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Design Is... Award Market Winners Announced **Firms celebrated for design excellence around the world**

CARTERSVILLE, Georgia (USA) – 9 June 2015 – In its tenth year, Shaw Contract Group's Design Is... Award program honours architecture and design firms that are changing the very idea of what design is. Today, Shaw Contract Group announces the winners of the Market Award, which represent the highest calibre of work within an industry segment. An esteemed group of design professionals selected 48 winners out of more than 470 entries submitted from 30 countries. The Market Award winners have advanced to the People's Choice program. Online voting for the People's Choice Award is open now through 10 July 2015 at: <http://designis.shawcontractgroup.com/2015/peopleschoice>.

"The design showcased in the entries signifies the global reach of our brand and utilisation of high performance, Cradle to Cradle Certified™ products across the globe," says John Stephens, Vice President of Marketing for Shaw Contract Group. "This year's winners reflect how design profoundly impacts the mission of the space and its positive effect on the people that use it."

Winning projects include:

Large Office (greater than 3,800 square metres)

- AECOM | Los Angeles, CA, USA
 - Project: Large Financial Institution | Los Angeles, CA, USA
- Nando's | Johannesburg, South Africa
 - Project: Central Kitchen | Johannesburg, South Africa
- Gensler | Washington, DC, USA
 - Project: Intelsat | Mclean, VA, USA
- Perkins+Will | Atlanta, GA, USA
 - Project: Colliers International | Atlanta, GA, USA
- RMTA | Kansas City, MO, USA
 - Project: The Barney Building | Mission Woods, KS, USA
- KMD Architects | San Francisco, CA, USA
 - Project: Zappos.com Corporate Headquarters | Las Vegas, NV, USA
- Edifice Consultants Pvt. Ltd. | Mumbai, India
 - Project: Jsw centre | Mumbai, India

Mid-Size Office (1,000 – 3,800 square metres)

- Space | Mexico City, Mexico
 - Project: Grupo CP | Mexico City, Mexico
- Roxby Architects | Perth, Australia
 - Project: Toyota, WA, USA - Head Office | Perth, Australia
- + Architects | Santiago, Chile
 - Project: Showroom Multicarpet Rollux | Santiago, Chile
- SmithGroupJJR | Washington, DC, USA
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- Interiors For Change | Johannesburg, South Africa
 - Project: Joe Public | Johannesburg, South Africa
- Space Invader Design | Manchester, UK
 - Project: Astra Zeneca Da Vinci HQ | Cambridge, UK
- 5plus Architects Limited | Manchester, UK
 - Project: Your Housing HQ Fit Out | Warrington, UK

Small Office (Less than 1,000 square metres)

- Curtis+Whitfield | Sydney, Australia
 - Project: Liberty International Underwriters Brisbane | Brisbane, Australia
- Brook | Tokyo, Japan
 - Project: Diamond Head Co.,Ltd | Tokyo, Japan
- Mr. Alex Szeto | Hong Kong, China
 - Project: Nu Skin | Hong Kong, China
- Metaphore Design | Montreal, Canada
 - Project: Microsoft | Montreal, Canada
- Shearer Licensed Interior Design Inc. | Calgary, Canada
 - Project: Louis Dreyfus Commodities | Calgary, Canada
- graphite architects | Sydney, Australia
 - Project: Mingara Leisure Group Corporate Offices | Central Coast, Australia
- Perkins+Will | Atlanta, GA, USA
 - Project: Beeline Group | Atlanta, GA, USA
- OARQUITECTOS | Santiago, Chile
 - Project: Security Sat | Santiago, Chile
- James Liang & Associates Ltd. | Canton, China
 - Project: Baoli Metropolitan Innovative Showroom | Canton, China

Education

- EGBARQ | Santiago, Chile
 - Project: School of Rock Santiago | Santiago, Chile
- SHW Group | Berkley MI
 - Project: Lansing Arts and Sciences Renovation | Lansing, MI, USA
- DLR Group | Denver, CO, USA
 - Project: Casper College + UW Student Union | Casper, WY, USA
- Jackson Clements Burrows | Melbourne, Australia
 - Project: Monash International Bachelor of Business City Campus | Melbourne, Australia
- Sixthriver Architects | Austin, TX, USA
 - Project: Manzanita Hall | Tempe, AZ, USA
- Jones Studio | Phoenix, AZ, USA
 - Project: Mesa Community College Performing Arts Center | Mesa, AZ, USA
- Gow Hastings Architects | Toronto, Canada
 - Project: Durham College Centre for Food | Whitby, Canada

