

FIRST PRIZE »

HANGING GARDEN IN CBD –
A FUSION OF “ARCHI-NATURE”

ARCHITECT:

AGFACADESIGN

CLIENT:

EAST COAST (CECIL) INVESTMENT PTE LTD

LANDSCAPE ARCHITECT:

TIERRA DESIGN PTE LTD

LANDSCAPE CONTRACT MANAGER:

CONSIG ENGINEERING PTE LTD

Attracting a total of 18 entries, the 4th SIA-NParks Skyrise Greenery Awards, jointly organised by the Singapore Institute of Architects (SIA) and National Parks Board (NParks) to recognise architects who have creatively integrated greenery and landscaping into their projects, trailblazed the launch of SIA's month-long architectural festival – ArchiFest 11. Held from 3 to 28 October 2011, ArchiFest 11 will feature, among its 64 events, ArchiTours, ArchiFest Forum, ArchiFest Public Forum, exhibitions and fringe events.



RECOGNISING ARCHITECTS'

GREENING

EFFORTS

IN URBAN DEVELOPMENTS

Hanging Garden in the CBD – a fusion of 'Archi-Nature' at 158 Cecil Street clinched the first prize with its elevated green atrium. The green atrium thoroughly transformed the quality of office spaces in the building and added a different dimension to a very urban street-front, positively contributing to the urbanscape of downtown Singapore. A rare scenario in downtown CBD offices, the atrium presents a pleasant working environment that has close proximity to greenery.

The jury finds in this project a unique and praise-worthy effort illustrating the spirit of skyrise greenery design.

The vision was to transform the formerly nondescript concrete and glass façade using vertical greenery, and doing so in a sustainable manner.

The architect, working in conjunction with the owner and landscape architect, identified opportunities and constraints in the existing structures and made use of these effectively to create a system and design framework for vertical green walls and planters.

Not merely a green wall, it is an elevated green atrium which thoroughly transformed the quality of office spaces in the building, and it certainly transformed the façade as well. The green atrium added a different dimension to a very urban street-front, positively contributing to the urbanscape of downtown Singapore. But equally important, the efforts offered a much more pleasant working environment, one that allows them to have proximity to greenery which is rare in downtown CBD offices.

SECOND PRIZE »

HELIOS RESIDENCES AT 15,
17 CAIRNHILL CIRCLE SINGAPORE

ARCHITECT:
P & T CONSULTANTS PTE LTD
FOREIGN DESIGN CONSULTANT:
GUIDA MOSELEY BROWN
CLIENT:
WING TAI LAND PTE LTD
(ON BEHALF OF WINNERVEST INVESTMENT PTE LTD)
LANDSCAPE ARCHITECT:
SITECTONIX PTE LTD
LANDSCAPE CONTRACT MANAGER: NIL



The President of ArchiFest '11 said that architects are increasingly incorporating greenery into their designs in a concerted effort to achieve a more sustainable built environment. "As such, skyscraper greenery has become the alternative to the lack of horizontal space in our urban landscape. 158 Cecil Street clearly displayed how modern architecture and vertical greenery can be infused to become a not only a sustainable building, but a sanctuary for the people in it."

The second prize was presented to **Helios Residences at 15, 17 Cairnhill Circle Singapore** while the third prize went to **myVillage at 1 Maju Avenue Singapore**.

The Helios announces its green intentions by its multi-story high creeper wall system, which one can easily see from afar. Walk into the development grounds and you will see how well

integrated the design is in bringing greenery into this high-rise condominium.

The site is profiled by a steep level drop between the front and back. The architect used the opportunity presented to create multi levels of lushly landscaped grounds. They took it a step further by floating the pool on a deck several stories up, thus replicating an entire level of "ground" high up there for landscaping and amenities – even the neighbours get to enjoy the views from their apartments. The deck extends back into the mid-level of the apartment towers which is an extensive sky terrace. The landscaping and pockets of amenities are very well designed within the sky terrace.

The Helios shows how a tough, tight, difficult site can inspire a design which results in quality spaces using greenery.

THIRD PRIZE »

MYVILLAGE AT
1 MAJU AVENUE
SINGAPORE

ARCHITECT:
DP ARCHITECTS PTE LTD
CLIENT:
CHYE LEE AND
SONS PTE LTD
LANDSCAPE ARCHITECT:
DP GREEN PTE LTD
LANDSCAPE CONTRACT
MANAGER:
NATURE LANDSCAPE PTE LTD



myVillage is a little neighbourhood shopping centre building of the private housing enclave in Serangoon Garden. The jury found a very pleasantly designed building which took the urban quality of the neighbourhood's intimacy into account. The shopping centre is designed to allow visual connectivity with the outside, offering views of the beautiful old trees outside, by 'borrowing' space from outside. The architect created a roof terrace garden which complements well the intimately-scaled street activities below, offering a cosy alternative shopping experience to the community.

Greenery is thoughtfully incorporated wherever the opportunity arose – along the entire building perimeter, 2nd storey terraces and basement courtyard – which yet again demonstrates the transformative qualities of greenery when it is well integrated in building and environmental design.

The winning entries were exhibited at the National Library Building from the 3 to 21 October 11.

