

CITY BEAT

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LAND OF BORAT

POOR Kazakhstan. The central Asian nation, formerly under the Soviet yoke, has never really recovered since it was mercilessly skewered 13 years ago by comedian **Sacha Baron Cohen** in the guise of clueless local Borat Sagdiyev.

But Sentinel Property Group supremo **Warren Ebert** and his longtime lieutenant, **Michael Sherlock**, found recently that it was no backwater.

“Well, the capital could not be further from this Borat portrayal as what you see is a modern, futuristic, well laid out, planned city of one million happy inhabitants – like a tasteful Dubai,” Ebert told us.

The Brisbane-based duo, who have visited dozens of countries around the world, found themselves in Borat’s homeland after a shopping centre conference in Hong Kong.