LANDSCAPE INDUSTRY ASSOCIATION SINGAPORE

3RD LIAS AWARDS OF EXCELLENCE 2009

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Organised by the Landscape Industry Association of Singapore, the LIAS Awards are part of the association’s efforts and initiatives to recognise and commend outstanding landscaping works in Singapore. Its aims are also to raise the standard and professionalism of the contractors, designers and workers in the landscaping industry.

With recent attention and focus on climate issues, landscaping is set to play a highly integral role in architecture. Ms. Grace Lee, Senior Assistant Director of the Landscaping Unit of Sentosa, explained, “Landscaping is increasingly gaining the attention and demand in recent years and its role is far more than just ‘cosmetic treatment’. Much emphasis now is on reducing carbon footprints, energy efficiency, sustainability, enriching biodiversity and ecology, and improving the quality of life in both living and working environments. It also helps engage both users and passers-by emotionally and physically.”

Now into its third year after a two-year hiatus, the Awards saw a total of 33 winners being recognised for their outstanding landscaping works. Judges across the board agreed that the standard of awards this year were higher than that of previous years. Mr. Simon Longman, Director of Streetscape Division of National Parks Board, commented that the Gold award winners were, in particular, “of extremely high standards”.

Ms. Grace Fu, Senior Minister of State of the Ministry of National Development & Ministry of Education presented the awards during a ceremony and exhibition which was held in October to commemorate the winners.

An important milestone was achieved this year with the highest number of participating entries being submitted since the Awards’ inception: in total, 67 entries were received from landscape practitioners across four main categories and two sub-categories.
CATEGORY: IMPLEMENTATION
For this category, a panel of seven judges from organisations such as the Singapore Institute of Architects, National Parks Board, and the Urban Redevelopment Authority determined the winners by the execution of these requirements: Quality of plant materials, Degree of difficulty, Craftsmanship, Standards of maintenance, Finished appearance of the project, Installation techniques and Execution of construction details.

RESIDENTIAL – GOLD AWARD
project The Grange (Category Winner)
entry organisation Tropical Environment Pte Ltd
developer MCL Land Pte Ltd
landscape consultant Sitetectonix Pte Ltd

project Newton Suites
entry organisation Nature Landscapes Pte Ltd
developer UOL Development (Novena) Pte Ltd
landscape consultant Cicada Pte Ltd

RESIDENTIAL – SILVER AWARD
project CityLights
entry organisation Garden Beau Pte Ltd
developer CapitalLand Residential Singapore Pte Ltd
landscape consultant Sitetectonix Pte Ltd

project Parc Emily
entry organisation Thong Hup Gardens Pte Ltd
developer City Developments Ltd
landscape consultant Sitetectonix Pte Ltd

RESIDENTIAL – BRONZE AWARD
project The Cosmopolitan
entry organisation Tropical Environment Pte Ltd
developer Wheelock Properties (Singapore) Limited
landscape consultant ICN Design International Pte Ltd

project The Belvedere
entry organisation The Garden Beau Pte Ltd
developer Keppel Land Limited
landscape consultant Belt Collins International Pte Ltd

project The Centris
entry organisation Tropical Environment Pte Ltd
developer Prime Point Realty Development Pte Ltd
landscape consultant Sitetectonix Pte Ltd

COMMERCIAL, INDUSTRIAL, RECREATIONAL AND INSTITUTIONAL – GOLD AWARD
project Terminal 3 Greenwall & Internal Landscaping (Category Winner)
entry organisation Horti-Flora Services Pte Ltd
developer Changi Airport Group
landscape consultant Tierra Design (S) Pte Ltd

project Marina @ Keppel
entry organisation AWP Pte Ltd
developer Keppel Bay Pte Ltd
landscape consultant Cicada Pte Ltd

