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In its press release dated Dec. 17, 2014, IIDA incorrectly stated that one of the winners for the Global Excellence Awards’ “Hotels” category was “Project: MINARC, Santa Monica, California, USA, Firm: Ion Luxury Adventure Hotel, Hengill, Iceland." The correct project name is Ion Luxury Adventure Hotel, Hengill, Iceland, and the firm is MINARC, Santa Monica, California, USA. The revised press release is provided below. IIDA regrets the error and apologizes for any confusion this mistake may have created.

IIDA ANNOUNCES THE WINNERS OF THE 5th ANNUAL GLOBAL EXCELLENCE AWARDS

Chicago, IL – The International Interior Design Association (IIDA), in collaboration with BMW Group DesignworksUSA, is pleased to announce the winners of the 2014 IIDA Global Excellence Awards. This annual worldwide design competition honors and celebrates outstanding originality and excellence in the creation of international Interior Design/Interior Architecture projects. Projects were submitted from 39 countries with 16 winners in 10 categories.

“The international nature of the competition is exceptionally inspiring as we think about the growing impact Interior Design has made on the community at large. One of the most rewarding aspects of the Global Excellence Awards is seeing the variety of approaches to a design concept,” said IIDA Executive Vice President and CEO Cheryl S. Durst, Hon. FIIDA, LEED AP.

Projects for the competition were reviewed by Mari Balestrazzi (Founder and Principal, MARCO). Giorgio Borruso (Owner, Giorgio Borruso Design), Johannes Lampela (Creative Director, BMW Group DesignworksUSA), and William Paley (Associate, Tony Chi & Associates).

“This year’s submissions are testimony to the value and impact of good design, with high quality projects of various scale and budget from remote locations to major metropolises alike,” said Lampela.

The judges for this year’s Global Excellence Awards all agreed. “This year we saw a large participation from varied geographical areas, which made the process of evaluating design across the multitude of projects - all so different, in terms of scope of work, budget, and achievement of goals - particularly engaging,” they said.

The 2014 Global Excellence Awards winners are as follows:

CORPORATE SPACE LARGE
Project: T2 Headquarters, Melbourne, Australia
Firm: Landini Associates, Sydney, Australia
CORPORATE SPACE SMALL
Project: Pillar Grove, Nisshin, Japan
Firm: Mamiya Shinichi Design Studio, Nisshin, Japan

EDUCATION
Project: New School, Kiev, Ukraine
Firm: Dreamdesign, Kiev, Ukraine

Project: Toshin Satellite Preparatory School, Kobe, Japan
Firm: Matsuya Art Works, Himeji, Japan

ENTERTAINMENT
Project: UA Cine Times Cinema, Times Square, Hong Kong
Firm: One Plus Partnership LTD, Hong Kong

Project: Hankou City Plaza International Cinema, Wuhan, China
Firm: One Plus Partnership LTD, Hong Kong

HEALTHCARE
Project: King Abdullah Specialist Children Hospital, Riyadh, Saudi Arabia
Firm: Perkins + Will, Atlanta, Georgia, USA

HOSPITALITY
Project: Jones the Grocer, Sydney, Australia
Firm: Landini Associates, Sydney, Australia

HOTELS
Project: Savannah Bandas at the Volcanoes Safaris Kyambura Gorge Lodge, Kyambura, Uganda
Firm: Regional Associates, Sydney, Australia

Project: Ion Luxury Adventure Hotel, Hengill, Iceland
Firm: MINARC, Santa Monica, California, USA

RESIDENCES
Project: 1+1>2, Taichung City, Taiwan
Firm: Puredesign, Taichung City, Taiwan

Project: Barrancas House, Mexico City, Mexico
Firm: Ezequiel Farca Architecture & Design, Mexico City, Mexico

RESTAURANTS
Project: UGOLEK Restaurant and Level2, Moscow, Russia
Firm: NB-Studio, Moscow, Russia

Project: Itoman Gyomin Shokudo, Itoman-shi, Japan
Firm: Yamazaki Kentaro Design Workshop, Tokyo, Japan
RETAIL

Project: T2B, Sydney, Australia
Firm: Landini Associates, Sydney, Australia

Project: The Galleria Luxury Hall West, Seoul, South Korea
Firm: Burdifilek, Toronto, Canada

All winning projects are now available to view on the IIDA website. Winners will be celebrated on Saturday, Jan. 24, 2015 at an awards ceremony at Maison & Objet in Paris where the Best of Competition winner will be announced and receive a special presentation award.

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