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ROYAL GUEST OF HONOUR
 His Royal Highness Yang Di-Pertuan Besar Negeri Sembilan Darul Khusus
 Tuanku Muhriz bin Almarhum Tuanku Munzir

Celebrating the crème de la crème

The Fiabci World Prix d'Excellence Awards 2015 saw the best of the property industry step out into the spotlight

Granting the Fiabci World Prix d'Excellence Awards 2015 with his presence were (7th from left) Tuanku Muhriz Bin Almarhum Tuanku Munzir (Royal Guest of Honour); Tuanku Muhriz Bin Almarhum Tuanku Munzir (8th from left); Nigel Wong, Fiabci World Award Committee President (9th from left); and the World Gold winners

Revered as the Oscars of the real estate industry, the Fiabci World Prix d'Excellence Awards is one of the highest internationally recognised business property developers can hope to attain for their projects.

Every year, the real estate industry turns its attention to this prestigious awards ceremony to recognise, celebrate and acknowledge the most distinguished and prestigious property developments in both local and international arenas.

The awards gala night held in Malaysia this year was no different, if not more prestigious. Like at a Hollywood extravaganza, pounce and sizzle captured the imaginations of the guests who saw the nomination of various real estate projects, culminating in the announcement of the winners...

The World Gold and World Silver winners took the stage to receive their awards in front of an audience of more than 1,000 guests. The gala dinner night held in a leading hotel in Putrajaya was also grand by the presence of Yang Di-Pertuan Besar Negeri Sembilan (Darul Khusus) Tuanku Muhriz Bin Almarhum Tuanku Munzir and Tuanku Anson Raja Negeri Sembilan Tuanku Alhaji Baharu Tengku Besar Mahkota.

Making Malaysia proud were the three local Gold Winners comprising Suriana Integrated Properties Sdn Bhd, a subsidiary of Suraya Bhd, that stole the spotlight with the Lot 8 World of Tambora (best category) in Perak; Istana Flora Sdn Bhd, a subsidiary of Irika Corp Bhd's associate company Anura Properties Ltd, for Alah Kuala Lumpur (best category) and Bukit Kiara Properties Sdn Bhd VERTY Suites (residential - high rise category) in Kuala Lumpur.

Three local World Silver winners were also awarded. They included blue-chip developer UM Land Bhd recognised for The Light Warehouse (major plan category) in Penang; Yutaka Consulting Sdn Bhd for the Mesra 613V (Phase 02) project (office category) in Selangor and Perdana ParkCity Sdn Bhd for its Casuarina Parkhouses at Desa ParkCity (residential low rise category) in Kuala Lumpur.

The Fiabci chapter remains steadfast in its commitment to excellence in the real estate industry by bestowing recognition on projects that best embody outstanding quality in all the real estate disciplines. Elaborating further, Dr. Teong Tui Sang, president of the Fiabci World Prix d'Excellence Awards Committee 2015, says conferring prestige on outstanding projects will further the development of "the optimal solution to society's property needs".

Judged in two tiers - first by judges and then by an overnight panel comprising experienced real estate professionals and experts from around the world, the awards reward overall merit and are not confined to the aesthetics, functionality or size of the development.

"As the president of the World Prix d'Excellence Awards Committee, it is satisfying to note that the number of countries holding their national property awards is on the rise. In 2015, there was an increase in the number of entries to 38 from 15 countries worldwide. Many of these entries are winners of their own national Prix d'Excellence Awards."

"We had 68 judges from 28 countries volunteering their precious time for this service to the awards. The criteria for the marking of the projects in different categories have been refined over the years as feedback received from the participants and judges. The judging process has



FIABCI World Prix d'Excellence Awards 2015 Awards Presentation Ceremony & Dinner

Another one for the album... the World Silver winners take to the stage

improved over time. Integrity and transparency are the two main factors that the organising committee is concerned with and we are open to public inspection in terms of our judging process. The marks from the judges were collated and audited by KPMG Malaysia, the public auditor who volunteered for this service," he says.

From a humble beginning conducted by a group of members of the overnight panel who travelled a long dis-

tant as part of the world to meet in Barcelona to confirm the final selection of the World Gold and Silver Winners.

It anticipates that there will be entries from the Philippines in 2016 after their awards ceremony was recently concluded.

Indeed, the awards has grown from strength to strength since its inception in 1992. Scaling its mark

as a grant awards recognition body for the real estate industry at large, the Fiabci World Prix d'Excellence Awards 2015 was the 23rd instalment of the awards ceremony.

