The 9th Singapore Landscape Architecture Awards 2013
Winning Innovations in Singapore Landscape Architecture

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Previously known as SILA Professional Design Awards, the Singapore Landscape Architecture Awards organised by Singapore Institute of Landscape Architects (SILA) aims to set new benchmarks and distinctions in the design and practice of landscape architecture.

With 57 submission entries, SILA managed a rigorous two-stage judging process by 19 judges from 12 countries. The entries were submitted to four categories, including General Design, Residential Design, Master Planning, and Integrated Design. The international jury consisted of both current and past presidents of landscape architecture institutes, as well as respected landscape practitioners. Many members of this jury belong to the International Federation of Landscape Architects Asia-Pacific Region (IFLA APR).

"Landscape Architecture is a rich profession that designs, plans, and manages the relationship of natural and built environment. The role of the Singapore Landscape Architecture Awards is twofold. First, to recognise the contribution of landscape architects in integrating natural systems into our living environment through design, and second, to acknowledge the collaborations of architects, engineers, and landscape contractors to keep our ‘garden city’ lush and green," says Damian Tang, President of SILA.

Internationally renowned landscape architect, Professor Yu Kongjian from Turenscape, Beijing, China, chaired the first stage of the judging process. This panel—which was conducted online—consisted of representatives from Australia, China, Hong Kong, Indonesia, Iran, Japan, Korea, Malaysia, New Zealand, Singapore, Taiwan, and Thailand.

The second stage of the judging process integrated site visits and table discussions and was chaired by Dato Ismail Ngah, vice-president of IFLA APR. The on-site panel consisted of presidents from SILA, Singapore Institute of Architects, Singapore Green Building Council, and DesignS, as well as faculty members from Singapore University of Technology and Design.

The "award winners" were announced on 22 November 2013 during the Singapore Landscape Architecture Awards (SLAA) and Gala Dinner at the Grand Copthorne Waterfront hotel. The night was attended by Guest of Honour, Mr. Lee Yi Shyan, Senior Minister of State, Ministry of Trade and Industry and Ministry of National Development.

Winning projects and their jury citations are elaborated on below. More information may be found at sila.org.sg.

1, 2. The final jury awarded the Outstanding Award of Excellence to hotel PARKROYAL on Pickering as it demonstrates the potential of landscape design in a commercial high-rise development.
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Outstanding Award of Excellence by Online Jury
Name: Goodwood Residence
Award Recipient: ICN Design International Pte Ltd
Location: Singapore
Completion Date: 2013
Also "Silver" in the "Residential Design" Category

Jury Citation
This project, from site planning to design details, demonstrates the power of landscape architecture in creating quality dwellings for people. It sensitively integrates the natural landscape, while considering its ecological processes and benefiting from its ecosystem services. Goodwood Residences is a good integration of architecture, materiality, and landscape. A multi-leveled landscape approach engages both the facade and ground plane as planted surfaces. Plantings build on the existing landscape features of the site while extensive lawns provide multi-use spaces for residents. Though the landscape is young, the species selection shows great potential to mature and the project is a promising entry in the residential landscapes category.

Gold Award Winners

General Design Category
Name: 158 Cecil Street
Award Recipient: Tierra Design (S) Pte Ltd
Location: Singapore
Completion Date: 2011

Jury Citation
158 Cecil Street is an impressive example of the transformative potential of the landscape in a commercial precinct. The vegetation seizes on the opportunity provided by the light wells of the building’s atrium. While such a concept is not novel in global landscape architecture, this is a successful Singapore-based example of the ability of landscape architecture to collaborate with other professions to value-add to commercial buildings and office spaces.

Name: JTC Green Core
Award Recipient: Atelier Dreiseitl Asia Pte Ltd
Location: Singapore
Completion Date: 2013

Jury Citation
JTC Green Core is a commendable effort to maximise the potential of an industrial site. Its integration of cultural aspects, such as the artists’ studio space and artworks, within the site itself was well conceived and articulated. Building on the existing natural elements of the site, the project provides an instant landscape effect along with a highly detailed use of materials. Circulation corridors, which tie-in with the existing cultural infrastructure, are well sited and take full advantage of the views through the landscape.

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6. Adventure River at Adventure Cove Water Park, which cleverly preserves and “borrows” from the site’s existing landscape qualities.
7. Sage @ Nassim Road sets a high precedent for landscape conservation and design in a residential complex.
8. Labrador Coastal & Nature Walks allows the public to visit protected mangroves in a non-invasive way.
9. HealthCity @ Novena illustrates high-level integration within a mixed development.
10. My Waterway @ Punggol is a successful collaboration between multiple professions on a landscape project.
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Adventure Cove Water Park makes the most of its pre-existing landscape qualities. Through a scheme that positioned the adjacent forest as significant, it has lavishly preserved and "borrowed" its greenery. With over 700 feature plants, including a selection of transplanted mature trees, the planting is excellent given the site’s constraints. A multi-layered approach to plantings, inspired by the neighbouring natural environment, creates a grand backdrop for the water park.

Residential Design Category
Name: Labrador Coastal & Nature Walk
Award Recipient: Ortus Design Pte Ltd
Location: Singapore
Completion Date: 2012

Jury Citation
Labrador Coastal & Nature Walk is a praise-worthy example of a waterfront public infrastructure that successfully employs a light-handed and effective touch within a controversial site. While the expectations of the site were high, the design manages these effectively through the low-impact, site-driven placement of the walkway. The project facilitates important access to the mangroves, encouraging the public to visit the site in a non-invasive way.

Master Planning Category
Name: My Waterway @ Punggol
Award Recipient: Surbana International Consultants Pte Ltd
Location: Singapore
Completion Date: 2012

Jury Citation
My Waterway @ Punggol is a prime example of the ability of multiple professions to work together on landscape projects. Although the role of engineering in this project was significant, landscape architecture has been used to enlighten the waterfront. The project has required the skillful balancing of multiple aspects, including the spatial design and provision of amenities.

Silver Award Winners
General Design Category
- NUS–UTown Residences by ICN Design International Pte Ltd
- NUS–UT College of Alice & Peter Tan and Residential College 4 by Sitetectonix Pte Ltd
- NUS–UT College of Arts & Peter Tan and Residential College 4 by Sitetectonix Pte Ltd
- NUS–UT Education Resource Centre by Sitetectonix Pte Ltd
- The Star Vista by ICN Design International Pte Ltd
- United World College (U.W.C) East Campus by Martin Lee Design

Residential Category
- Casa Clementi by Surbana International Consultants Pte Ltd
- Menara ClearTech One by Surbana International Consultants Pte Ltd
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- The Heights at Kata (in Phuket, Thailand) by Sitetectonix Pte Ltd
- The Star by ICN Design International Pte Ltd
- The Wharf Residences by CDHi Design International Pte Ltd

Open Category
- The Wharf Residences by CDHi Design International Pte Ltd
- Tree House by CDHi Design International Pte Ltd
- My Waterway @ Punggol

Merit Award Winners
General Design Category
- Greenwood Sanctuary @ Admiralty by Surbana International Consultants Pte Ltd
- NUS–UT Education Resource Centre by Sitetectonix Pte Ltd
- NUS–UT College of Arts & Peter Tan and Residential College 4 by Sitetectonix Pte Ltd
- NUS–UT College of Alice & Peter Tan and Residential College 4 by Sitetectonix Pte Ltd
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