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OHBA Announces Awards of Distinction Winners for 2009

September 22, 2009 Niagara Fallsview Casino Resort, Niagara Falls, Ontario – Toronto's popular high rise builder **Tridel**, captured top honours when it was named **2009 Ontario Home Builder of the Year** by the Ontario Home Builders' Association. The award highlights the home building company that sets the standard for the rest of the industry through its leadership in improving the overall image of the industry.

The award is presented to the company that demonstrates the highest levels of performance based on surveys from home buyers along with 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 29 categories in the OHBA Awards of Distinction program which honours innovation and excellence in the areas of design and sales and marketing. The **2009 Ontario GREEN Builder of the Year** was presented to **Durham Custom Homes** of Oshawa who clearly demonstrated that it is possible to take an enthusiastic environmental approach and apply it to all facets of their company. Judges of this highly sought after award included representatives from Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation, Tarion Warranty Corporation, the Consumers' Association and the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing, as well as Ontario's former Chief Energy Conservation Officer, Peter Love .

The following companies took home first place awards in 2009:

ARCHITECTURAL DESIGN:

Most Outstanding Production Built Home – 1 storey up to 1900 sqft.:

Geerstma Homes Ltd., for *Grandview Estates – "The Grandhaven"*, Quinte West

Most Outstanding Production Built Home – two storey up to 2500 sqft.:

Brookfield Homes, for *The Village – "Hillebrand with Optional Loft"*, Niagara-on-the-Lake

(credit to: Viljoen Architect)

Most Outstanding Production Built Home – two storey 2500 sqft. and over:

Reid's Heritage Homes, for *The Residences of Cobble Beach – "The Winthrop"*, Owen Sound

Most Outstanding Custom Home – under 2500 sqft.:

Oke Woodsmith Building Systems, for *"Finch"*, Lambton Shores

Most Outstanding Custom Home – 2500 - 5000 sqft.:

Christopher Simmonds Architect Inc., for *"Arbour Court"*, Gloucester

(credit to: Lorenzo and Emily Nicolini)

Most Outstanding Custom Home – 5000 sqft. and over:

Teddington Homes, for *"134 Riverview"*, Toronto

(credit to: Ray Murakami – Architect; Anne Johnston – Interior Designer; Reza Hosseinian - Builder)

Most Outstanding Attached Multi-Unit Home – semi/town home/stacked:

Christopher Simmonds Architect Inc., for “95 Riverdale”, Ottawa

(credit to: Guy Robinette)

Most Outstanding High Rise Building:

Amexon Development Corporation, for *South Beach Condos + Lofts, Phase One*, Toronto

(credit to: Il by IV Design Associates, Arsenault Architects)

Most Outstanding High Rise Condo Suite:

Aspen Ridge Homes, for *Scenic on Eglinton – “Suite J”*, Toronto

(credit to: Page + Steele Architects)

Most Outstanding Home Renovation:

Oke Woodsmith Building Systems, for “Arnold Crescent”, Bluewater

ROOM DESIGN:

Most Outstanding Kitchen:

Christopher Simmonds Architect Inc., for “Kenwood Residence”, Ottawa

(credit to: BCR Woodworking)

Most Outstanding Bathroom:

Landmart Homes, for *Bel Air- “The Clara”*, Ancaster

(credit to: Hampton Kitchens, Ruth O’Neil Inc, McConnell Plumbing & Heating)

COMPANY IMAGE & ADVERTISING:

Best Internet Website:

Amicone, for *Bob Lo* – www.boblo.ca

(credit to: Gerry Ryan, G. Ryan Design)

Best TV or On-site Video/Digital Presentation:

TAS DesignBuild, for *Giraffe Condominiums*, Toronto

(credit to: Zerofractal Studio)

Best High Rise Ad Campaign:

Monarch Corporation., for *Couture, The Condominium*, Toronto

(credit to: The Brand Factory Advertising & Design)

Best Low Rise Ad Campaign:

Branthaven Homes, for *BeachHouse*, Burlington

Best Project Logo Branding:

Bazis International, for *Emerald Park*, Toronto

(credit to: Gerry Ryan, G. Ryan Design.)

Best Project Sales Brochure – Low Rise:

Branthaven Homes, for *BeachHouse*, Burlington

Best Project Sales Brochure – High Rise:

Empire Communities, for *Fly Condos*, Toronto

(credit to: Montana Steele Advertising)

ON-SITE SALES PRESENTATION :

Best new Home Sales Office – under 1500 sqft:

Devonleigh Homes Inc., for *Brownley Meadows*, Angus

(credit to: Lawlor & Company)

Best new Home Sales Office – 1500 sqft and over:

Lanterra Developments, for *ICE Condominiums at York Centre*, Toronto

(credit to: Munge Leung Design Associates, Montana Steele Advertising)

Best Design Centre

Remington Homes, for *The Design Studio by Remington*, Markham

(credit to: Watt International Inc. Andrew Gallici)

Best Interior Decorating - Model Home/Suite – under 2000 sqft.:

Amexon, for *South Beach Condos + Lofts, Phase One – “The Delano”*, Toronto

(credit to: Il by IV Design Associates, project3sixty.ca, Euroline Appliances)

Best Interior Decorating - Model Home/Suite – 2000 sqft. and over:

HUSH, for *Estates of Olde Meadowvale Village – “Reading”*, Mississauga

(credit to: In2tion Design Division, In2tion Marketing Insights)

PRESTIGE AWARDS:

2009 Product of the Year – non builder:

EnerQuality Corporation, for GreenHouse™ Certified Construction, Toronto

Project of the Year – Low Rise:

Brookfield Homes, for *The Village*, Niagara-on-the-Lake

(credit to: Duany, Plater-Zyberk & Company, The MBTW Group, and Watchorn Architect Inc.)

Project of the Year – High Rise:

Aspen Ridge Homes, for *Scenic on Eglinton*, Toronto

(credit to: Page + Steele Architects, Mike Niven Interior Design, the Brand Factory)

2009 Ontario GREEN Builder of the Year

Durham Custom Homes, Oshawa

2009 Ontario Home Builder of the Year:

Tridel, Toronto

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