

The 5th LIAS Awards of Excellence 2013 Recognising Partners of the Singapore Landscape Industry

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The Landscape Industry Association (Singapore), a representative organisation for local landscape professionals and companies, gave out awards to 50 winners of the LIAS Awards of Excellence 2013 at its awards ceremony and dinner on 17 October. This marks the fifth edition of the competition, which is organised biennially to recognise and commend landscape contractors, designers, and owners, for their collaborating effort in beautifying our landscape for a quality living environment.

The judging panel, comprising industry practitioners as well as academics, selected the winners from 93 entries that were received across the six award categories.

Evaluation Criteria

Turnkey

- Uniqueness and creativity of design
- Harmony of design with surroundings
- Overall finish quality
- Design and execution of hardscape and/or softscape details
- Selection and quality of materials—both hardscape and softscape
- Degree of comprehensiveness/ scope of design input
- Ease of maintenance and sustainability

Implementation

- Quality of plant materials
- Degree of difficulty
- Craftsmanship
- Standards of maintenance
- Finished appearance of the project
- Installation techniques
- Execution of construction details

Playground & Amenity Spaces

- Uniqueness and creativity of design
- Attention to safety standards of play equipment and surfacing
- Overall finish quality and workmanship
- Quality of maintenance and upkeep
- Accessibility to users of all abilities
- Harmony of design to the surrounding landscape

Garden Retail Centre

- Planning and layout of retail outlet
- Quality of plants and/or merchandise displayed
- Visitor facilities, circulation and accessibility
- Signages and merchandise information
- Cleanliness and neatness of outlet

Green Wall

- Overall design and impression

- Sustainability
- Ease of maintenance
- Environmental Benefits

Maintenance

- Overall appearance of the project
- Condition of plant materials/ plant beds
- Arboriculture practices
- Neatness and cleanliness of site (horticultural debris)
- Degree of difficulty/ challenges to maintain
- General condition of lawn areas

The Best of Category and Gold award winners are featured below. More information can be found on lias.org.sg.

1. Best of Garden Retail Centre: Nyeo Phoe Flower Garden. Founded in 1911, the homegrown nursery has evolved into a holistic landscape design company and garden destination in Singapore.
2. Best of Turnkey: Destination spa, ESPA, at Resorts World Sentosa. A spa located among dense planting.
3. Best of Green Wall: Gardens by the Bay's Cloud Forest dome, which employs a slim, lightweight, and innovative proprietary green wall system.

Best of Category Winners

Turnkey

Name: Resorts World Sentosa — ESPA
Award Recipient: Tropical Environment Pte Ltd
Location: Singapore
Completion Date: 2012

Launched in 2012 at the western end of the integrated resort, ESPA, the destination spa at Resorts World Sentosa, is spread across 10,000 square metres of manicured landscaped gardens, pools, swales, and ponds, set against a backdrop of picturesque sea views and jungle covered hillsides. Landscaped outdoor journeys and views of lush tropical forestry bring the outdoors into the spa's beautifully designed private and social spaces. The spa grounds are dotted with spacious pre- and post-treatment relaxation areas for guests to meditate among gardens. The tranquil, green, and natural environment extends the spa experience beyond the treatments.

Garden Retail Centre

Name: Nyeo Phoe Flower Garden
Award Recipient: Nyeo Phoe Flower Garden Pte Ltd
Location: Singapore
Year established: 1911

Nyeo Phoe Flower Garden has established itself as a brand for quality horticulture and landscape services. Today, it is one of the most unique holistic garden destinations in Singapore. Visitors can admire the nature-inspired design concepts in various thematic zones and get tips from floral artists on floral decor at the boutique. In line with the philosophy to integrate green lifestyle habits into everyday lives, Morchoo and Titoy, Nyeo Phoe's brand ambassadors, are introduced in customised green workshops and programmes. Visitors can also enjoy fresh-farm dining at the bistro or stay in one of four exclusive farmstay villas to fully experience the tranquility and serenity of the unique garden destination.

Green Wall

Name: Gardens by the Bay — Cloud Forest Green Wall
Award Recipient: Tropical Environment Pte Ltd
Location: Singapore
Completion Date: 2012

The design intent was realised by the consultant's design, fabrication, and installation of a series of proprietary green wall systems, which are probably some of the

slimmest green wall systems installed in this part of the world. These green wall systems, some free form and others modular and rigid, had to be lightweight and slim. Compared to thick plastic modular systems, they also have the ability to contain and withhold the media without subsiding or collapsing. With excellent water-absorbent quality and integrated irrigation systems, they are hosts to varied plant species from different regions of the world. The project is a successful living example of a series of proprietary green wall systems.

