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One Central Park collects another prestigious international award



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The Sydney high-rise has won Best Innovative Green Building at the world's biggest property show.

One Central Park, designed by French architects Ateliers Jean Nouvel in collaboration with Australian firm PTW, has been named the Best Innovative Green Building at the 2015 MIPIM Awards in Cannes, France.

Run by the Le Marché International des Professionnels de l'Immobilier and known as the 'Oscars of the property world', the annual competition — now in its 26th year — honours the most outstanding projects around the world. This year's event was attended by 21,000 real

estate professionals from across the globe, while 12 awards are granted from more than 160 initial submissions.



The only Australian finalist in both its nominated categories, One Central Park trailed the Krøyers Plads I harbourfront ‘warehouse’ apartments in Copenhagen, Denmark for Best Residential Development, but won Best Innovative Green Building against some of the world’s most sustainable projects: Kastelli Community Centre in Oulu, Finland, the Powerhouse Kjørbo office renovation in Oslo, Norway and The Edge office building in Amsterdam, The Netherlands.

Central Park development director Mick Caddey said the category was the one of the most highly regarded accolades of the competition, and the win reinforced the building's position as one of world’s most distinguished new projects — “an exemplar of what can be achieved when world-leading design partners collaborate and pioneering sustainability initiatives are undertaken.”

Cloaking the facades of its two towers, One Central Park’s vertical gardens are the largest in the world by area, covering 1100 square metres. Designed by renowned French botanist and artist Patrick Blanc, they lower energy consumption in winter by protecting the building from the cold, and in summer by providing a natural cooling system. The mesh-covered felt they are planted in also absorbs polluting particles from the air and breaks them down into plant fertiliser.



The Sydney high-rise also features Nouvel's signature giant cantilever. Extending from level 29 of the taller east tower, it supports a 'sky garden' above and a spectacular mirrored heliostat below — both a visually arresting design element and an inventive way of reflecting light into an otherwise overshadowed corridor.

Since its completion in December 2013, the Frasers Property/Sekisui House joint development has won an array of awards, including being named the Best Tall Building in the World 2014 by the Council on Tall Buildings and Urban Habitat.