

# 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 niche 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](http://sila.org.sg).



**Outstanding Award of Excellence by Final On-site Jury**

Name: PARKROYAL on Pickering

Award Recipient: Tierra Design (S) Pte Ltd

Location: Singapore

Completion Date: 2013

Also "Gold" in the "General Design" Category

### Jury Citation

The final jury celebrates PARKROYAL on Pickering as an outstanding example as it sets a defining and exemplary role for landscapes in commercial high-rise developments. The ancient idea of the "hanging garden" has been pulled into the present in this tiered garden that engulfs the building. Well-conceived maintenance zones, sensitive species choice, and irrigation management illustrate the holistic design sensibilities of the project. PARKROYAL on Pickering is a crucial precedent for commercial landscape architecture in Singapore. Keen attention paid to the grounding of design intent and execution have resulted in the overturning of traditional conceptions of the relationship between landscape and architecture. In this project, it is the strength of the landscape vision that provides the supporting framework for the architectural concept.

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.

**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-levelled landscape approach engages both the façade 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.



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**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.



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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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3. The online jury awarded the Outstanding Award of Excellence to Goodwood Residence as it integrates architecture, materiality, and landscape to create a quality dwelling for homeowners.

4. 158 Cecil Street is an impressive example of the transformative potential of the landscape in a commercial precinct.

5. JTC Green Core introduces artists' studio spaces and well-articulated landscape elements to an industrial site.

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 Walk 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.

**Name:** Adventure Cove Water Park  
**Award Recipient:** Ortus Design Pte Ltd  
**Location:** Singapore  
**Completion Date:** 2012

**Jury Citation**

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 laudably 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.



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**Name:** Labrador Coastal & Nature Walk  
**Award Recipient:** ICN Design International Pte Ltd  
**Location:** Singapore  
**Completion Date:** 2012

**Jury Citation**

Labrador Coastal & Nature Walk is a praiseworthy 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.



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**Residential Design Category**  
**Name:** SAGE @ Nassim Road  
**Award Recipient:** Sitetectonix Pte Ltd  
**Location:** Singapore  
**Completion Date:** 2012

**Jury Citation**

Sage @ Nassim Road sets a high precedent for landscape conservation and design in a residential complex. Strategically cantilevering a barbecue area within a cluster of existing trees, it capitalises on landscape quality and social opportunity. Pockets of retreat are provided around the swimming pool, while an ingenious approach to the fire-engine access road doubles its use as a water feature. Overall, as a compact low-rise development, this residential landscape has surpassed expectations.



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**Master Planning Category**  
**Name:** Healthcity @ Novena  
**Award Recipient:** Broadway Malyan Asia Pte Ltd  
**Location:** Singapore  
**Completion Date (Expected):** 2030

**Jury Citation**

The vision for HealthCity @ Novena illustrates high-level integration within a mixed development. Accessibility and circulation are facilitated by landscape design, with vegetation strategically employed to buffer the multiple functions that need to occur within the complex.

**Open 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 waterway. The project has required the skilful balancing of multiple aspects, including the spatial design and provision of amenities. 



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**Silver Award Winners**

**General Design Category**  
• NUS Cinnamon & Tembusu Colleges by Sitetectonix Pte Ltd

**Residential Category**  
• Goodwood Residence by ICN Design International Pte Ltd  
• Setia Sky Residences (in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia) by Sitetectonix Pte Ltd

**Master Planning Category**  
• Garuda Wisnu Kencana Cultural Park (in Bali, Indonesia) by AECOM Singapore Pte Ltd

**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-UTown Residences and Town Green by Sitetectonix Pte Ltd  
• NUS-UT College of Alice & Peter Tan and Residential College 4 by Sitetectonix Pte Ltd  
• Setia City Park (in Shah Alam, Malaysia) by Sitetectonix Pte Ltd  
• The Star Vista by ICN Design International Pte Ltd  
• United World College (S.E.A.) East Campus by Martin Lee DesignS

**Residential Category**  
• Casa Clementi by Surbana International Consultants Pte Ltd  
• Miro by ONG&ONG Pte Ltd  
• One Amber by Sitetectonix Pte Ltd

• Prive Executive Condominium by COEN Design International Pte Ltd  
• Punggol Breeze by Surbana International Consultants Pte Ltd  
• Tate Residences by Tierra Design (S) Pte Ltd  
• The Heights at Kata (in Phuket, Thailand) by Sitetectonix Pte Ltd  
• The Interlace by ICN Design International Pte Ltd  
• The Oliv by ICN Design International Pte Ltd  
• The Wharf Residences by COEN Design International Pte Ltd  
• Tree House by COEN Design International Pte Ltd

**Master Planning Category**  
• "Managing Urban Runoff: Drainage Handbook" by Atelier Dreiseitl Asia Pte Ltd  
• Nusajaya Tech Park (in Iskandar, Malaysia) by AECOM Singapore Pte Ltd  
• Sentosa Integrated Resort Competition by ICN Design International Pte Ltd

**Open Category**  
• CleanTech One by Surbana International Consultants Pte Ltd  
• Enchanted Garden @ T2, Changi Airport, by Kingsmen Exhibits Pte Ltd



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