Healthcare

- Emmett Phair Construction | Lake Oswego, OR, USA
 - Project: Dr. Judah Garfinkle | Portland, OR, USA
- Gilmore Interior Design | Sydney, Australia
 - Project: The Central Development | Crace, Australia
- Staffelbach | Dallas, TX, USA
 - Project: Chase Tower Fitness Center | Dallas, TX, USA
- Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center | Ewing Cole | New York, NY, USA
 - Project: Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center : West Harrison | Harrison, NY, USA
- Stantec | San Francisco, CA, USA

Hospitality

- Prellwitz Chilinski Associates | Cambridge, MA, USA
 - Project: Eco | Boston, MA, USA
- Moncur Design Associates Inc. | Toronto, Canada
 - Project: King Edward Hotel Model Room | Toronto, Canada
- Remiger Design | St Louis, MO, USA
 - Project: Element Restaurant and Lounge | St Louis, MO, USA
- Delawie | San Diego, CA, USA
 - Project: Snow King Resort | Jackson Hole, WY, USA
- Nineth Design | Beijing, China
 - Project: Kung restaurant Kongyiji Restaurant private room | Beijing, China
- GGLO | Seattle, WA, USA
 - Project: Cedarbrook Lodge Expansion | SeaTac, WA, USA
- ForrestPerkins | Dallas, TX, USA
 - Project: The Fairmont San Francisco | San Francisco, CA, USA

Government/Civic

- Forme UK | London, UK
 - Project: Somerset House | London, UK
- BurkettDesign | Denver, CO, USA
 - Project: Science Pyramid | Denver, CO, USA
- Senger Design Group LLC | Colorado Springs, CO, USA
 - Project: Colorado Army National Guard Readiness Center (COARNG) | Colorado Springs, CO, USA
- Anne Phillips Architecture | Berkeley, CA, USA
 - Project: Girls Inc. Simpson Center for Girls | Oakland, CA, USA

Retail

- HKS Architects, Inc | San Francisco, CA, USA
 - Project: AAA Northern California, Nevada & Utah - San Jose Branch | San Jose, CA, USA
- MaRS, Mayfield and Ragni Studio | Houston, TX, USA
 - Project: TX Contemporary VIP Lounge | Houston, TX, USA

Twenty distinguished members of the design community evaluated each project based on its design solutions beyond aesthetic quality. The jurors reviewed the challenges, processes and results of each project and how each design team defined design.

The judging panel included:

- Bradley Barnett, Guild 13
- Ron Bateman, HOK
- Brian Berry, Gensler
- Stephanie Clements, THW Design
- Sandra Cortner, Hirsch Bedner Associates
- Tim L. Cowell, The Walt Disney Company
- Victor Feingold, Metrobuilding
- Cynthia Ann Haight, ThenDesign Architecture
- Joan Insel, Callison
- Shane Kelly, tp bennett
- Jonathan Kim, Steven Leach & Associates Inc.
- Jiayi Li, Shanghai Architectural Decoration and Landscape Design Research Institute
- Geraldine Maher, Jackson Architecture
- Karen Miller, NBBJ
- Bill Puetz, Huntsman Architectural Group
- Keith Rushbrook, II BY IV Design
- Rob Toner, Cox Enterprises Inc.
- Erica Wickes, 34F Design Inc.
- Elisa Worden, Gresham, Smith and Partners

Winning firms will be recognised in Shaw Contract Group's annual NeoCon magazine and featured on shawcontractgroup.com. Additionally, winners will be a part of People's Choice voting, in which fans will vote on their favourite projects and choose a winner. Shaw Contract Group will also promote the winners through promotional and marketing materials.

About Shaw Contract Group

As the premier commercial brand of the world's largest carpet manufacturer, Shaw Contract Group not only defines design through aesthetic elements, but also through superior performance, innovation and sustainability. Its cradle-to-cradle products perform in commercial spaces around the world, and can be endlessly reclaimed and recycled into new high-performance product. Shaw Contract Group has received Best of NeoCon awards for its carpet collections every year since 2002; was rated "best overall business experience" by facility managers and designers; and was recognised among Contract magazine's top ten "Brands that Inspire." A brand of Shaw Industries, Shaw Contract Group combines the expertise of the world's largest carpet manufacturer with the financial stability of a Berkshire Hathaway subsidiary. For more information, visit shawcontractgroup.com.

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