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Shapoorji Pallonji International, the construction company, has been appointed the main contractor for Sri Lanka's Altair residential twin tower in Colombo. The contract awarded, covers construction of the foundations, superstructure and civil works and overseeing finishes for the unique diagrid-supported towers of Altair; a 63-storied tower leaning into a 240 metre, 68-storied vertical tower that will be the centrepiece of South Asia's first promenade development, on the lake front of the Beira.

Construction of the 400-luxury apartment development designed by the architect Moshe Safdie is to be completed in 2017. Shapoorji Pallonji, Pradeep Moraes, Altair President Sales and Marketing said the choice of a company is in keeping with its promoter's philosophy of bringing together industry leaders in every sphere required for the challenging build of a breath-taking development whose unique design and distinctive structure will firmly place Sri Lanka on the architectural map of the world. At 68 stories, Altair will be the tallest residential tower in South Asia, equalling the Imperial Towers of Mumbai.

On behalf of Shapoorji Pallonji International, M D Saini, Managing Director and CEO said, "we are delighted to be awarded the construction and look forward to partnering with a reputed group such as South City, the promoter of Altair." Among the other contractors involved in the project are Derby Design, Structural Design Consultants, Barker Mohandas - USA, the Vertical Transport specialists and RWDI Wind Analysis Consultants.