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### OHBA ANNOUNCES AWARDS OF DISTINCTION WINNERS FOR 2016

September 21, 2016... Collingwood, Ontario – Tridel, captured top honours when it was named **2016 Ontario Home Builder of the Year** by the Ontario Home Builders' Association (OHBA) at the association's Annual Conference in Collingwood. The Toronto-based company was the recipient of the award based on its commitment to building sustainable communities, its involvement and initiatives within its communities and its devotion to customer engagement and service. With over 80 years of experience as a leader in the new home and condo industry, Tridel has built their reputation on their core values of being a responsible global leader and places a strong emphasis on the importance of collaboration with stakeholders to ensure they meet the needs of those who live in and around their communities. Tridel has built several complete communities that include residential and commercial space as well as community features that showcase the company's commitment to long-term sustainability. Tridel buildings are designed and built to conserve more energy, water and resources than standard Building Code compliant buildings. In addition, Tridel is a strong advocate for community action and in 2009 Tridel initiated a program called B.O.L.T. (Building Opportunities for Life Today) - a collaborative community and industry initiative to connect youth-at-risk to careers in construction. Tridel has raised more than \$1.2 million to provide 168 scholarships for this program to date. In 2015, Tridel also sponsored a 1,500 milk crate farm behind the new YMCA Youth shelter adjacent to Tridel's Alexandra Park SQ development in Downtown Toronto. The initiative produced almost 400 lbs of organic produce while engaging more than 30 youth and 100 volunteers.

OHBA presented **Amsted Design-Build** with the **2016 OHBA Ontario Renovator of the Year Award**. Based in Ottawa, Amsted Design-Build emphasizes the importance of customer satisfaction while designing and building up to the highest industry standards and places a strong emphasis on giving back to the communities where they renovate. With over 25 years of experience, Amsted has established itself as one of the most recognized custom residential specialists in Ottawa and this year the company earned its sixth consecutive Guildmaster Award which is given to members who have gone above and beyond the standard of building professionalism with their clients. In addition, Amsted recently celebrated its 25th anniversary with an initiative to undertake 25 community acts that give back to the neighbourhoods where they build and renovate homes. The company far exceeded their commitment and participating in programs including: the Boys and Girls Club of Ottawa, Ottawa Food Banks, The Ottawa Hospital and the Ronald McDonald House.

Both Ontario Builder and Renovator of the Year Awards are presented to the companies that demonstrate outstanding professionalism and integrity within their business, industry and community.

Other Prestige Award winners include:

**Project of the Year - Low Rise: Great Gulf for Summerlyn Village – Simcoe County**

**Project of the Year - High or Mid-Rise: Minto Communities for Bside at Minto Westside - Toronto**

**People's Choice Award: Branthaven Homes for Lake House – Grimsby**

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There are 39 categories in the 2016 OHBA Awards of Distinction program honouring innovation and excellence in the areas of design and sales and marketing and the following companies took home first place awards in 2016:



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## **ARCHITECTURAL DESIGN**

### **Most Outstanding Production Built Home (One storey)**

Gordon Tobey Developments Ltd. for: The Hawthorn – Brighton  
(credit to: Arriscraft International, Hollandale Nurseries Ltd., Clearsphere)

### **Most Outstanding Production Built Home (Two storeys up to 2500 sq. ft.)**

Reid's Heritage Homes for: Net Zero Discovery Home "Townsend Craftsman" – Guelph  
(credit to: Building Knowledge Canada Inc., Owens Corning Canada)

### **Most Outstanding Production Built Home (Two storeys 2501 sq. ft. and over)**

RND Construction for: Riverpark Green "The Orchard" – Ottawa

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

Zinc Developments Inc. for: 35 Wabash – Toronto

### **Most Outstanding Custom Home (Up to 3000 sq. ft.)**

Gordon Tobey Developments Ltd. for: The Twisted Willow – Brighton  
(credit to: Monaghan Lumber Specialties, Hollandale Nurseries Ltd., Clearsphere)

### **Most Outstanding Custom Home (3001-5000 sq. ft.)**

Discovery Dream Homes for: The Towerhill – Peterborough

### **Most Outstanding Custom Home (5001 sq. ft. and over)**

Fourteen Estates Custom Homes for: The Bolton House – Pickering

### **Most Outstanding Mid-Rise Building (4 - 10 storeys)**

Homes by DeSantis for: Aquablu – Grimsby  
(credit to: KNY Architects Inc., 52 Pick-Up Inc.)

