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WATG receives prestigious Asia Pacific Property Award for Architecture – Hilton Shenzhen Shekou Nanhai design awarded

Following extensive judging for the Asia Pacific regional competition, WATG (Wimberly Allison Tong & Goo) was notified that it is among a select few winning architecture companies in the International Property Awards 2015-2016. All successful entrants were invited to a high-profile gala presentation dinner at the Shangri-La Hotel in Kuala Lumpur on May 8th where the official announcements were made and the winning companies learned the level of their award – either highly commended or five-star.

The contemporary design and unique shape of the Hilton Shenzhen Shekou Hotel was honored with the recognized highly commended award. WATG's Senior Vice President and lead architect, Bradford McNamee impressed the jury with his design concept of joining the single-loaded curved guestroom wings into one double-loaded corridor near the waterfront to enable panoramic views for all guest rooms. With its unique curved-winged shape, the building impressively resembles sails of a ship or two fish swimming together. Recently honored by TTG China Travel Awards as Best Meeting & Convention Hotel in Shenzhen, the Hilton offers 323 spacious guest rooms, 16 suites, an Executive Lounge and 2,900 square meters of flexible meeting and banquet facilities. "We are impressed and influenced by the adjacency of the hotel to Shenzhen Bay and the tremendous views towards nearby Hong Kong. The new Shekou Marina and the expansive blue waters inspired our design concept of sails and fish", said Bradford McNamee, Senior Vice President at WATG.

The judging panel consisted of over 70 highly respected experts from all over the world chaired by three active members of the House of Lords in UK Parliament: Lord Caithness, Lord Best and Lord Courtown.

Stuart Shield, president of the International Property Awards, says:

"Entries for the Asia Pacific region were up yet again this year with 25 different countries competing strongly across each and every category. It is immensely gratifying to be presented with such levels of excellence and be in a position to reward and promote winning companies not only regionally but also internationally."

Later this year, the highest scoring winners from the Asia Pacific Property Awards will compete against other winning companies from Europe, Africa, Canada, the USA, Central and South America, the Caribbean and Arabia to find the ultimate World's Best in each category.

The award winners' logo is an instantly recognised symbol of excellence throughout the global industry. Attaining one of these coveted awards proves that WATG has all the necessary qualities and professionalism to excel over other architects within the highly competitive Asia Pacific property arena.