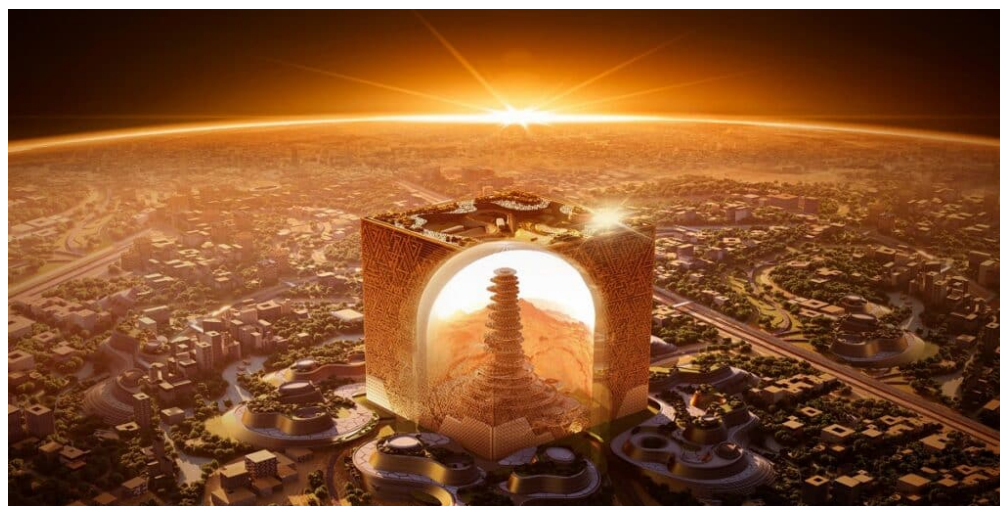


# AtkinsRéalis: Shaping the Future of the Middle East

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*This is our second interview with Murray Ross. If you missed the first interview, which focuses on his career so far, [you can read it here](#).*

**In the rapidly transforming landscape of the Middle East, AtkinsRéalis stands as an example of industry-leading innovation and excellence.**

This organization, recognized for its groundbreaking projects and human-centric approach, strives to engineer a better future for our planet and its people.

## **A Legacy of Excellence**

Founded in 1911, AtkinsRéalis, a fully integrated professional services and project management company with offices around the world, has a long and illustrious history. Originally known as SNC-Lavalin, the Company has evolved over more than a century, adapting to the changing demands of the engineering and construction sectors. The rebranding to AtkinsRéalis in 2023 represents more than just a name change; it reflects a renewed commitment to innovation and sustainable development. This evolution has seen the Company rise to the forefront of engineering excellence, garnering numerous accolades and awards that underscore its pioneering spirit.

## **Supporting Regional Transformation**

The Middle East has become a central stage for AtkinsRéalis' most ambitious projects. The Company's work in the region is about delivering sustainable infrastructure, creating spaces where people can thrive, and supporting clean energy transition plans.

One of the most ambitious projects currently under AtkinsRéalis' stewardship is the New Murabba in

Riyadh, Saudi Arabia. Appointed to masterplan what will be the world's largest modern downtown, AtkinsRéalis is transforming the cityscape into a futuristic urban hub. This project is poised to redefine urban living with its sustainable design, advanced infrastructure, and a focus on community well-being.

Similarly, the Historic Jeddah project demonstrates AtkinsRéalis' ability to blend modernity with heritage. The Company is providing program management consultancy services contract for this endeavor. The goal is to preserve the rich cultural heritage of Jeddah while integrating cutting-edge amenities, ensuring that the historic charm of the city is not only maintained but enhanced.



### **A Park of Regal Proportions**

Another testament to AtkinsRéalis' expertise is the King Salman Park project. This massive undertaking involves providing project and cost management services, along with engineering, procurement, and

construction services for the park's district cooling plant, which will have an ultimate capacity of 60 000 Tonnes of Refrigeration. This project not only aims to create a green oasis in the heart of Riyadh but also to incorporate cutting-edge technology to ensure sustainable and efficient cooling.

## **Recognition and Workplace Excellence**

AtkinsRéalis' commitment to excellence extends beyond its projects to its workplace culture. The organization has been awarded the Great Place to Work® certification in both the UAE and Saudi Arabia. This accolade is a testament to the Company's dedication to creating a positive and inclusive work environment. Employees are at the heart of AtkinsRéalis' success, and the Company's investment in their well-being and professional growth is evident.

## **Human Stories Behind the Innovation**

AtkinsRéalis is not just about grand structures and technological advancements; it is about the people who make these projects possible. Engineers, architects, project managers, and many others bring their expertise and passion to every project, ensuring that the Company's high standards are met.

For example, Fatima, an engineer working on the New Murabba project, speaks about her pride in contributing to a landmark that will redefine Riyadh's skyline. "Every day, I feel like we are making history. It's not just about building; it's about creating a future for the next generations."

Similarly, Ahmed, a project manager at King Salman Park, shares his excitement about the sustainable technologies being implemented. "We are not just building a park; we are creating a model for environmental responsibility. It's incredibly rewarding to know that our work will have a positive impact on the environment and the community."

And looking to the future and its commitment to growing and nurturing local talent Murray Ross, Regional Director of Project Delivery & Lead of Technical Excellence reflected on the organization achievement of establishing a 12-month Saudi Graduate Development Program with over 80 Saudi graduates joining. "It's incredible to see the next generation of professionals coming through, we are delighted to be providing them with the opportunities, skills and training to succeed".

## **The Future Beckons**

As AtkinsRéalis continues to lead the field in the Middle East, the Company remains focused on pushing the boundaries of what is possible. With its intention set on sustainable development, innovative design, and human-centric solutions, AtkinsRéalis is not just building the future; it is crafting it with care and precision.

In the heart of an ever-evolving region, amidst the blend of rich cultural heritage and transformational projects, AtkinsRéalis stands tall as a symbol of what can be achieved when vision meets expertise. The future of the Middle East is being built today, and AtkinsRéalis is at the forefront, guiding the way with unwavering passion, innovation and dedication to excellence.