Playground & Amenities Spaces

Name: Tampines One
Award Recipient: Prince's Landscape & Construction Pte Ltd
Location: Singapore
Completion Date: 2011

Developed by the landscape architect, the playground concept for this shopping centre integrates wildlife with both wet and dry play areas. The playground is divided into zones: Asian rainforest, African safari, North and South American desert, and The Arctic areas. The design and foliage are intended to represent these themes.

Gold Winners

Turnkey

Name: Phoenix Garden
Award Recipient: Tropic Planners & Landscape Pte Ltd
Location: Singapore
Completion Date: 2012

Phoenix Garden demonstrates how plant life can be integrated into living spaces and need not be restricted to raised beds and containers, like in many home gardens in Singapore. Different families of plants thrive in different areas of the garden, adding interest to the limited area, yet require minimal maintenance. The garden spaces are highly personalised, despite being part of a turnkey project, and successfully fulfilled the owner's desire to create a cozy yet exciting garden for the family. The combination of familiar plants and exotic gems from other parts of the world has resulted in a lush yet manageable green space, which is different at every angle.



Name: Outdoor Butterfly Garden at Terminal 3, Changi Airport Singapore
Award Recipient: Landscape Engineering (Pte) Ltd
Location: Singapore
Completion Date: 2008

The world's first Butterfly Garden at Changi Airport Singapore is designed as a tropical butterfly habitat with a profusion of flowering plants, high greenery, and a six-metre-tall grotto and waterfall. Structured enclosures bring the "jungle" close to visitors, who can witness the butterflies feeding, breeding, and taking their first flight at close range. The two-storey open-air enclosed garden is protected by a curved-shaped roof of high-quality stainless steel mesh and unique glass windows, with a man-made waterfall that adds beauty to the sanctuary and keeps the garden cool all around. The garden is home to a collection of 200 carnivorous or insectivorous plants from about 30 species of Nepenthes, tropical pitcher plants from Southeast Asia, especially Singapore.



Green Wall

Name: Belmont Residences
Award Recipient: Greenology Pte Ltd
Location: Singapore
Completion Date: 2013

The house at Belmont Road presented an interesting opportunity to work with the existing colonial-style building structure and a newer, more contemporary extension. The design sought to unify both styles with the use of vertical greenery, creating a sanctuary for the client's family in the form of a botanic garden inside and outside the home. The feature 6-metre-by-6-metre vertical garden is located in the heart of the home, a duplex encased in glass and powder-coated black steel, effectively a botanical glasshouse. A private green nook was also created in the immediate exterior area, strategically placed for a seamless transition from inside to out. For the exterior space, the client's main concerns were of aesthetics, practicality, and privacy. The design intention was for the hard boundaries to "disappear", making the garden seem borderless, and allowing the botanical theme to carry on throughout the property.

Name: Four Acres @ Nepal Hill
Award Recipient: Uniseal Singapore Pte Ltd
Location: Singapore
Completion Date: 2013

Situated at Buona Vista and perched on top of Nepal Hill, Four Acres Singapore is global consumer goods company Unilever's new leadership development facility. The green wall is strategically located in the mid-section of this glass-cladded building, which faces the arrival area, creating a "green lung" amidst hard structures to embrace and welcome visitors with green relief.



4. Best of Playground & Amenities Spaces: Tampines One. The "North America" themed wet playground is one of five play zones.

5. Gold (Turnkey) winner: Phoenix Garden.

6. Gold (Implementation) winner: Outdoor Butterfly Garden at Terminal 3, Changi Airport Singapore.

7. Gold (Green Wall) winner: Belmont Residences, whose 6-metre-by-6-metre indoor green wall is a highlight of the interiors.

8. Gold (Green Wall) winner: Four Acres @ Nepal Hill. A green wall strategically marks the arrival area and mid-section of the glass-cladded building.




Playground & Amenities Spaces

Name: HortPark
Award Recipient: CT-Art Creation Pte Ltd
Location: Singapore
Completion Date: 2008

HortPark is a 23-hectare park located in the South-western part of Singapore. This playground employs a simple design using the floor contour and colours in a natural environment.

Maintenance

Name: Ardmore Park
Award Recipient: Nature Landscape Pte Ltd
Location: Singapore
Completion Date: 2001

Spread across eight acres of freehold land, Ardmore Park comprises three elegant 30-storey towers and a separate clubhouse. Greenery is a vital design element in the luxury estate, which boosts a tropical sanctuary to residents with its luscious and mature landscaping areas. The estate is flanked by statuesque palms and other mature trees. Special attention is paid to details, including routine checks on the tree health, disease, and pest control, and executed despite the arboricultural challenges posed by mature trees and those with limited access. The boundary planting is designed to be lush with different plant species. The therapeutic pond is lined with rich timber for a resort-like experience. 



