

# Six Malaysian projects bag Fiabci awards

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PETALING JAYA: Six Malaysian projects bagged three World Gold awards and three World Silver awards at the Fiabci World Prix d'Excellence Awards 2015 gala night held at One World Hotel here on Saturday night.

The Malaysian projects were among a record 85 submissions from 15 countries worldwide in the competition, which comprised 12 categories — environmental (rehabilitation/conservation), heritage (restoration/conservation), hotel, master plan, office, public infrastructure/amenities, purpose-built, residential (high-rise), residential (low-rise), resort, retail and sustainable development.

"From the projects of all winners, we can recognise that excellence in quality in our property industry deserves our admiration and appreciation — for the successful combination of creative professional skill and talent," said the International Real Estate Federation (Fiabci) world president Robyn Waters in a speech.

The World Gold winners from Malaysia were Aloft Hotel Kuala Lumpur Sentral (hotel category) in Kuala Lumpur, Verve Suites Mont'Kiara (high-rise residential category) in Kuala Lumpur, and Lost World of Tambun (resort category) in Perak.

Aloft Hotel is owned and operated by Iringan Flora Sdn Bhd, a subsidiary of Ireka Corp Bhd's associate company Aseana Properties Ltd, while Verve Suites was developed by Al Batha Bukit Kiara Holdings Sdn Bhd, whereas Lost World of Tambun is owned by Sunway Integrated Properties Sdn Bhd, a unit of Sunway Bhd.

Meanwhile, the World Silver winners from Malaysia were IJM Land Bhd's The Light Waterfront (master plan category) in Penang, Tujan Gemiland Sdn Bhd's Me-

nara OBYU (Point 92) in Selangor (office category), and Perdana Park-City Sdn Bhd's Casaman Parkhomes at DesaPark City (low-rise residential category) in Kuala Lumpur.

"Visionary architectural design, when blended with state-of-the-art construction materials, creates both efficiency and a higher quality of life with positive consequences for the environment and sustainability of mankind ... these property icons raise the standard and provide us a vision into the future of our real estate industry," said Waters.

"Tonight's winners are the best of the best ... I believe the competition has helped to increase the benchmark level of excellence in projects. There is a marked improvement in the design, use of material, and innovative use of space," said Fiabci Malaysia president Yeow Thit Sang.

Over 1,000 guests gathered to celebrate the 25 winners on Saturday night, in a gala dinner that was graced by Yang di-Pertuan Besar Negeri Sembilan Tuanku Muhriz Ibn Almarhum Tuanku Munawir

and Tunku Ampuan Besar Negeri Sembilan, Tuanku Aishah Rohani Tengku Besar Mahmud.

The Fiabci World Prix d'Excellence Awards 2015 is the biggest event of the three-day Fiabci 66th World Real Estate Congress 2015 that was held from last Friday to Sunday.

The congress participants included real estate practitioners involved in brokerage, management of property and assets, developers, financiers and other experts in the sector. — [theedgeproperty.com](http://theedgeproperty.com)



The World Gold award winners with Yeow (seventh from left), Tuanku Muhriz (centre) and Waters (seventh from right).



The World Silver award winners with Yeow (seventh from left), Tuanku Muhriz (centre) and Waters (sixth from right).