

The 6th LIAS Awards of Excellence 2015: Celebrating the Achievements of the Singapore Landscape Industry

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The Landscape Industry Association (Singapore), an organisation for local landscape professionals and companies, awarded 48 winners for their outstanding landscaping work and efforts under the 6th LIAS Awards of Excellence 2015. Organised biennially, the awards aim to recognise outstanding projects and the works of landscape contractors, designers and other related practitioners. The winners were selected across five award categories: Implementation, Maintenance, Design & Build, Playground, and Green Wall.

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Evaluation Criteria

Implementation

- Quality of plant materials
- Degree of difficulty in implementation
- Craftsmanship
- Standards of maintenance
- Finished appearance of the project
- Installation techniques
- Execution of construction details

Maintenance

- Overall appearance of the project
- Condition of plant materials/plant beds
- Arboriculture practices
- Neatness and cleanliness of site (Horticultural debris)
- Degree of difficulty/challenges to maintain
- General condition of lawn areas

Design & Build

- Uniqueness and creativity of design
- Harmony of design with surroundings
- Overall finish quality
- Design and execution of hardscape and/or softscape details
- Selection and quality of materials— both hardscape and softscape
- Degree of comprehensiveness/scope of design input
- Ease of maintenance and sustainability

Playground

- Uniqueness and creativity of design
- Attention to safety standards of play equipment and surfacing
- Overall finish quality and workmanship
- Quality of maintenance and upkeep
- Accessibility to users of all abilities
- Harmony of design to the surrounding landscape

Green Wall

- Overall design and impression
- Sustainability
- Ease of Maintenance
- Environmental Benefits

Best of Category Winners



The Sandcrawler's public courtyard has a natural, overgrown landscaping.

IMPLEMENTATION Non-Residential

Name The Sandcrawler **Award Recipient** Mao Sheng Quanji Construction Pte Ltd **Location** Singapore **Completion Date** 2013

Completed in late 2013, the Sandcrawler is a seven-floor, 22,500 square metre commercial development located in Singapore's one-north business park. The building, which houses the regional headquarters of film and animation production studio Lucasfilm, boasts a lush public podium that is extensively landscaped in an overgrown manner. Tall shrubs, small trees, jungle trees, and water features, complete with a Yoda bronze statue, can be found in the courtyard. The building is also home to The Walt Disney Company (Southeast Asia) and ESPN Asia Pacific.



Ardmore Three's single block development is surrounded by a lush foliage.

IMPLEMENTATION Residential

Name Ardmore Three **Award Recipient** Plantwerkz Pte Ltd **Location** Singapore **Completion Date** 2014

Ardmore Three is an 84-unit single block luxury condominium development located in a prime location. Its single tower is nestled within a large, lush garden that boasts 400 trees and 12,000 shrubs and groundcovers. Despite its size, the garden has a full auto irrigation coverage.



The Far East Organization Children's Garden integrates nature and water features within its playground.

MAINTENANCE Public and Urban Spaces

Name Gardens By the Bay – Far East Organization Children's Garden **Award Recipient** Tropic Planners & Landscape Pte Ltd **Location** Singapore **Completion Date** 2014

The one-hectare Children's Garden is Singapore's largest playground targeted at children from 1 to 12 years old. It integrates both nature and adventure into their playtime elements, designed to enhance the child's physical and cognitive developments. Amidst a luscious garden setting, the Children's Garden features four main play zones—Adventure Trail, Rainforest Treehouses, Toddler Play Zone and Water Play Areas—for young children to explore. The highlight of the garden is a 7.5 metre-tall tree house and interactive water tunnels that fuel the imaginations of these small adventurers.



Khoo Teck Puat Hospital has many green spaces for its patients to enjoy.

MAINTENANCE

Non-Residential

Name Khoo Teck Puat Hospital **Award Recipient** Tropical Environment Pte Ltd **Location** Singapore **Completion Date** 2010

Since the opening of Khoo Teck Puat Hospital (KTPH) in 2010, the flora and fauna have grown manifold. Numerous fruit trees have started to mature, bearing flowers and fruits, which in turn attract more fauna. Its gardens, home to trees, plants and shrubs, an organic farm, and numerous water features with aquatic life, provide therapeutic spaces for its patients to enjoy. The landscape maintenance of KTPH differs from many other condominium or commercial developments—birds and insects are free to make their home in the vegetation, and leaves perforated with insect or caterpillar bites and bird nests are left alone. On top of that, no toxic chemicals are sprayed in the environment, preserving the biodiversity and maintaining a healthy environmental ecosystem.



Slides and climbing ropes at the Far East Organization Children's Garden provide hours of fun for children.

PLAYGROUND

Name Gardens By the Bay – Far East Organization Children's Garden **Award Recipient** Playpoint (Singapore) Pte Ltd **Location** Singapore **Completion Date** 2014

Two rainforest treehouses at a top height of 4 metres and 7.5 metres respectively are set within a dense thicket of rainforest trees, offering a major play attraction with elevated platforms and shelters linked by timber and rope bridges. Treehouse A houses interactive listening panels which allow children to listen the sounds of various animals, and Treehouse B features slides and climbing ropes for more active children and adults to clamber around.



