

The 10th Singapore Landscape Architecture Awards 2015: Going Beyond Beauty

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All images submitted as entries to the Singapore Landscape Architecture Awards 2015

The Singapore Institute of Landscape Architects (SILA) organised its 10th biennial Singapore Landscape Architecture Awards in 2015, continuing in its mission to acknowledge new benchmarks and distinctions in the design and practice of landscape architecture.

With 61 submission entries, SILA managed a rigorous two-stage judging process by 15 judges from 9 countries. 22 awards were presented from six categories, including residential, parks and public spaces, commercial buildings, hotels and resorts, institutions, and master planning. The international jury consisted of both present 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 architects now go beyond planting design and making a space look beautiful and functional. In many countries, the practice has begun to dwell deeper into science, health and resilience. In order to expand the breadth of our practice, we need to strengthen the depth of our knowledge. There was greater resolution in the way the landscape architects worked closely with engineers and architects to come up with integrated solutions and, hence, better designs,” said Damian Tang, President of SILA and IFLA Asia Pacific Region.

The first stage of the judging process was conducted online. It included representatives from Africa, Australia, Europe, Japan, Malaysia, New Zealand, South America, and Thailand. Consequently, the second stage of the judging process integrated site visits and table discussions. The on-site panel consisted of representatives from SILA, Singapore Institute of Architects, Centre for Urban Greenery and Ecology, Prime Minister’s Office, Design Business Chamber Singapore, as well as faculty from National University of Singapore.

The award winners were announced on 12th October 2015 during the Singapore Landscape Architecture Awards (SLAA) and Gala Dinner at the Pan Pacific Singapore hotel. The ceremony was attended by guest of honour Mr. Robert Tomlin, chairman of DesignSingapore Council Board.

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



The unique architectural elements of the colonial bungalows were carefully restored.



Surrounded by lush greenery, the BASF Learning Campus' outdoor spaces can be used as a learning space.



The BASF Learning Campus is surrounded by a natural landscape, which was preserved and curated during its restoration project.

OUTSTANDING AWARD OF EXCELLENCE BY FINAL JURY

GOLD AWARD Institutions

Name BASF Learning Campus **Award Recipient** COEN Design International Pte Ltd **Location** Singapore

The jury celebrates the BASF Learning Campus as an outstanding example as it sets a defining and exemplary role of landscape through the transformation of a site with unmanaged vegetation to gardens framed by courtyards. Well conceived intimate spaces, use of retaining wall, and conservation intent illustrates the holistic design sensibility of the project. The designers were able to successfully leverage their conservation intent further as they retained existing landscape elements.

GOLD AWARD Residential

Name The Nassim **Award Recipient** ICN Design International Pte Ltd **Location** Singapore

The Nassim's simple planting palette is effective and elegant. The use of the grand trees enhances the space and softens the void between buildings and outdoor spaces. Lush but settled, it demonstrates a mastery of planting that is well selected through its layered planting strategy. It can be described as simplicity and tactility at its best.



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Name Casa Merah Condominium **Award Recipient** ICN Design International Pte Ltd **Location** Singapore

Casa Merah Condominium's clever use of terraces and change in level conveys a strong sense of space. The Tanah Merah or Red Soil concept is present throughout the detailing and design of the space. The judges applaud the originality and distinctive identity the design intent has brought to the site.



The Casa Merah Condominium's landscape pattern language takes reference from red earth or soil.

Name D'Leedon **Award Recipient** ICN Design International Pte Ltd **Location** Singapore

D'Leedon presents a high level contemporary ensemble of design features that translates into a sophisticated integration of both landscape and architecture. The judges are impressed that the use of landscape was not only set as a "mise en scène" for the building. The central spine strongly articulates the diversity of activities while creating a readable spatial scale at ground level.



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GOLD AWARD Commercial Buildings

Name Westgate **Award Recipient** COEN Design International Pte Ltd **Location** Singapore

The Westgate project proves to be a contemplative piece that seeks to redefine the outside-inside boundary of greenery. The execution of its green wall is a stunning attempt at softening the building that it sits within. The narrative of its design extends beyond the conventional implementation of mere planting.



By placing greenery in Westgate, mall-goers can enjoy nature while shopping.



Four Acres Singapore's design balances conservation efforts and introduction of new spaces.

