

Awards

Winning ways

ARIDO bestows its annual honours.

—By Michael Totzke

At a gala event following the first day of IDEX/NeoCon Canada this past September, the Association of Registered Interior Designers of Ontario announced the winners of its 23rd annual Awards of Excellence. Glammed up for the occasion, Heritage Court at Toronto's Direct Energy Centre—full of sometimes-raucous revellers—never looked so good.

This year, ARIDO recognized 25 entries in 12 different categories—comprising two projects of the year, four awards of excellence and 20 awards of merit.

This was definitely Burdifilek's year. Along with project of the year (Stratus Winery), the firm won an award of excellence (Capezio) and three merits (Holt Renfrew Designer Collection Floor; Holt Renfrew Designer Collection Floor—Feature Display Table; and Holt Renfrew Personal Shopping Suites). The other project of the year (Umbra Premiere Retail Location) belonged to Figure3, which also received a merit award (Workspace-on-demand Office Model for IBM). Other firms taking home multiple awards included Full Scale + Partners Inc., Cecconi Simone, Bartlett & Associates, Anacleto Design Associates, and Chapman Design Group Ltd.



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Projects of the Year

01—BURDIFILEK STRATUS WINERY

Category: Restaurants, Bars and Nightclubs
Interior designer: Diego Burdi
Design team: Jeremy Mendonca

In the main retail/tasting area, the walls are lined with squares of end-cut, oiled mesquite wood in natural copper and rust tones.

02—FIGURE3 UMBRA PREMIERE RETAIL LOCATION

Category: Collaborative Projects
Interior designer: Christopher Wright
Design team: Ralph Dopping

A view of the second-floor product demonstration desk. Graphics applied throughout the space feature product designers.



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Awards of Excellence



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**01—BURDIFILEK
CAPEZIO**
Category: Retail Spaces
Interior designer:
Diego Burdi
Design team: Tom Yip,
Jeremy Mendonca and
Janice Kee-Son

Walls, ceilings and floor merge into each other. Space is distorted and the store becomes a sculptural installation in itself.

**02 FULL SCALE +
PARTNERS INC.
OFFSPRING INTERIOR
DESIGN SHOW 2007**
Category:
Marketing Centre
Interior Designer:
Jenny Lee
Design team: Yvonne Ho

If it's good enough for bees: the honeycomb's hexagonal shape may be an ideal form for dense urban living.



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**03—CECCONI SIMONE
"X" THE
CONDOMINIUM**
Category:
Marketing Centres
Interior designers:
Anna Simone and
Elaine Cecconi
Design team:
Pauline Ayoub

The black, white and grey sales centre is forward-looking, combining the worlds of high fashion and interior design.

**04—SMITH GRIMLEY
HARRIS DESIGN
PARTNERS
OJON**
Category:
Marketing Centres
Interior designer:
Carol Smith
Design team:
Monica Sarkisian

A wall of seeds speaks to the history of Ojon, a hair-care enterprise revolving around ingredients found only in Central American rainforests.

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