

# Singapore Institute of Architects and National Parks Board Skyrise Greenery Awards 2011

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## Skyrise Greenery

The concept of skyrise greenery involves a new dimension of integrating greenery into urban landscapes. Rooftop greenery essentially encompasses green roofs and roof gardens while vertical greenery involves incorporating plants within walls. In Singapore, this notion has gained prominence over the years with an increasing need to balance our natural heritage and the built environment. Faced with land constraints, it seeks to bring back green spaces in urban landscapes. Furthermore, aside from reducing the “urban heat island” effect of the immediate surrounding area by shading heat-absorbing surfaces, skyrise greenery has other benefits such as reducing energy cooling costs, softening hardscapes with greenery, and even fostering a sense of ownership and community interaction on rooftop gardens.

## Skyrise Greenery Awards

Jointly organised by Singapore Institute of Architects (SIA) and National Parks Board (NParks), the Skyrise Greenery Awards (SGA) seeks to encourage and recognise the utilisation of skyrise greenery in urban developments by owners, developers, architects, landscape architects, and landscape contract managers. Currently in its fourth year running, SGA has attracted entries that creatively redefine the boundaries between nature and the built environment, not only in Singapore but internationally.

A jury comprising representatives from SIA, NParks, Urban Redevelopment Authority (URA), and the National University of Singapore Department of Architecture was

appointed with the task of assessing the entries that displayed an innovative and refreshing take on the skyrise greening of their completed developments. A total of 18 submissions were received, including four from overseas. Honouring their achievements in creatively incorporating skyrise greenery in their architectural designs, the winners of SGA 2011 were presented with plaques and cash prizes by Guest-of-Honour Ms. Tin Pei Ling (MP of Marine Parade GRC) and Mr. Ashvinkumar s/o Kantilai (President of SIA 2011/2012).

The first prize was awarded to Hanging Garden in CBD—A Fusion of “Archi-Nature” at 158 Cecil Street Singapore, by a team from AgFacadesign, East Coast (Cecil) Investment Pte Ltd, Tierra Design (S) Pte Ltd, and Consis Engineering Pte Ltd. The second prize went to The Helios Residences, a project by P&T Consultants Pte Ltd, Guida Moseley Brown Architects, Wing Tai Land Pte Ltd (on behalf of Winnervest Investments Pte Ltd), and Sitetectorix Pte Ltd. Lastly, myVillage won the third prize. This project was by DP Architects Pte Ltd, Chye Lee and Sons Pte Ltd, DP Green Pte Ltd, and Nature Landscapes Pte Ltd.

The following projects were also awarded with Honourable Mentions: 6 Battery Road Vertical Garden, Mapletree Business City, Treelodge@Punggol, and Universal Studios Singapore (Resorts World Sentosa).

More details on the winning projects can be found at [www.skyrisegreenery.com](http://www.skyrisegreenery.com). For enquiries about SGA, do contact NParks at +65 6471 7808 or email [SkyriseGreenery@NParks.gov.sg](mailto:SkyriseGreenery@NParks.gov.sg).

## 1st Prize (Completed Projects)

**project** Hanging Garden in CBD—A Fusion of “Archi-Nature” at 158 Cecil Street Singapore  
**client** East Coast (Cecil) Investment Pte Ltd  
**architect** AgFacadesign  
**landscape architect** Tierra Design Pte Ltd  
**landscape contract manager** Consis Engineering Pte Ltd

## 2nd Prize (Completed Projects)

**project** The Helios Residences  
**client** Wing Tai Land Pte Ltd (on behalf of Winnervest Investment Pte Ltd)  
**architect** P&T Consultants Pte Ltd  
**landscape architect** Sitetectorix Pte Ltd

## 3rd Prize (Completed Projects)

**project** myVillage  
**client** Chye Lee and Sons Pte Ltd  
**architect** DP Architects Pte Ltd  
**landscape architect** DP Green Pte Ltd  
**landscape contract manager** Nature Landscapes Pte Ltd



Hanging Garden in CBD—A Fusion of “Archi-Nature”.



myVillage.



6 Battery Road, A&A Upgrading Works, Vertical Garden.



Helios Residences.



Universal Studios Singapore (RWS).



Mapletree Business City.



Treelodge@Punggol.

## Year 2010 Award Winners

### 1st Prize (Completed Projects)

project Khoo Teck Puat Hospital  
 architect CPGreen @ CPG Consultants Pte Ltd  
 client Alexandra Health Pte Ltd  
 landscape architect Peridian Asia Pte Ltd  
 landscape contract manager Tropical Environment Pte Ltd

### 2nd Prize (Completed Projects)

project 36 & 38 Armenian Street  
 architect DCA Architects Pte Ltd  
 client Hong How Investments Pte Ltd  
 landscape architect COEN Design International Pte Ltd  
 landscape contract manager Agropolis Pte Ltd

### 3rd Prize (Completed Projects)

project Head for the Hill  
 architect/ landscape architect BENT Architecture Pty Ltd  
 client Quayles Law Agents  
 landscape contract manager Better Projects Australia Pty Ltd

### 1st Prize (Unbuilt Projects)

project R4 Apartments  
 architect/ landscape architect Surbana International  
 Consultants Pte Ltd

## Year 2009 Award Winners

### 1st Prize (Completed Projects)

project Orchard Central  
 architect DP Architects Pte Ltd  
 client Orchard Central Pte Ltd  
 landscape architect DLQ Design Pte Ltd  
 landscape contract manager Nature Landscapes Pte Ltd

### 2nd Prize (Completed Projects)

project Central Horizon  
 architect/ landscape architect Surbana International  
 Consultants Pte Ltd  
 client Housing & Development Board  
 landscape contract manager Greenscape Pte Ltd

### 1st Prize (Unbuilt Projects)

project Solaris  
 architect CPGreen @ CPG Consultants Pte Ltd  
 associate architect TR Hamzah & Yeang Sdn Bhd  
 client SB (Solaire) Investment Pte Ltd

## Year 2008 Award Winners

### project Naumi

architect/ landscape architect Eco-id Architects Pte Ltd  
 client Surya Jhunjhnuwala  
 landscape contract manager Hydroculture-Scape Pte Ltd

### project Newton Suites

architect WOHA Architects Pte Ltd  
 client UOL Group Limited  
 landscape architect Cicada Pte Ltd  
 landscape contract manager Nature Landscapes Pte Ltd

### project One George Street

architect DCA Architects Pte Ltd & Skidmore,  
 Owing & Merrill LLP  
 client George Street Pte Ltd c/o Capitaland Commercial  
 Project Management  
 landscape architect Sitetectonix Pte Ltd  
 landscape contract manager Scenic Landscape Pte Ltd

### project VivoCity

architect DP Architects Pte Ltd  
 associate/ design architects Toyo Ito & Associates, Architects  
 client MapleTree Investments Pte Ltd  
 landscape architect Sitetectonix Pte Ltd  
 landscape contract manager Nature Landscapes Pte Ltd 