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5. WHOA’S THE MET SHORTLISTED FOR INTERNATIONAL HIGHRISE AWARD

WOHA’s high-rise residential building in Bangkok, Thailand, has been selected as one of the five finalists for the International Highrise Award. The top five high-rise buildings are:

- The Met (Bangkok) by WHOA in association with Tandem Architects LLC
- Mode Gakuen Cocoon Tower (Tokyo) by Tange Associates
- Aqua Tower (Chicago) by Studio Gang Architects
- Burj Khalifa (Dubai) by Skidmore, Owings & Merrill (SOM)
- Shanghai World Financial Centre (Shanghai) by Kohn Pederson Fox Associates

The design of the 66-storey tower is an innovative solution to the issues of density in tropical Asian cities, and offers a new model for high-density tropical housing. The jury citation notes that The Met “enables a very pleasant tropical living in a very economic structure that points the way forward for architects to look for innovative local responses to what a high-rise must deliver.”

The International Highrise Award is offered every two years by the City of Frankfurt/Main, and is jointly curated by the Deutsches Architekturmuseum DAM and Dekabank. Based on six fundamental criteria such as pioneering design, integration into the urban setting and sustainability, 27 high-rise buildings from 16 different countries were nominated for the fourth award cycle.

From the five finalists, the international jury will select the eventual winner for the award which is accompanied by a EUR50,000 prize money. The announcement of the winner will be made during the Awards Ceremony held at the renowned Frankfurt Paulskirche, on 5 November 2010.

6. SIA-NPARKS SKYRISE GREENERY AWARDS 2010

The Skyrise Greenery Awards are a joint Awards scheme organised by NParks and SIA. Now into its third year, the Awards aim to promote and recognise the greening of high-rise developments through the joint efforts of owners/developers, architects, landscape architects/designers and landscape contract managers. The Awards is open to all architects in Asia. The Skyrise Greenery Awards recognises excellence in two categories: completed projects and ideas/unbuilt works.

COMPLETED PROJECTS

1st Prize: Khoo Teck Puat Hospital, Singapore
Architect: CPG Consultants Pte Ltd
Landscape Architect: Peridian Asia Pte Ltd
Client: Alexandra Health Pte Ltd