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IIDA ANNOUNCES BEST OF COMPETITION WINNER: TONYCHI AND ASSOCIATES

June 14, 2011, Chicago, IL – The International Interior Design Association (IIDA) announced that **TonyChi and Associates** won the coveted Best of Competition in the 38th Annual Interior Design Competition for its project, **Andaz 5th Avenue Hotel**, New York, NY. The winners of the 2011 design competitions, including the 19th Annual Will Ching Design Award, were honored at the IIDA COOL Gala, June 12, 2011 at the Westin Chicago River North.

The six winners in the 38th Annual Interior Design Competition were chosen from almost 400 projects submitted in the following practice areas: Commercial, Education/Institutional, Government, Healthcare, Hospitality, Residential and Retail/Showroom. In addition to the Best in Competition award earned by TonyChi and Associates, the other winners were:

Firm: **Clive Wilkinson Architects** in West Hollywood, CA
Project: One Shelley Street in Sydney, Australia

Firm: **Aidlin Darling Design** in San Francisco, CA
Project: Bar Agricole in San Francisco, CA

Firm: **Gabellini Sheppard Associates LLP** in New York, NY
Project: David Yurman Townhouse in New York, NY

Firm: **Gensler** in San Francisco, CA
Project: Nokia in Sunnyvale, CA

Firm: **ZGF Architects LLP** in Portland, OR
Project: John E. Jaqua Academic Center for Student Athletes at the University of Oregon in Eugene, OR

Firm: **TonyChi and Associates** in New York, NY
Project: Andaz 5th Avenue Hotel in New York, NY

In addition, **SPARC – San Francisco Patient and Resource Center** in San Francisco, CA, designed by **Sand Studios** in San Francisco, CA was chosen as the winner of the 19th Annual Will Ching Design Competition, which honors outstanding commercial design by firms of five or fewer individuals.

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Judges for the distinguished competition included **Anita Barnett, FIIDA**; **Carl D'Aquino** of D'Aquino Monaco; **Stanford Hughes, IIDA**, of Brayton & Hughes Design Studio; and **David Grout** of Gary Lee Partners. The judging took place February 26, 2011 in Chicago. After discussing the entries for this year's competitions, the judges agreed that they "saw work that reflects this moment in time and shows the diversity of design and how it is a channel for society and culture to reflect itself."

All winning projects not previously published were featured in the NeoCon issue of *Interior Design* magazine, and the premiere edition of the NeoCon 2011 Show Daily, also crafted by *Interior Design*, the publishing partner for the competitions. For information about the 2012 competition, please contact Jenny Palmer at 888.799.4432, jpalmer@iida.org or visit www.iida.org.

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