HOTEL ENCANTO HONOURED WITH IALD AWARD OF MERIT
LIGHTING DESIGN BY LIGHTTEAM

PHILADELPHIA, PA USA, 18 MAY 2011 | Seventeen award winners representing architectural lighting design projects from nine countries comprise the winners of the 28th Annual International Association of Lighting Designers (IALD) International Lighting Design Awards, recognized at a presentation held 18 May at the Crystal Tea Room in Philadelphia, PA USA.

Accepting the IALD Award of Merit for the HOTEL ENCANTO was Gustavo Avilés, IALD, of Lighteam.

Located in the hills of Las Brisas in Acapulco, México, with a spectacular view of the bay, Hotel Encanto is demonstrative of light and architecture working together at the same time with the same tools. The strong collaborative relationship and shared vision of architect Miguel Angel Aragonés and lighting designer Gustavo Avilés, IALD, made the seamless balance of natural and electrical light possible.

“Colored light can be overstated, too simple, or chaotic, but not in the hands of this skilled design team,” commented one judge on the Hotel Encanto design. “The daytime and nighttime experiences at this hotel are both remarkable—light and view are brought inside in a way that shows off the bold architectural geometries. Nighttime color creates the art on the walls and serenely balances a dark sky.”

At Hotel Encanto, light is not only to be seen, but to smell, taste, hear and even touch. Careful selection of light sources and color temperature combined with the dynamics of a fully programmed control system help create and re-create space.

Another judge observed, “This project demonstrates a sophisticated use of colored light that is culturally appropriate, reinforcing the architectural statements and making them stronger.”

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.

The International Association of Lighting Designers (IALD), established in 1969, is an international organization supporting a network of 800 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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28th ANNUAL INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF LIGHTING DESIGNERS AWARDS PROJECT CREDITS

HOTEL ENCANTO
ACAPULCO, MÉXICO

LIGHTING DESIGN
GUSTAVO AVILÉS, IALD
LIGHTTEAM

ADDITIONAL CREDITS
ARCHITECT LIGHTING DESIGN
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