

Vietnam's Green One UN House honoured in WorldGBC Asia Pacific Leadership in Green Building Awards

SINGAPORE, 6 September 2018 – The Green One UN House (GOUNH) in Hanoi, Vietnam has won the Leadership in Sustainable Design & Performance Award in the Institutional category as part of the World Green Building Council's (WorldGBC) Asia Pacific Leadership in Green Building Awards.

The biennial awards programme celebrates iconic green buildings, up-and-coming innovators and inspiring companies driving change and creating a better future throughout the Asia Pacific region.

Home to Vietnam's United Nations Development Programme, the GOUNH won the Leadership in Sustainable Design & Performance Award in the Institutional category;

Today, the GOUNH serves as a model for sustainable construction in Vietnam while representing the commitment of the international community and the UN to work together for an environmentally sustainable future. The ambition to build green came from both an awareness of the need to reduce the environmental footprint of both the building the institution itself, but also to provide example and leadership towards meeting several Sustainable Development Goals.

The building achieved almost a third of its energy reduction through measures not limited to heat-wheel, solar water heating, passive design but also by smart environmental controls, such as algorithms that hourly and seasonal adjust chiller water temperature, chiller operation and heat-wheel temperature.

Moreover, the building achieved its objective of ensuring that the small percentage of site generated and collected water would be returned to the city at well above the required standard; an important contribution and statement in a country and climate where the quality of water bodies in the city is problematic.

Furthermore, the building's innovative, green design was acknowledged in 2017, when the Vietnam Green Building Council awarded the House the LOTUS Platinum Certification — the highest level in the LOTUS ratings system — recognizing the House as one of the highest performing green buildings in Vietnam.

The jurors of the Leadership in Sustainable Design & Performance Award in the Institutional category were Peter Graham, Executive Director, Global Building Performance Network; Prof Christopher John Webster, Dean, (Faculty of Architecture), Hong Kong University; and Ar Jahangir Khan, President, Arcasia.

Juror Prof Christopher John Webster, Dean, (Faculty of Architecture), Hong Kong University said: *“I was impressed most of all by the modest thoroughness of design-build-operate green planning that produced a scheme, which presents the city of Hanoi, the country of Vietnam and the international UN-focused community with a bold statement of what can be achieved with green design coupled with smart building management systems.”*

Joelle Chen, Regional Head of WorldGBC’s Asia Pacific Network said: *“Our Green Building Councils in the Asia Pacific Regional Network work with some of the most pioneering companies and innovators on green building.*

The Green One UN House serves as a model for sustainable construction in Vietnam and demonstrates how innovative design and sustainable management practices for existing buildings can lay the foundations for meeting many of the Sustainable Development Goals.”

Green One UN House fought off competition from [two other finalists](#) in each category and was crowned a champion of the Asia Pacific Leadership in Green Building Awards for 2018 at a ceremony hosted by the Singapore Green Building Council, during its annual Gala Dinner in Singapore on Thursday 6 September 2018.

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The World Green Building Council’s [Asia Pacific Leadership in Green Building Awards](#) are biennial awards, which were first held in 2014. They showcase and celebrate the achievements of companies pushing the envelope on sustainable buildings in the region.

Green building projects and companies were nominated by the [15 Green Building Councils](#) which make up the WorldGBC’s [Asia Pacific Regional Network](#).

The 2018 winners are:

- **Naandi, India** - Leadership in Sustainable Design & Performance Award – Residential category; with Special Recognition, Advancing Net Zero;
- **Barangaroo South, Australia** - Leadership in Sustainable Design & Performance Award – Commercial category;
- **Aorangi House, New Zealand** - Leadership in Sustainable Design & Performance Award – Commercial category;
- **Green One United Nation House, Vietnam** - Leadership in Sustainable Design & Performance Award – Institutional category;
- **Swire Properties Limited, Hong Kong** - Business Leadership in Sustainability Award; with Special Recognition, Better Places for People;
- **Mary Chan, DLN Architects Limited, Hong Kong** - Women in Green Building Leadership Award.

The **Leadership in Sustainable Design and Performance Award** is presented to pioneering green building projects that set new benchmarks for sustainability. There are three sub-category winners for residential, commercial and institutional buildings.

The **Business Leadership in Sustainability Award** rewards companies that push boundaries, integrate sustainability into their business models and make an outstanding contribution to a sustainable built environment.

The **Women in Green Building Leadership Award** is a new award for 2018 presented to an inspiring female leader in the green building movement. In a traditionally male-dominated industry, WorldGBC wants to recognise the pivotal role that women play in nurturing and activating their communities and delivering change.

This year, to reflect the growing momentum of the World Green Building Council's global projects [Advancing Net Zero](#) and [Better Places for People](#), the awards included recognitions for businesses and projects that have gone above and beyond. The **Advancing Net Zero Special Recognition** highlights projects that have demonstrated an ambitious and holistic solution to achieving net zero operational carbon emissions; and the **Better Places for People Special Recognition** spotlights companies that have truly embraced health and wellbeing practices.

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The 16 finalists were announced in July 2018. Click [here](#) to see all the finalists.

For more information, visit <http://www.worldgbc.org/asia-pacific-regional-network-awards>

About Green One UN House