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**ASIA PACIFIC AIMS HIGH TO REMAIN MOST SUCCESSFUL REGION
IN THE INTERNATIONAL PROPERTY AWARDS**

Asia Pacific's premier developers, architects, interior designers and real estate agents gathered in their hundreds at the Shangri-la Hotel in Kuala Lumpur on Friday (May 9th) for the results of the Asia Pacific Property Awards. Entries were received from companies in 26 countries across the Asia Pacific region. Brunei, Myanmar and Nepal joined the competition for the first time this year with each being successful in achieving one of the prestigious awards.

Lord Courtown from the House of Lords in British Parliament was present on stage in his capacity as Chairman of the Architecture and Interior Design categories committee while each winning company was presented with either a 'Highly Commended' or '5-Star' award.

The 5-star winners had been re-judged to select just one from each of the 47 different categories who will go forwards to represent the Asia Pacific region in the 2014 International Property Awards. They will compete against other regional winners from Africa, Arabia, Europe, UK and the Americas to find the ultimate World's Best in each category. The results of the eagerly anticipated 'World's Best' Property Awards will be revealed at a glittering awards presentation ceremony in Dubai this December.

Asia Pacific has an enviable and unbeaten record of success at international level. The region scooped a total of 13 World's Best Awards in 2012 but then went on to break its own record number by scoring an impressive 18 World's Best Awards in 2013.

Stuart Shield, President of the International Property Awards said, "We will all now wait to see if Asia Pacific can not only retain the title of best performing region of the world in the International Property Awards but also beat its own record for yet another successive year. Each region is highly competitive

and with levels of excellence within the property industry rising annually, this makes the competition hugely exciting as it heads towards the final conclusion in December.”

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About International Property Awards

The International Property Awards are open to residential and commercial property professionals from around the globe. Since 1995, they have celebrated the highest levels of achievement by companies operating in all sectors of the property and real estate industry. The awards are split into regions covering Africa, Asia Pacific, Arabia, Canada, Caribbean, Central and South America, Europe, UK and USA. The highest-scoring winners from each region are automatically entered into the overall International Awards, which ultimately determine the world’s finest property companies. An International Property Award is a world-renowned mark of excellence. Judging is carried out through a meticulous process involving a panel of over 70 experts covering every aspect of the property business.