Connexion's green wall marks a resting and healing spot for visitors.

DESIGN & BUILD

101 square metres and above

Name Beach Front Resort Living at Pasir Ris **Award Recipient** Esmond Landscape and Horticultural Pte Ltd **Location** Singapore **Completion Date** 2015

Located right next to Pasir Ris Park, this bungalow exudes a resort-like tropical landscape within its gardens. Inspired by the coastal ambience, tropical plants such as *thaumatococcus daniellii* and *murraya paniculata* are planted around the house. The back garden is contoured with small and large plants, including edible spices such as pandan, chili and limau purut, while a second level terrace, converted into a roof garden, provides ample space for relaxation. The project utilises the bungalow's contemporary architecture to create natural landscapes that integrate with living spaces, enhancing the residence's liveability.



Tropical plants and a roof top terrace help to create a resort-like ambience at a bungalow in Pasir Ris.

GREEN WALL

Name Connexion by The Farrer Park Company **Award Recipient** Nature Landscapes Pte Ltd **Location** Singapore **Completion Date** 2014

Connexion by The Farrer Park Company, an integrated hub connecting a hospital, medical centre, and hotel under one roof, aims to provide one-stop healthcare and wellness services to visitors. The eco-friendly building has achieved a green plot ratio of 2.64 through the effective use of skyscraper greenery, such as a green wall and roof, and landscape areas. Approximately 5,000 square metres of shrubs, plants, and trees were planted throughout the complex, visible from both the east and west wings. The building also has a BCA Green Mark Platinum award under its belt. 

Gold Award Winners**Implementation – Non-Residential**

- Singapore University of Technology and Design by Tropical Environment Pte Ltd
- JEM by Nature Landscapes Pte Ltd

Implementation – Residential

- The Minton by Plantwerkz Pte Ltd
- Treehouse Condominium by Scenic Landscape Pte Ltd
- H2O Residence by Scenic Landscape Pte Ltd

Maintenance – Public and Urban Spaces

- Gardens By the Bay – Flower Dome and Cloud Forest by Tropical Environment Pte Ltd
- Gardens By The Bay – Supertrees by Tropical Environment Pte Ltd
- Floral Walk @ Hort Park by Tropic Planners & Landscape Pte Ltd

Maintenance – Non-Residential

- Theme Gardens at Changi Airport T2 by Mao Sheng Quanji Construction Pte Ltd
- PARKROYAL on Pickering Hotel by Mao Sheng Quanji Construction Pte Ltd
- Resorts World Sentosa – West Zone by Nature Landscapes Pte Ltd

Maintenance – Residential

- Tomlinson Heights by ISS Hydroculture Pte Ltd
- Phoenix Garden by Tropic Planners & Landscape Pte Ltd

Playground

- Dulwich College by Playpoint (Singapore) Pte Ltd

Green Wall

- Gaia Condominium by Uniseal Singapore Pte Ltd

Silver Award Winners**Implementation – Non-Residential**

- NTUC Fairprice by Tropical Environment Pte Ltd

Implementation – Residential

- Goodwood Residence by ISS Hydroculture Pte Ltd

Maintenance – Public and Urban Spaces

- Gardens By The Bay – Sun Pavilion by Tropic Planners & Landscape Pte Ltd
- Gardens By The Bay – Golden Garden by Tropic Planners & Landscape Pte Ltd
- Gardens By the Bay – Heritage Garden by Swee Bee Contractor Pte Ltd

Playground

- Terrain Children Playground with Equipment @ J Link (Jurong East Planning Area) by CT-Art Creation Pte Ltd
- Gardens By The Bay – Tadpole Waterplay/Splashpad at Far East Organization Children's Garden by Vercessco Pte Ltd

Design and Build (101sqm and above)

- Four Seasons Park Condo – Winter Garden by Tropic Planners & Landscape Pte Ltd
- 23 Gallop Park by Earthscape Concepts Pte Ltd

Green Wall

- Green Wall @ 21 Sunset Place by Amozonia Landscape Pte Ltd

Bronze Award Winners**Implementation – Non-Residential**

- Mutli Utility Hub (MUH) by Tropical Environment Pte Ltd

Maintenance – Public and Urban Spaces

- Gardens By The Bay – The Canopy by Tropic Planners & Landscape Pte Ltd

Design & Build (100sqm and below)

- Works @ 68 Colchester Grove by Hua Hng Trading Co Pte Ltd
- Four Seasons Park Condo – Clubhouse and Pool Landscape by Tropic Planners & Landscape Pte Ltd

Green Wall

- Luxurie Condo by Tropical Environment Pte Ltd

Special Award Winners**Maintenance – Non-Residential**

- ITE College East (Simei Campus) Soccer Field Maintenance by Turf & Irrigation Services Pte Ltd
- NUS High School Soccer Field Maintenance by Turf & Irrigation Services Pte Ltd

Merit Award Winners**Design & Build (100sqm and below)**

- Back Garden, Saraca Drive by Water Concepts & Consultancy Pte Ltd

Green Wall

- JEM by Nature Landscapes Pte Ltd

Maintenance – Public and Urban Spaces

- Tengah Nature Way by Prince's Landscape & Construction Pte Ltd