PARK HYATT SANYA SUNNY BAY RESORT WINS IALD AWARD OF MERIT
LIGHTING DESIGN BY THE FLAMING BEACON

SAN DIEGO, CA USA, 28 APRIL | Luminaries of the lighting profession gathered at the San Diego Air and Space Museum on 27 April to honor the winners of the 33rd Annual International Association of Lighting Designers (IALD) International Lighting Design Awards. Seventeen projects from eight countries were on display – including religious spaces, memorials, façades, and even a gas station. Taken together, the winners represent some of the most innovative and inspiring work found anywhere in the world of architectural lighting design.

The Park Hyatt Sanya Sunny Bay Resort in Sanya, China, with lighting design by The Flaming Beacon, took home an Award of Merit, accepted in person by Ya-Hui Cheng, IALD.

The glowing main building of the Park Hyatt in Sanya, China is best viewed at dusk. About a hectare of backlit U-glass on the façade utilizes signage-style light-points, dimmed over several hundred channels, to allow graduated brightness, maintain presence on the skyline, and create glamorous resort contrasts. The project’s plethora of ponds were purposefully leveraged for dramatic lit reflections.

Despite many detailing changes during the lengthy design process, the designers were able to achieve the originally intended ambiance for the huge reception space. Working with a 10 meter-high ceiling, the designers carefully arranged the brightness to allow a comfortable human presence while still exploiting the drama of the grand volume.

“The façade of this hotel building looks like the sunlight is reflected off the cladding panels during sunset,” one judge described. “The interior is much more subdued, allowing for relaxation and appreciation for the interior design.”

The library and cigar lounge are precisely lit, with careful integration of fixtures throughout the woodwork. The design carefully highlights the artwork to provide a high-contrast appearance while maintaining even levels of indirect light for user comfort. Visible fixtures are custom designed to ensure palette consistency and contextual relevance.

The eclectic nature of the interior scheme for the all-day dining area demanded an equally complex lighting approach. All interior elements required individual lighting treatment; table accents from narrow beam spots provide high contrast in the evening scenes, suitable for fine dining, while a more relaxed mood prevails at breakfast and lunch.

Custom bath-house lighting fixtures cast a lattice pattern on the ceiling while providing indirect downlighting over the water. The brightness is carefully tuned to emphasize the classical formal planning. Though the space exudes luxury, comfort is paramount. The lit scheme is designed not for grandeur but for effortlessness.

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The IALD Lighting Design Awards program, established in 1983, honors lighting projects that display high aesthetic achievement backed by technical expertise. Additionally, projects can also be submitted for consideration in the sustainable design award category, which means the project undergoes an additional round of judging keyed solely to the fulfillment of sustainable design principles. A panel of award-winning lighting designers, architects and interior designers review the projects.

For complete details and high resolution photos of this year’s award-winning projects, visit iald.org.

The International Association of Lighting Designers (IALD), established in 1969, is an international organization supporting a network of more than 1,250 lighting design professionals who satisfy its rigorous qualification process. Its members are distinguished by a unique blend of aesthetic and technical expertise, and operate at the highest level of integrity to create a better world through leadership and excellence in lighting design; to cultivate the universal acknowledgement and appreciation of the Power of Light in human life.

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