The gala dinner held on May 30 represented the most prestigious event of the three-day FIABCI 66th World Real Estate Congress 2015 that was held from May 29 to May 31. — By Yvonne Yeong

WORLD GOLD WINNERS:

- (Residential/Condominium) Category
- Suriana Integrated Properties Sdn Bhd**
- Heritage (Preservation/Conservation) Category
- Suriana Integrated Properties Sdn Bhd**
- Hotel Category
- UM Land Bhd**
- Master Plan Category
- Suriana Integrated Properties Sdn Bhd**
- Office Category
- Yutaka Consulting Sdn Bhd**
- Public Interest (Public Amenities) Category
- Suriana Integrated Properties Sdn Bhd**
- Specialist (Retail/Leisure/Entertainment) Category
- Perdana ParkCity Sdn Bhd**
- Residential (High Rise) Category
- Perdana ParkCity Sdn Bhd**
- Residential (Low Rise) Category
- Perdana ParkCity Sdn Bhd**
- Specialist (Industrial/Commercial) Category
- Perdana ParkCity Sdn Bhd**
- Hotel Category
- Perdana ParkCity Sdn Bhd**
- Sustainable Development Category
- Perdana ParkCity Sdn Bhd**

WORLD SILVER WINNERS:

- (Residential/Condominium) Category
- Perdana ParkCity Sdn Bhd**
- Heritage (Preservation/Conservation) Category
- UM Land Bhd**
- Hotel Category
- Perdana ParkCity Sdn Bhd**
- Master Plan Category
- Perdana ParkCity Sdn Bhd**
- Sustainable Development Category
- Perdana ParkCity Sdn Bhd**
- Public Infrastructure/Amenities Category
- Perdana ParkCity Sdn Bhd**
- Residential (High Rise) Category
- Perdana ParkCity Sdn Bhd**
- Residential (Low Rise) Category
- Perdana ParkCity Sdn Bhd**
- Specialist (Industrial/Commercial) Category
- Perdana ParkCity Sdn Bhd**
- Hotel Category
- Perdana ParkCity Sdn Bhd**

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Winners' circle

It was a night of distinction made even more memorable by the active participation of the many blue-chip local and international developers present at the Fiabci World Prix d'Excellence Awards 2015.

The best of the best were honoured for their visionary architectural designs while Fiabci members from other chapters and guests took the opportunity to interact and foster closer ties with one another.

Here's a sneak peak at some of the developers and industry professionals who were present at the dinner night.

The relentless pursuit of real estate excellence has indeed just begun! — By Yvonne Young

01 Tuanjani Gemilang Sdn Bhd was bestowed with the World Silver Award for Merawati D'Amor (plot 92), (from left) Ahmad Khalif Tan Sri Mustazana Kamal, executive chairman of Tuanjani Gemilang Sdn Bhd with wife Siti Yuhanna Bustar and son posing alongside Fient and Peter Chan, executive director of Tuanjani Gemilang.

02 Joining the World Gold winners league is Lal Voon Hon (left), director of Irinigan Flora Sdn Bhd, a subsidiary of Inesa Corp Bhd's associate company Inesana Properties Ltd and Gregory Gubiani, general manager of Alcot.

03 Present at the awards ceremony were (from left) Tan Wee Bee, deputy managing director (property development division — Malaysia & Singapore) of Sunway (Bhd); Sarina Cheah, managing director (property development division — Malaysia & Singapore)

of Sunway Bhd; Lee Kok Hong, senior director (project management) of Perdana ParkCity Sdn Bhd; Datuk Joseph Lau, group executive director of Perdana ParkCity and Datuk Ngeow Voon Yean, managing director (property investment division) of Sunway Bhd.

04 Thinkers, movers and shakers of the real estate industry made up the guest list at the awards. Also seen mingling at the awards were (from left) Shan Seede, chief economist of

IQI Holdings Sdn Bhd and Hendrik Nelde, Fiabci Belgium chapter president.

05 Men in black: (From left) Edward Chong Sin Kiat, managing director of UJM Land Bhd, DAWA Siam Heng Choon, CEO and managing director of UJM Corp Bhd and Datuk Toh Chin Leong, senior general manager (northern region) of UJM Land Bhd celebrate their World Silver award win in the master plan category for the group's iconic The Light Waterfront development in Penang.