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IIDA ANNOUNCES YABU PUSHELBERG AS 2014 IIDA STAR AWARD RECIPIENT

CHICAGO, IL — The International Interior Design Association (IIDA) proudly announces Canadian design firm Yabu Pushelberg as the recipient of the 2014 IIDA STAR AWARD. This prestigious award is given to an individual or organization that has made significant contributions to the design industry. The 2014 IIDA Star Award will be presented at the Association’s Annual Meeting, to be held Sunday, June 8, 2014, at the Museum of Contemporary Art in Chicago.

“Yabu Pushelberg’s commitment to the highest standards of hospitality and retail design is evident in the vigorous innovation of the firm’s work, and is reflected in the many honors that George and Glenn have received,” Executive Vice President and CEO Cheryl S. Durst, Hon. FIIDA, LEED AP, said. “Because of this demonstrated commitment and its far-reaching impact elevating the profession worldwide, we are pleased to honor and celebrate Yabu Pushelberg as this year’s Star Award recipient.”

Founded in 1980 by Glenn Pushelberg and George Yabu, Yabu Pushelberg maintains a focus on design and project management, specializing in interior, furniture and product design for the hospitality and retail industries. With their studios in Toronto and New York, George and Glenn have developed and realized their vision through distinctive projects around the world, including Bergdorf Goodman New York; the Four Seasons Hotels in Toronto and Tokyo; the W Hotel in Times Square, New York; Louis Vuitton, Hong Kong; the Viceroy Maldives Resort, and many more.

The firm has received numerous high industry honors, such as Hospitality Design magazine’s Platinum Circle Award, the James Beard Foundation Award for Excellence in Restaurant Design, and recently Best of Competition honors for the firm’s design of the W Guangzhou in Guangzhou, China, in the 2013 IIDA Best of Asia Pacific Competition. Interior Design magazine has named Yabu Pushelberg to its Interior Design Hall of Fame, and the two principals have been honored as Contract magazine’s Designers of the Year. In December of 2013, Yabu and Pushelberg were awarded the Order of Canada — their country’s highest honor — for their contributions to international design excellence. The honor of the 2014 IIDA Star Award continues to mark Yabu Pushelberg’s path of distinction in the industry.

First bestowed in 1995, the Star Award was created to recognize and celebrate individuals or organizations that have made a profoundly positive impact on the Interior Design community and on the design world. Some of the past recipients of this award include Smithsonian’s Cooper-Hewitt, National Design Museum; Four Seasons Hotel Corporation; and Charles and Ray Eames.

About International Interior Design Association
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