

Dyldam's Joe Khattar is the Urban Taskforce's Property Person of the Year

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Joe Khattar AM, Founder & CEO, Dyldam Developments

Joe Khattar AM, Chief Executive Officer and founder of Parramatta based development group Dyldam has been named Property Person of the Year says the Urban Taskforce.

Joe has led Dyldam from a small operation 47 years ago into one of the main providers of apartments in Sydney with a special focus in Western Sydney," says Urban Taskforce CEO, Chris Johnson. "Joe Khattar seems to be everywhere in Western Sydney with Dyldam as sponsors of the GWS Giants AFL team, the Sydney Kings national basketball team, junior rugby, football and AFL sporting teams along with charities and community organisations."

"Dyldam are making a major commitment to Sydney's growth with the award winning Koi project, as well as a destination development planned for 142 Macquarie Street featuring 60, 35 and 25 storey towers, plus a game-changing precinct proposed at Gateway South in Parramatta. With 2,000 apartments and 50,000 sqm of commercial space in the planning approval stage in Parramatta alone, Dyldam are certainly focussing on their home town."

"On top of their Parramatta projects, Dyldam have developments across Western Sydney at Parklea Markets, the former Bonds spinning mills, the Bull n Bush Hotel site in Baulkham Hills and a re-zone and major redevelopment of the 21 hectare Carlingford precinct. These landmark projects are set to shape the streetscapes of the future."

Urban Taskforce Chair, Peter Daley said "It is impressive to see the number of projects that Joe Khattar's Dyldam are developing across Western Sydney. Joe has worked his way up through the building and development industry to becoming one of the major developers in NSW. I am very impressed with Joe's

commitment to the community through sporting bodies, medical research and the Australian Lebanese Chamber of Commerce of which he is President."

Urban Taskforce CEO, Chris Johnson says, "Joe Khattar's life is a fascinating example of a migrant working his way up in Australia. Joe arrived from Tripoli in 1967 at the age of 17. Just two years later, having studied at Arthur Phillip High School, Joe became the third generation of the Khattar family to work in the construction industry."

"In 1969, he joined forces with his father Naim Khattar to build a humble red brick six unit walk-up – establishing what was to become one of Australia's leading high density residential developers."

"Joe always credits his broader Dylam team in the organisation's success. He particularly acknowledges Managing Director Sam Fayad as a driver of the firm's growing business. The broader Khattar and Fayad families are strongly committed to the culture of Dylam and the quest to provide housing that is affordable and aspirational across Western Sydney."

Here is a list of Joe Khattar's achievements and roles include:

- President of the Australian Lebanese Chamber of Commerce
- President of The George Naim Khattar Foundation
- Long term Board Member of the Westmead Medical Research Foundation
- Founding member of the Australian Lebanese Foundation - Sydney University

In a career spanning close to 5 decades, Joe has seen every aspect of the property market. He has steered Dylam through the highs and lows of economic cycles and maintained an unwavering focus to build an Australian business success.

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