COMMERCIAL, INDUSTRIAL, RECREATIONAL AND INSTITUTIONAL – SILVER AWARD
project Crowne Plaza Hotel
entry organisation Tropical Environment Pte Ltd
developer LC Development Pte Ltd
landscape consultant Tierra Design (S) Pte Ltd

COMMERCIAL, INDUSTRIAL, RECREATIONAL AND INSTITUTIONAL – BRONZE AWARD
project SBG Nassim Entry Precinct
entry organisation Tropical Environment Pte Ltd
developer National Parks Board
landscape consultant Peridian Asia Pte Ltd

COMMERCIAL, INDUSTRIAL, RECREATIONAL AND INSTITUTIONAL – MERIT AWARD
project Singapore Flyer
entry organisation Nature Landscapes Pte Ltd
developer Singapore Flyer
landscape consultant Studio Steed Pte Ltd
CATEGORIE: MAINTENANCE
Authorities from the landscaping bodies from the Floriculture Association, Sentosa Landscaping Unit, as well as the Singapore Polytechnic, formed the panel of judges for the Maintenance and Retail categories. Awards were given on the merit of these following points: Overall appearance of the project, Condition of plant materials/plant beds, Arboriculture practices, Neatness and cleanliness of site (horticultural debris), Degree of difficulty, and General condition of lawn areas.

RESIDENTIAL – GOLD AWARD
project Orchard Scotts [Catagory winner]
entry organisation Nature Landscapes Pte Ltd

project Monterey Park
entry organisation Nature Landscapes Pte Ltd

RESIDENTIAL – SILVER AWARD
project Parc Oasis
entry organisation Nature Landscapes Pte Ltd

RESIDENTIAL – BRONZE AWARD
project Twin Regency
entry organisation Nature Landscapes Pte Ltd

COMMERCIAL, INDUSTRIAL, RECREATIONAL AND INSTITUTIONAL – GOLD AWARD
project Grand Hyatt Hotel
entry organisation Agropolis Pte Ltd

project Biopolis @ One-North Park
entry organisation Prince’s Landscape & Construction Pte Ltd

COMMERCIAL, INDUSTRIAL, RECREATIONAL AND INSTITUTIONAL – SILVER AWARD
project Keppel Island
entry organisation Mao Sheng Quanji Landscaping Design Pte Ltd

COMMERCIAL, INDUSTRIAL, RECREATIONAL AND INSTITUTIONAL – BRONZE AWARD
project Commonwealth War Graves
entry organisation Prince’s Landscape & Construction Pte Ltd

COMMERCIAL, INDUSTRIAL, RECREATIONAL AND INSTITUTIONAL – MERIT AWARD
project Odeon Towers
entry organisation Goodland Nursery Pte Ltd

project Revenue House
entry organisation Exklusive Landscape Pte Ltd
CATEGORIZATION: RETAIL
The submissions were judged according to the following criteria: Entrance and merchandise display, Product knowledge and service quality of retail staff, Quality of plants, Signage and price tags, Cleanliness and neatness.

CATEGORIZATION: TURNKEY
A panel of expertise of four judges awarded this category based on the following qualities: Uniqueness and creativity of design, harmony of design with surroundings, Overall finish quality, hardscape and softscape details, Selection and quality of materials—both degree of comprehensiveness, scope of design and ease of maintenance.

TURNKEY – GOLD AWARD
project @145 Residence (Category Winner)
entry organisation Esmond Landscape And Horticultural Pte Ltd

TURNKEY – SILVER AWARD
project Raffles Institution Junior College
entry organisation Prince’s Landscape & Construction Pte Ltd

TURNKEY – BRONZE AWARD
project Rainforest Kidzworld
entry organisation Prince’s Landscape & Construction Pte Ltd

TURNKEY – MERIT AWARD
project Alfresco In The Sky
entry organisation Hawaii Landscape Pte Ltd

project Heliconia Walk
entry organisation Jurong Bird Park

COMMENDATION OF EFFORT
project Anchorvale Community Club
entry organisation Exklusive Landscape Pte Ltd