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Publication on Ponte City wins photography award

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ARTIST Mikhael Subotzky and UK-based arts editor Patrick Waterhouse have won this year's Deutsche Börse Photography Prize, the Goodman Gallery said on Friday.

The prize aims to reward a contemporary photographer who has made the previous year's most significant contribution to the medium in Europe. It was set up in 1996 by The Photographer's Gallery in London to promote contemporary photography. The Deutsche Börse has sponsored the £30,000 prize since 2005.

The prize website says that Subotzky and Waterhouse "won for their ambitious publication *Ponte City* (Steidl, 2014), which charts the social and political history of a 54-floor apartment block in Johannesburg. It was built under apartheid rule in 1976 and was originally conceived as a centre of aspirational living for a white elite".

The prize was presented by artist and previous winner Oliver Chanarin on behalf of the artist duo Adam Broomberg & Oliver Chanarin. The other shortlisted artists for the Deutsche Börse Photography Prize 2015, were each awarded £3,000.