



Celebrating the crème de la crème

The Fiabci World Prix d'Excellence Awards 2015 saw the best of the property industry step out into the spotlight

Regarded as the Oscars of the real estate industry, the Fiabci World Prix d'Excellence Awards is one of the highest internationally recognised honours property developers can hope to attain for their projects.

Every year, the real estate industry turns its attention to this prestigious awards ceremony to recognise, celebrate and acknowledge the most distinguished and prestigious property developments in both local and international arenas.

The awards gala night held in Malaysia this year was no different, if not more prestigious. Like at a Hollywood extravaganza, panache and style captured the imagination of the guests who saw the nomination of various real estate projects, culminating in the announcement of the winners.

The World Gold and World Silver winners took to the stage to receive their awards in front of an audience of more than 1,000 guests. The gala dinner night held in a leading hotel in Petaling Jaya was also graced by the presence of Yang di-Pertuan Besar Negeri Sembilan Darul Khusus Tuanku Muhriz Ibni Almarhum Tuanku Munawir and Tunku Ampuan Besar Negeri Sembilan Tuanku Aishah Rohani Tengku Besar Mahmud.

Making Malaysia proud were the three local Gold Winners comprising Sunway Integrated Properties Sdn Bhd, a subsidiary of Sunway Bhd, that stole the spotlight with the Lost World of Tambun (resort category) in Perak; Iringan Flora Sdn Bhd, a subsidiary of Ireka Corp Bhd's associate company Aseana Properties Ltd, for Aloft Kuala Lumpur Sentral (hotel category); and Bukit Kiara Properties Sdn Bhd's VERVE Suites (residential – high rise category) in Kuala Lumpur.

Three local World Silver winners were also awarded. They included blue-chip developer IJM Land Bhd being recognised for The Light Waterfront (master plan category) in Penang, Tujuan Gemilang Sdn Bhd for the Menara OBYU (Point 92) project (office category) in Selangor and Perdana ParkCity Sdn Bhd for its Casaman Parkhomes at Desa ParkCity (residential low rise category) in Kuala Lumpur.

The Fiabci chapter remains steadfast in its commitment to excellence in the real estate industry by bestowing recognition on projects that best embody outstanding quality in all the real estate disciplines. Elaborating further, Ir. Yeow Thit Sang, president of the Fiabci World Prix d'Excellence Awards Committee 2015, says conferring prestige on outstanding projects will foster the development of "the optimal solution to society's property needs".

Judged in two tiers – first by judges and then by an oversight panel comprising experienced real estate professionals and experts from around the world, the awards reward overall merit and are not confined to the aesthetics, functionality or size of the development.

"As the president of the World Prix d'Excellence Awards Committee, it is satisfying to note that the number of countries holding their national property awards is on the rise. In 2015, there was an increase in the number of entries to 85 from 15 countries worldwide. Many of these entries are winners of their own national Prix d'Excellence Awards.

"We had 68 judges from 28 countries volunteering their precious time for this service to the awards. The criteria for the marking of the projects in different categories have been refined over the years based on feedback received from the participants and judges. The judging process has



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improved over time. Integrity and transparency are the two main factors that the organising committee is concerned with and we are open to public inspection in terms of our judging process. The marks from the judges were collated and audited by KPMG Malaysia, the public auditor who volunteered for this service," he says.

Yeow also applauds the commitment displayed by members of the oversight panel who travelled a long dis-



Gracing the Fiabci World Prix d'Excellence Awards 2015 with their presence were (7th from left) Yeow, Fiabci World Prix d'Excellence Awards Committee president; Yang di-Pertuan Besar Negri Sembilan Tuanku Muhriz Ibni Almarhum Tuanku Munawir (8th from left); Robyn Waters, Fiabci world president (9th from left); and the World Gold winners



Another one for the album ... the World Silver winners take to the stage

tance from all parts of the world to meet in Barcelona to confirm the final selection of the World Gold and Silver Winners.

He anticipates that there will be entries from the Philippines in 2016 since their awards ceremony was recently concluded.

Indeed, the awards has grown from strength to strength since its inception in 1992. Sealing its mark

as a giant awards recognition body for the real estate industry at large, the Fiabci World Prix d'Excellence Awards 2015 was the 23rd installment of the awards ceremony.

The gala dinner held on May 30 represented the most prominent event of the three-day FIABCI 66th World Real Estate Congress 2015 that was held from May 29 to May 31. — By Yvonne Yoong

WORLD GOLD WINNERS:

Environmental
(Rehabilitation/ Conservation) Category

Shanshuilu Eco-Park, Taipei City, Taiwan

Heritage (Restoration/Conservation) Category

Cypress Forestry Life Village, Chiayi City, Taiwan

Hotel Category

Aloft Kuala Lumpur Sentral, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia

Master Plan Category

Ellenbrook, Western Australia, Australia

Office Category

Tanzende Türme (Dancing Towers), Hamburg, Germany

Public Infrastructure/Amenities Category

Sparkling Pearl — Daan Park Station, Taipei City, Taiwan

Purpose Built Category

Wabash Building, Chicago, Illinois, United States

Residential (High Rise) Category

VERVE Suites Mont' Kiara, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia

Residential (Low Rise) Category

The Springs, Tangerang, Indonesia

Resort Category

Lost World Of Tambun, Perak, Malaysia

Retail Category

Raffles City Chengdu, Si Chuan Province, China

Sustainable Development Category

Tree House, Singapore

WORLD SILVER WINNERS:

Environmental
(Rehabilitation/ Conservation) Category

Park of Shuijiaoshe, Tainan City, Taiwan

Heritage (Restoration/Conservation) Category

Liszt Ferenc Academy of Music, Budapest, Hungary

Eiffel Palace Office Building, Budapest, Hungary

Hotel Category

Pan Pacific Serviced Suites Beach Road, Singapore

Master Plan Category

The Light Waterfront, Penang, Malaysia

Office Category

Menara OBYU (Point 92), Petaling Jaya, Selangor

Sustainable Development Category

Eiffel Palace Office Building, Budapest, Hungary

Public Infrastructure/Amenities Category

National Nantou Special School, Nantou City, Taiwan

Purpose Built Category

Liszt Ferenc Academy of Music, Budapest, Hungary

Residential (High Rise) Category

Marina Bay Suites, Singapore

The Interlace, Singapore

Residential (Low Rise) Category

Casaman Parkhomes, Desa ParkCity, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia

Retail Category

The Breeze, Tangerang, Indonesia

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