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Housing development in Cambridge wins national architecture award

The Royal Institute of British Architects (RIBA) tonight celebrates the latest architecture in the East of England by giving an RIBA National Award to the Accordia housing development designed by Feilden Clegg Bradley Studios/Alison Brooks Architects/Maccreanor Lavington..

The Accordia project was praised for being “high density housing at its very best” with good sized houses and flats and well-proportioned rooms. The architects and local authority worked well together and it is a project that will be much referred to as a future case-study for housing developments. The project was also particularly praise for its interweaving of public, semi-public and private open spaces.

The RIBA National Awards were presented tonight, Friday 27 June, at a dinner in London at the Hilton Hotel. The winning Cambridge project is joined by 15 other buildings across the UK in receiving an RIBA National Award, along with 10 RIBA European Award winners. The Stirling Prize shortlist will be drawn from the 16 RIBA National Award winners, and the RIBA European Award winners who are eligible for the prize. The shortlist will be announced on Thursday 17 July.

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The RIBA Stirling Prize in association with *The Architects' Journal* is awarded to the architects of the building that has made the greatest contribution to British



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architecture in the past year. The £20,000 prize will be presented in Liverpool on Saturday 11 October 2008 and broadcast on Channel 4 on Sunday 12 October.

RIBA National Award winners, together with the winners of RIBA Awards, are also eligible for a series of special awards to be presented at the RIBA Stirling Prize. For details of these and the other RIBA National winners please visit www.architecture.com/awards.

Speaking at the awards dinner RIBA President Sunand Prasad said:

“RIBA awards are only made to buildings that really work for their users. They are a studied response by architect and lay judges not only to the submitted material but most importantly to tours of buildings conducted by the clients and architects of the schemes.

The RIBA’s National Awards represent the best of this year’s RIBA Awards and are selected by the Awards Group on the basis of reports-back from the visiting juries.

The Awards Group, having already visited the shortlisted European schemes, will in July visit all 16 National Award winners before determining a shortlist of six for the RIBA Stirling prize in association with *The Architects’ Journal*. These will in turn be visited by a third jury in September. It is the thoroughness and rigour of the whole process that makes any tier of the RIBA awards scheme so worth winning. We are very grateful to the AJ for their continued generous support for all the RIBA’s awards programme.”

The RIBA National Awards were sponsored by Istock Brick Ltd and InterfaceFLOR.

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Notes to editors

1. For further information on the RIBA National Award Winner in the East, images or interview, please contact Press Officer: Carri Crook, Carisma

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2. RIBA East consists of over 2000 registered architects and almost 400 registered practices. The RIBA East region includes the counties of Cambridgeshire, Norfolk, Suffolk, Hertfordshire, Essex and Bedfordshire.
3. For further information on the RIBA National Awards, please contact Louise Todd, Regional Director, RIBA East on 01223 566285 or email louise.todd@inst.riba.org or contact John McMenemy, RIBA East, on 01223 566285 or email John.McMenemy@inst.riba.org.
4. Editors are kindly requested to acknowledge the architects of the winning schemes and the photographic credits supplied.
5. Full citation follows:

Accordia

Brooklands Avenue, Cambridge

Architect: Feilden Clegg Bradley/Alison Brooks/Maccreanor
Lavington

Client: Countryside Properties

Contractor: Kajima Construction

Structural Engineer: Richard Jackson plc

Services Engineer: Roberts + Partners

Contract Value: £38m (£1617 sq m)

Date of completion: April 2006

Gross internal area: 23,3000 sq m (phase 1)

This is high density housing at its very best. Beautifully thought-through houses are linked by a series of public, semi-public and private but visible open spaces, making the whole development a joy to walk through. Houses and flats have good-sized, well-proportioned rooms with views out ranging from the urban views to rural pasture. This development proves that good modern housing sells, that a committed local authority can have a very positive influence on the design, that a masterplan with a range of architects can be successful and that the very best architecture does not need to rely on gimmicks. This will be a project that will be much referred to and used as a future case study.

6. InterfaceFLOR, leading manufacturers of modular commercial flooring, are new Associate Sponsors of the RIBA National and European Awards joining Ibstock Brick Ltd, supporters of the Awards in the RIBA regions for over twenty years. *The Architects' Journal* is the Media Partner. The RIBA welcomes Mercedes-Benz (UK) Limited as the first sponsor of the RIBA International

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Awards and the Lubetkin Prize. *The Architectural Review* is the Media Partner for the International Awards and the Lubetkin Prize.

7. The RIBA Trust also wishes to thank Matt Hill, Jack Newton, Ben Nicholls, Steve Westcott and Chris Wilkinson for designing the installation 'Exercise One – Kite Assembly' in the Grand Ballroom at the London Hilton for the Awards Dinner on 27 June. Thanks also to Carl Robertshaw of Kite Related Design for realising the group's ideas and supporting the project by fabricating and installing it. The installation will be on display at the RIBA, 66 Portland Place for summer 2008.
8. The RIBA awards programme, was re-organised in 2007 in a pyramid structure. **RIBA Awards** are judged and presented locally. The next level is the **RIBA National Awards** which are judged and presented nationally. **The RIBA Stirling Prize** shortlist is selected following further visits to winners of the RIBA National Awards and of **RIBA European Awards** for buildings in the rest of the EU.
9. The RIBA Stirling Prize jury comprises architecture specialists and lay judges from the arts. The 2008 judges are Gordon Murray – architect, Murray Dunlop Architects; Shelley McNamara – architect, Grafton Architects; Ben van Berkel – architect, UN Studio in the Netherlands; Kieran Long – Editor, *The Architects' Journal* and Lauren Laverne – presenter of BBC's *The Culture Show*.
10. The RIBA Trust manages the cultural assets of the Royal Institute of British Architects (RIBA), including the internationally recognised collections of the British Architectural Library. It is the UK's national architecture centre, delivering the RIBA Awards and RIBA Stirling Prize (broadcast on Channel 4); the Royal Gold Medal; International and Honorary Fellowships; a full programme of lectures, exhibitions, tours and other events; and an education programme.