

One Central Park wins Best Tall Building in Asia and Australasia



One Central Park, a landmark building in Sydney comprising of 623 apartments, won the 'Best Tall Building' award in the Asian and Australasian region, given out by the Council on Tall Buildings and Urban Habitat (CTBUH) based in Chicago, USA.

Of the 88 entries received by the Council globally for the Best Tall Building awards, Asia accounted for the largest number of submissions, followed by Europe. A not-for-profit organisation based in the Illinois Institute of Technology, the CTBUH is the world's leading resource for professionals focused on the design and construction of tall buildings and future cities.

As one of the four regional winners, One Central Park will now be entered for the overall '2014 Best Tall Building Worldwide' award taking place in Chicago in November 2014.

CTBUH Director Dr Antony Wood described the win as a major recognition from the architectural community of both the quality of One Central Park and the team effort involved.

Designed by French architecture practice Ateliers Jean Nouvel in collaboration with Australian firm, PTW, and built by joint venture partners Frasers Property Australia and Sekisui House Australia, One Central Park was completed in December 2013.

A huge cantilever - Nouvel's signature - expressed as a Sky Garden extending from level 29 of One Central Park's taller East tower supports a visually arresting light-reflecting heliostat system, while the vertical garden on the exterior facade covers 1100 square metres. Nouvel's unique heliostat design feature has been used in a residential context in Australia for the first time.

Describing the win as a remarkable achievement for the entire design and project management team, Architect Jean Nouvel of Ateliers Jean Nouvel said it was a tremendous honour for One Central Park to be recognised on the international stage for the uniqueness of its design.

Frasers Property Australia CEO Guy Pahor said the joint venture team was happy with the global recognition for One Central Park's iconic design and exceptional construction quality.

PTW Practice Leader, Simon Parsons said PTW was delighted to be nominated as the Best Tall Building in Australasia.

One Central Park comprises of 623 apartments in two adjoining towers linked by a recreation podium including a major new urban shopping centre, 'Central'.

Apart from the collaboration between Ateliers Jean Nouvel and Australian architect PTW, the project also includes the contributions of two esteemed French artists, Patrick Blanc and Yann Kersale.

Patrick Blanc's world famous vertical gardens are delivered in 21 panels of various sizes across the facades of the two towers, spanning over 1100 square metres and containing 35,000 plants and 350 different species.

Conceptual lighting artist Yann Kersale has designed a luminous lighting artwork called the Sea Mirror, expressed in 2880 coloured LED lights embedded within the heliostat's mirrored panels on One Central Park's East tower.

The interior architecture of One Central Park's East tower including the 38 apartments of Sky at One Central Park is designed by Koichi Takada of Koichi Takada Architects. William Smart of Smart Design Studio, created the interior architecture for One Central Park's West tower.