of Paris, and Ken Livingstone, mayor of London, will discuss their respective strategies for competing successfully on the world stage, at MIPIM. The pair, who will be in conversation for an hour from 12.00 in the Auditorium Esterel in the Palais des Festivals, have each evolved their cities in an increasingly competitive global context through collaborating locally with a wide range of players from the investment and development communities. They will explain how both London and Paris have maintained their positions as the top two cities for business in Europe, how they intend to continue that success, and how they are each reacting to increased

globalisation. They will also say what business leaders can do to address such issues as climate change and sustainable development. In the event, co-organised with Global City, Livingstone and Delanoë will also describe the nature of the international competition they face and explain the objectives they set themselves to create and maintain sustainable futures for their cities. Dignitaries from Russia — including the Russian minister for economic development and trade, German Gref — are also visiting MIPIM. Gref will take part in a round-table discussion on the investment market in Russia at 10.45 today, in Auditorium K.

MIPIM 2006 breaks attendance records

WITH more than 21,000 delegates expected to arrive in Cannes this week, MIPIM 2006 will break all records set since its inception in 1990. In a substantial expansion that reflects the appetite investors are showing for property, and the growing internationalisation of the sector, the Cannes international property market is seeing growth on all fronts.

Exhibition space has grown by 14%, and major exhibition areas are now housed in tents outside the Palais — the Azur, Palm, Marina and Sea Breeze halls. "MIPIM is the key event in the international property calendar," said market director Nadine Castagna.

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MIPIM ASIA

THE first MIPIM Asia will debut this year on September 27-29 at the Hong Kong Convention and Exhibition Centre.

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YACHT CLUB

EVERY evening this week delegates can enjoy live jazz over a gourmet dinner at MIPIM's new luxury networking zone, the Yacht Club.

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DESIGNS ON BRUSSELS

WE look at some of the exciting architecture enriching the skyline of the Belgian capital.

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COCKTAIL PARTY

MIPIM's official opening cocktail party takes place tonight at the Carlton and Hilton hotels. Festivities begin at both venues at 19.00.

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Winners named in architectural awards

DOHA Gardens in Al Khobar, for developer Rikaz, has been selected as the overall winner of the 2006 MIPIM Architectural Review Future Projects Award. Now in its fourth year, the competition, which judges projects across eight categories, attracted entries from all over the world.

This residential development of 188 units on a four-hectare site has also won the Masterplanned Communities category. One of the judges commented: "You can see a clarity in the presenta-

tion which makes you confident that the same clarity lies behind the design."

Among the category winners were three Danish projects. Nordhaven-Residences in Copenhagen won the Residential category; Savings Bank, Middelfart, also in Copenhagen, won Offices while New Garden Village in Fano collected the Local Revitalisation award.

The Big Urban Projects award was won by Fulton Street Transit Center, New York and Warsaw's Zlote Tarasy was the winner in the Retail & Leisure Category.

Thailand was honoured in the tall buildings category with The Met in Bangkok and a project intriguingly named Bridging The Rift Research Facility, which is on the border between Israel and Jordan, was the winner in the Innovation Category.

All of the projects can be viewed on the Architectural Review stand and the MIPIM Architectural Review Future Projects Award symposium seminar takes place in Auditorium K in the Palais des Festivals at 14.00 on Wednesday, March 15.



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