GOLD AWARD Institutions

Name Four Acres Singapore **Award Recipient** DP Green Pte Ltd **Location** Singapore

Four Acres Singapore's use of landscape has greatly enhanced its architectural and interior spaces. Its design harmoniously balances conservation efforts and the introduction of new spaces. The choice of planting, set amidst black and white bungalows and the nearby tree conservation area, reflects the consideration of context.



ITE Headquarters and College Central creatively includes a variety of landscape features.

Name Institute of Technical Education Headquarters and College Central **Award Recipient** Grant Associates Singapore Pte Ltd **Location** Singapore


The Institute of Technical Education (ITE) Headquarters and College Central creatively includes a variety of landscape features to overcome its implementation constraints. This allowed the designers to define the functions in a more lucid manner. The charm of its design dwells by the way the site matures to achieve its full design intent.



An Environmental Framework for the Sustainable Future of Endau Rompin delivers an important ecosystem service to the local community.

GOLD AWARD Parks and Public Spaces

Name Sungei Buloh Wetland Reserve **Award Recipient** Atelier Dreiseitl Asia Pte Ltd **Location** Singapore

Sungei Buloh Wetland Reserve utilises an environmentally oriented learning strategy to enhance the experiences we have with nature. The design combines ecological processes with art, creating a conducive setting for learning. Its preservation strategy provides critical support needed for natural succession outcomes amidst a public space setting. 

GOLD AWARD Master Planning

Name Environmental Framework for Sustainable Future of Endau Rompin **Award Recipient** Grant Associates Singapore Pte Ltd **Location** Johor

The framework illustrates a complex ecological and spatial understanding. It delivers an important ecosystem service to the local community and positions itself as a flagship model for environmental design internationally.

Name New Town Public Housing, Tampines **Award Recipient** ICN Design International Pte Ltd **Location** Singapore

New Town Public Housing, Tampines focuses on sustainability and liveable landscape spaces that are derived from a series of urban greenery strategies. By respecting the site's local character and considering the total living environment, it enhances the economic value of the area. The creation of a natural and open environment within the seemingly urban setting brings value and benefit to its residents.



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Silver Award Winners**Commercial Buildings**

- myVillage by DP Green Pte Ltd

Master Planning

- Desaru South Resort Development by ICN Design International Pte Ltd
- Kallang Riverside Landscape and Hydrology Master Plan by Atelier Dreiseitl Asia Pte Ltd

Parks & Public Spaces

- Rumah Tinggi Eco Park by Surbana International Consultants Pte Ltd
- Sungei Api Api & Tampines by AECOM Singapore Pte Ltd

Residential

- Belle Vue Residences by Sitetectonix Pte Ltd
- Boathouse Residences by Tinderbox Pte Ltd
- Duchess Residences by Sitetectonix Pte Ltd
- Helios Residences by Sitetectonix Pte Ltd

Merit Award Winners**Commercial Buildings**

- CHIJMES by ICN Design International Pte Ltd
- Inessence Sales Gallery by Tinderbox Pte Ltd
- JEM Jurong Gateway by ICN Design International Pte Ltd

Hotels & Resorts

- Genting Hotel by Tinderbox Pte Ltd
- Holiday Inn Express by ONG&ONG Pte Ltd

Institutions

- BCA Academy of the Built Environment by COEN Design International Pte Ltd
- Overseas Family School by ICN Design International Pte Ltd
- Singapore Sports Hub by AECOM Singapore Pte Ltd

Master Planning

- Nanyang Technological University by Sitetectonix Pte Ltd
- Ri Zhao City One Ocean World by Surbana International Consultants Pte Ltd
- The Adira Resort by Sitetectonix Pte Ltd
- Tun Razak Exchange (TRX) by Grant Associates Singapore Pte Ltd

Parks & Public Spaces

- Compassvale Ancilla Park by Greenerth Consultants Pte Ltd
- Singapore Botanic Garden Station (Circle Line Station) by PDAA Design Pte Ltd

Residential

- Eight Courtyards by ONG&ONG Pte Ltd
- Senja Parc View by Tulin Designs Pte Ltd
- Sky Habitat by COEN Design International Pte Ltd
- The Boutiq by Broadway Malyan Asia Pte Ltd
- The Rainforest by ONG&ONG Pte Ltd