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OHBA Announces Awards of Distinction Winners for 2012

September 25, 2012... Collingwood, Ontario – **The Minto Group**, captured top honours when it was named **2012 Ontario Home Builder of the Year** by the Ontario Home Builders' Association (OHBA). The GTA/Ottawa-based builder excels in its pursuit of energy efficient, innovative building practices and creative approaches to sales and marketing. As well, judges were impressed with Minto's support of post-secondary education in the province, including over \$1 million donated to the University of Waterloo Faculty of Environment and \$2.5 million donated to the University of Ottawa athletics. The Minto Foundation donates to over 200 charities each year and the company facilitates employee volunteerism through paid volunteer leaves and matching employee pledges to various causes.

The coveted award is presented to the company that demonstrates the highest levels of performance based on stringent judging criteria in the areas of sales and marketing excellence, unique floor plan design, community service, support of the industry and its ability to adapt to changing needs. Ontario Home Builder of the Year is among 34 categories in the OHBA Awards of Distinction program which honours innovation and excellence in the areas of design and sales and marketing.

The following companies took home first place awards in 2012:

ARCHITECTURAL DESIGN:

Most Outstanding Production Built Home (One storey up to 1900 sq. ft.)

Doug Tarry Homes for: *"The Thornwood"* – St. Thomas

(credit to: *Cams Heating; John Godden – Clearsphere; Trudy Puls - Roxul*)

Most Outstanding Production Built Home (One storey 1900 sq. ft. and over)

Lucchetta Homes for: *Timmsdale Estates - "Hillcrest"* – Fonthill

Most Outstanding Production Built Home (Two storey up to 2500 sq. ft.)

Rinaldi Homes for: *Courtland Valley Estates - "The Riverside"* – Niagara-on-the-Lake

(credit to: *Artcraft Kitchens; Aristocrat Floors*)

Most Outstanding Production Built Home (Two storey 2500 sq. ft. and over)

HUSH for: *Avalon - "Aubergine Palais"* – Oakville

Most Outstanding Custom Home (under 2500 sq. ft.)

Oke Woodsmith Building Systems for: *"Beach Lane Cottage"* – Point Edward

Most Outstanding Custom Home (2500-5000 sq. ft.)

Timberworx Custom Homes for: *"The Gathering House"* – Puslinch

Most Outstanding Custom Home (5000 sq. ft. and over)

David Small Designs for: *"Old Oakville"* – Oakville

(credit to: *Nick Carnicelli - Carriage Gate*)

Most Outstanding Attached Multi-Unit Home (semi/town/stacked)

Rinaldi Homes for: *The Settlements at St. David's - "Unit 2, Old Mill Lane"* – Niagara-on-the-Lake
(credit to: *Innovative Kitchen Design; Aristocrat Floors*)

Most Outstanding Mid-Rise Building

Queenscorp Group for: *"Watermark"* – Toronto

Most Outstanding High-Rise Building

Empire Communities for: *"Rain Condos"* – Oakville
(credit to: *Graziani & Corazza Architects*)

Most Outstanding High or Mid-Rise Condo Suite (up to 800 sq.ft.)

The Minto Group for: *88 - "Bamboo"* – Toronto

Most Outstanding High or Mid-Rise Condo Suite (800 sq.ft. and Over)

SigNature Communities for: *Tao Boutique Condos on Bayview - "Sunset"* – Richmond Hill
(credit to: *Graziani & Corazza Architects*)

HOME RENOVATION:

Most Outstanding Home Renovation (up to \$100,000)

ARX Custom Homes Inc. for: *"AA Residence"* – Markham

Most Outstanding Home Renovation (\$100,000 - \$500,000)

Sloot Construction Ltd. for: *"Harley Hill"* – Arnell

Most Outstanding Home Renovation (over \$500,000)

Christopher Simmonds Architect Inc. for: *"Rothwell Renovation"* – Ottawa
(credit to: *RND Construction*)

Most Outstanding Kitchen Renovation

Design First Interiors for: *"River Front Private Residence"* – Ottawa

Most Outstanding Bathroom Renovation

Design First Interiors for: *"River Front Private Residence"* – Ottawa

ROOM DESIGN:

Most Outstanding New Home Kitchen

Design First Interiors for: *"Condo Private Residence"* – Ottawa

Most Outstanding High or Mid-Rise Condo Suite Kitchen

CentreCourt Developments Inc. and Lifetime Developments for: *Karma Condos - "K819"* – Toronto
(credit to: *Cecconi Simone Inc.*)

Most Outstanding New Home Bathroom

Design First Interiors for: *"Condo Private Residence"* – Ottawa

PROJECT IMAGE & ADVERTISING:

Best Internet Website (Builder or Renovator)

Zancor Homes for: www.zancorhomes.com/royal_collection

(credit to: Blackjet Inc.)

Best High or Mid-Rise Ad Campaign

Linvest Properties Ltd. for: "B.streets Condos" – Toronto

(credit to: L.A. Inc.)

Best Low-Rise Ad Campaign

National Homes for: "Wismer Woods" – Markham

(credit to: McQuat Partnership)

Best Project Logo Branding (for individual community logo)

Linvest Properties Ltd. for: "B.streets Condos" – Toronto

(credit to: L.A. Inc.)

ON-SITE SALES PRESENTATION:

Best New Home Sales Office (under 1500 sq. ft.)

Reid's Heritage Homes for: "Heritage Lake Estates" – Puslinch

(credit to: Montana Steele Strategic Marketin; Cassidy & Co. Architectural Technologists)

Best New Home Sales Office (1500 sq. ft. and over)

Linvest Properties Ltd. for: "B.streets Condos" – Toronto

(credit to: Cecconi Simone Inc.; L.A. Inc.)

Best Design/Decor Centre

Primont Homes for: "Primont Homes Decor Centre" – Richmond Hill

(credit to: Flora DiMenna Designs Inc.; Raywal Kitchens; Cartier Kitchens)

Best Interior Decorating - Model Home/Suite (under 2000 sq. ft.)

Lanterra Developments for: 3018 Yonge - "Lawrence Park Suite" – Toronto

(credit to: Munge Leung; Hariri Pontarini Architects; Montana Steele Strategic Advertising)

Best Interior Decorating - Model Home/Suite (2000 sq. ft. and over)

Aspen Ridge Homes for: King Oaks - "Burgundy" – King City

(credit to: Mike Niven Interior Design)

Best Low-Rise Project Sales Brochure

Reid's Heritage Homes for: "Heritage Lake Estates" – Puslinch

(credit to: Montana Steele Strategic Marketing)

Best High or Mid-Rise Project Sales Brochure

Linvest Properties Ltd. for: "B.street Condos" – Toronto

(credit to: L.A. Inc.)

PRESTIGE AWARDS:

Project of the Year - Low Rise

Aspen Ridge Homes for: "*King Oaks*" – King City

(credit to: Suriano Design Consultants Inc.; Mike Niven Interior Design)

Project of the Year - High or Mid-Rise

Linvest Properties Ltd. for: "*B.street Condos*" – Toronto

(credit to: Hariri Pontarini Architects; Cecconi Simone Inc.; L.A. Inc.; The Communications Group)

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