### **Most Outstanding High-Rise Building (11+ storeys)**

The Tricar Group for: Azure – London

**and**

Minto Communities for: Minto Yorkville Park – Toronto  
(credit to: Page + Steele / IBI Group, Ferris and Associates, North Drive)

### **Most Outstanding High or Mid-Rise Condo Suite (4+ storeys up to 800 sq. ft.)**

Adi Development Group for: Nautique Lakefront Residences "Norte" – Burlington  
(credit to: Cecconi Simone)

### **Most Outstanding High or Mid-Rise Condo Suite (4+ storeys 801 sq. ft. and over)**

Tridel for: Scala "L5T" – North York



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## **RENOVATIONS**

### **Most Outstanding Home Renovation (Actual Retail Value up to \$250,000)**

Amsted Design-Build for: Personalized Details – [Ottawa](#)

### **Most Outstanding Home Renovation (Actual Retail Value between: \$250,001 - \$500,000)**

Coleman-Dias 3 Construction Inc. for: 1940's Colonial Revival Revitalization - Whole Home Renovation – [St. Thomas](#)  
(credit to: Ambrose Plumbing, Ferrell Brick and Stone, Mitten by Ply Gem, Geerlinks Home Hardware)

### **Most Outstanding Home Renovation (Actual Retail Value over \$500,001)**

Men At Work Design Build Ltd. for: Broadway – [Toronto](#)

### **Most Outstanding Kitchen Renovation**

Design First Interiors for: Open to the View – [Ottawa](#)

### **Most Outstanding Bathroom Renovation**

Design First Interiors for: Magical Modification – [Ottawa](#)

## **ROOM DESIGN**

### **Most Outstanding New Home Kitchen (New Low-Rise Home up to 2000 sq. ft)**

Mountainview Homes for: Thundering Waters "Fallsvier" – [Niagara Falls](#)

### **Most Outstanding New Home Kitchen (New Low-Rise home 2001 sq. ft. and over)**

Castleform Developments for: 63 Yorkview – [Toronto](#)

### **Most Outstanding High or Mid-Rise Condo Suite Kitchen**

Zinc Developments Inc. for: 35 Wabash – [Toronto](#)

### **Most Outstanding New Home Bathroom**

Fusion Homes for: Solterra "Belvoir B" – [Guelph](#)

## **PROJECT IMAGE & ADVERTISING**

### **Best Video Low-Rise Project (1-3 storeys)**

Losani Homes for: The Woodlands Ancaster – [Ancaster](#)  
(credit to: McOuat Partnership)

### **Best Video High or Mid-Rise Project (4+ storeys)**

Tridel for: SQ at Alexandria Park – [Toronto](#)  
(credit to: The Brand Factory)

### **Best Use of Social Media**

Geranium Homes for: Corporate Community – [Markham](#)  
(credit to: Builder Insight Group Inc., The Morrison Group)



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## **Best Website (Builder or Renovator)**

LIV Communities for: LIV Communities Corporate Website – <http://www.livhere.ca>  
(credit to: Impact North Inc.)

## **Best Low-Rise Ad Campaign (1-3 Storeys)**

Pemberton Group / Geranium Corporation for: Friday Harbour – [Innisfil](#)  
(credit to: The Brand Factory)

## **Best High or Mid-Rise Ad Campaign (4+ Storeys)**

Minto Communities for: Bside at Minto Westside "Bside Nissan Leaf Promotion" – [Toronto](#)  
(credit to: Kim Graham and Associates)

## **Best Project Logo Branding (For individual community logo)**

Great Gulf for: Summerlyn Village – [Simcoe County](#)  
(credit to: Builder Insight Group Inc.)

## **ON-SITE SALES PRESENTATION**

### **Best New Home Sales Office (Up to 1500 sq. ft.)**

Losani Homes for: The Woodlands Ancaster – [Ancaster](#)  
(credit to: McOuat Partnership)

### **Best New Home Sales Office (1501 sq. ft. and over)**

Kylemore Communities/Angus Glen Development Ltd. for: The 6th Angus Glen "Kylemore Presentation Centre" – [Markham](#)  
(credit to: Mike Niven Interior Design Inc., The Brand Factory)

### **Best Design/Decor Centre**

The Tricar Group for: Azure "Sales & Decor Centre" – [London](#)

### **Best Interior Decorating - Model Home/Suite (Up to 2000 sq. ft.)**

Kylemore Communities/Angus Glen Development Ltd. for: The 6th Angus Glen "2R + D" – [Markham](#)  
(credit to: Mike Niven Interior Design Inc.)

### **Best Interior Decorating - Model Home/Suite (2001 sq. ft. and over)**

Mattamy Homes Ltd. for: Seaton Taunton "Shelburne" – [Pickering](#)  
(credit to: Q4 Architects Inc., Nak Design)

### **Best Low-Rise Project Sales Brochure (1-3 Storeys)**

Branthaven Homes for: Lake House – [Grimsby](#)

### **Best High or Mid-Rise Project Sales Brochure (4+ storeys)**

Minto Communities for: Bside at Minto Westside – [Toronto](#)  
(credit to: Montana Steele Advertising)



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## **PRESTIGE AWARDS**

### **Project of the Year - Low-Rise (Model homes must be open to the public)**

Great Gulf for: Summerlyn Village – Simcoe County

*(credit to: John Blums Architect Inc., Builder Insight Group Inc., Mike Niven Interior Design Inc.)*

### **Project of the Year - High or Mid-Rise (Must be 50% pre-sold)**

Minto Communities for: Bside at Minto Westside – Toronto

### **OHBA People's Choice Award**

Branthaven Homes for: Lake House – Grimsby

*(credit to: Toolbox Strategies Inc.)*

### **OHBA Ontario Renovator of the Year**

Amsted Design-Build – Ottawa

### **OHBA Ontario Home Builder of the Year**

Tridel – Toronto