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## BARROW CONSTRUCTION TOPS LIST OF MBA NORTH LONG-STANDING MEMBERS HONOURED

Barrow Construction, which has been a member of Master Builders Association North for 110 years, topped the list of long-standing members of the Association who received special recognition at the MBA North's recent Presidential Dinner in Bryanston.

The origins of MBA North date back to 1903 and a year later, the family contracting business, Barrow Construction, became a member which means that the Johannesburg-based company has been a Master Builder for 110 years. Barrow is family-owned and family-managed with the fifth generation currently at the helm.

The company's 11 decades of membership was by far the longest membership recognised on the occasion. The other long-standing members in attendance who received framed commemorative certificates from MBA North's current president, Lea Smith, were:

- J.W. Taylor Construction – 75 years;
- Pace Construction, Frascot, and Corobrik – 50 years;
- Kevin Bates Flooring & Carpeting, and Tiber Bonvec – 45 years;
- Dudley & Sons, and Industrial Plumbers – 40 years;
- MV Denny Painter – 35 years;
- Tekweni Centurion Ceilings, Mouldcor, W. Voigt, The Roofing Guarantee, Shurprops 1039, Tronkon, Carpet & Décor Centre, Neat Builders, and Phala Sanitary – 30 years.

MBA North Executive Director, Mohau Mphomela, paid tribute to the loyalty of the long-standing members who received awards and said the Association relied on individual input for its collective strength. "Your loyalty has played a major role in strengthen and sustaining the MBA. Every individual's contribution helps the MBA to attain the respected status it holds in the building industry and the community today," he stated.

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### **Caption:**

**Barrow Construction was honoured for its record 110-year membership of MBA North at the Association's recent Presidential Dinner. Nico Maas, founder of MBA North member Gauteng Piling, received the award on behalf of Barrow from Lea Smith (left), president of MBA North. Barrow Construction was instrumental in establishing Gauteng Piling in 1996 and still owns shares in Gauteng Piling.**

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