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***Expo 2020 Dubai: Italy Pavilion nominated as Innovative Project of the Year***

*The Italian Pavilion, to be unveiled on the opening day of the Universal Exposition on Oct. 1st, is running for the Construction Innovation Awards in two categories*

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The Italy Pavilion at Expo 2020 Dubai has been shortlisted in two categories for the prestigious *Construction Innovation Awards*, including as Innovative Project of the Year, a few days from the opening of the Universal Exhibition on Oct. 1<sup>st</sup>.

The Construction Innovation Awards 2021 -- one of the leading events celebrating the achievements of the Region's construction professionals -- will be assigned at a gala dinner on Sept. 29 at the Sofitel Dubai the Obelisk.

The Italy Pavilion -- a project by Carlo Ratti, Italo Rota, Matteo Gatto e F&M Ingegneria -- has been nominated as Innovative Project of the Year and Commercial Project of the Year.

RAQ, the general contractor who won the international bid for the construction of the Italian Pavilion, is also running as Contractor of the Year.

The Italy Pavilion, to be unveiled on the opening day of Expo Dubai, uses architecture for a creative and innovative presentation of "Beauty that connects People," the official claim of the Italian participation in the Universal Exhibition.

The project aims at creating not only an exhibit space, but also a space that represents "the height of Italian ingenuity." It will offer visitors an unforgettable experience, presenting to the world Italy's multidisciplinary skills and talents that can promote new educational, professional and business opportunities.

The Italy Pavilion was created with contributions from partner companies of all sizes, called to provide the best building, systems, technology and exhibition components, capable of demonstrating the highly innovative capabilities involved today in sustainability, circular economy and digital architecture.

A few recent pictures of the Italy Pavilion here: <https://we.tl/t-hLfSIVnkwC>