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Top builders bask in the accolades

GEORGIE AWARDS

The Georgies once again honour the best in B.C. home construction and renovation



WINNER: Best Multi-Family High Rise
Development



WINNER: Best Townhouse Development



**WINNER: Best Residential Renovation
\$800,000 and Over**



**WINNER: Best Single Family Home over
2,000 square feet (under \$750,000)**

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Building beautiful, innovative, sustainable homes is what gets us up every day and we can't wait to share our next projects with the world," says Joe Geluch, president of Naikoon Contracting. After his company's overwhelming success at the 23rd annual Georgie Awards last month, the world is bound to stand up and take notice of the North Vancouver builder. "The Georgie Awards celebrate the best in homebuilding excellence and to walk out with seven awards this year is incredible," he says. "We're beyond thrilled that the Canadian Home Builders' Association of B.C. recognized our work and rewarded us with such huge accolades."

Four of the awards were given to a North Vancouver house called Midori Uchi, which is Japanese for "green home." The remaining three honored Geluch as Best Custom Home Builder of the Year, Best Single-Family Home up to 2,000 Square Feet (less than \$500,000) and Best Certified Whole House Renovation, one of three new categories that recognize environmental excellence in the certification programs. More than 500 industry members attended the awards at the Hyatt Regency Vancouver Hotel late last month. Veteran home builders Adera Development Corporation, Portrait Homes and Concert Real Estate Corporation once again proved leaders in the field.

Adera received five awards, including Best Townhouse Development, Multi-Family Home Builder of the Year and Residential Community of the Year. Portrait earned four awards, including Single Family Production Home Builder of the Year, and two coveted Customer Choice awards, for Single Family Production and Multi-Family (Low Rise). For the fifth time, Concert won a Customer Choice award, in addition to Multi-Family High-Rise Development for Salt, a mix of residential and commercial space at Hornby and Drake. Clay Construction also received a Customer Choice award for Single Family Custom.

In the renovation categories, Sarah Gallop Design's team of talented designers was awarded Best Residential Renovation (\$300,000 to \$499,999) and Best Kitchen Renovation under \$100,000, as well as Best Master Suite. My House Design/Build Team of Surrey also captured two major awards in the renovation field, Residential Renovator of the Year and Best Residential Renovation (\$800,000 and over).

Entries in this year's Georgie Awards were up 30 per cent, according to Canadian Home Builders' Association of B.C. chief executive Neil Moody. "This signals a healthy economic climate for B.C.'s homebuilders," he says. "The awards continue to offer the residential construction industry a truly fantastic opportunity to showcase their innovative and industry-leading work and highlight the spectacular projects built and submitted by all our members."

A complete list of the 2014 Georgie Awards winners, finalists and photos can be found at georgieawards.ca.