9. Gold (Turnkey) winner: Aquatic Lake at Gardens by the Bay.

10. Gold (Playground & Amenities Spaces) winner: HortPark.

11. Gold (Maintenance) winner: Ardmore Park. The prime residence is flanked by statuesque palms and other mature trees.

Other Gold Award Winners

Turnkey

- Gardens by the Bay — Aquatic Garden by Tropical Environment Pte Ltd

Implementation

- Gardens by the Bay — Flower Dome by Tropical Environment Pte Ltd
- Gardens by the Bay — Cloud Forest by Tropical Environment Pte Ltd

Green Wall

- ITE College Central by Nature Landscapes Pte Ltd
- Resorts World Sentosa — A Natural Green Wall by Tropical Environment Pte Ltd
- Gardens by the Bay — Supertrees by Tropical Environment Pte Ltd

Playground & Amenities Space

- Yishun Neighbourhood Renewal Programme by CT-Art Creation Pte Ltd

Maintenance

- Resorts World Sentosa (Central & Green Roof) by Nature Landscapes Pte Ltd

Silver Award Winners

Turnkey

- Changi Airport — Orchid Garden by Plantwerkz Pte Ltd
- Cowdray Avenue by Esmond Landscape and Horticultural Pte Ltd
- Resorts World Sentosa — Tree Top Lofts by Tropical Environment Pte Ltd
- Home at Yishun St 71 by Tropical Environment Pte Ltd

Implementation

- Outdoor Rooftop Cactus Garden by Landscape Engineering (Pte) Ltd

Green Wall

- Sentosa Imbiah Station by Earthscape Concepts Pte Ltd
- Bread Talk Group by Greenology Pte Ltd
- Swettenham Road by Prince's Landscape & Construction Pte Ltd
- Dunbar Walk by Greenology Pte Ltd

Playground & Amenities Spaces

- Punggol C33 Common Green by Exklusive Landscape Pte Ltd
- Canadian International School by CT-Art Creation Pte Ltd
- Caspian Condominium by CT-Art Creation Pte Ltd
- Ang Mo Kio-Bishan Park by CT-Art Creation Pte Ltd

Garden Retail Centre

- The Nature Company (Singapore) Pte Ltd

Maintenance

- Reflections @ Keppel Bay by ISS Hydroculture Pte Ltd
- Carribean @ Keppel Bay by Mao Sheng Quanji Construction Pte Ltd
- Grange (Orchard) by Prince's Landscape & Construction Pte Ltd
- Sentosa Central Zone by Tropic Planners & Landscape Pte Ltd
- Streetscape (Tanglin, Orchard) by Swee Bee Constructor Pte Ltd
- Khoo Teck Puat Hospital by Tropical Environment Pte Ltd

Bronze Award Winners

Turnkey

- Chancery Lane Residences by Nature Landscapes Pte Ltd
- Tropical Oasis @ Musewell Hill by Chin Ling Nursery
- HG Metal by Far East Flora Pte Ltd
- The Vivant Tree by Tropical Environment Pte Ltd
- Bowmont Gardens by Esmond Landscape and Horticultural Pte Ltd

Implementation

- Adventure Cove Park by Prince's Landscape & Construction Pte Ltd
- Beach Villa by Tropical Environment Pte Ltd

Green Wall

- Killiney Road Condominium by Uniseal Singapore Pte Ltd

Maintenance

- Orchard Scoots by Island Landscapes & Nursery Pte Ltd
- The Mera Saga by Tropic Planners & Landscape Pte Ltd
- Streetscape (ECP and Katong) by Swee Bee Contractor Pte Ltd
- Resorts World Sentosa (Hard Rock Hotels) by Tropic Planners & Landscape Pte Ltd

Merit Award Winners

Implementation

- The Star @ Buona Vista by Nature Landscapes Pte Ltd
- 3A Ewart Park by Far East Flora Pte Ltd
- NUS Kent Vale by Eco Garden Pte Ltd

Green Wall

- Punggol Primary School by Greenology Pte Ltd

Garden Retail Centre

- Ban Nee Chen Pte Ltd

Maintenance

- Astoria Park Condominium by Prince's Landscape & Construction Pte Ltd
- Mapletree Business City by Island Landscape & Nursery Pte Ltd