

Robert Hidey Architects Scores Big at 2015 PCBC

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Robert Hidey Architects picked up two Grand Awards and nine Merit Awards at the 52nd Gold Nugget Awards in San Diego, on June 25, for projects across California that were recognized for “improving communities through exceptional concepts in design, planning and development.” The 30-year-old, Irvine-based firm, which has won hundreds of Gold Nugget awards over the years, continues to redefine residential living by designing homes that pay homage to regional architectural styles and embody unique features – including exceptional indoor/outdoor connectivity and numerous options to customize homes to meet individual needs – while utilizing the latest building materials and technologies.

Estates at Del Sur, developed by Standard Pacific Homes, garnered two Grand awards: “Residential Housing Community of the Year – Detached Neighborhood” and “Single Family Detached Home – Over 5,000 sq. ft.” Clustered within Black Mountain Ranch in Northern San Diego, these sprawling, single-story homes are informed by rural Spanish and Italian architecture; the homes, which wrap around a tranquil, traditional courtyard, foster outdoor living and admit an abundance of outdoor light.

In Silicon Valley, RHA’s residential design for Apricot Commons, a 21-unit, pedestrian-friendly community for Santa Clara Developments, took home the Merit Award for “Single Family Detached Home – 2,000 to 2,499 sq. ft.” Charming three-story homes in California’s signature Craftsman and Mediterranean styles at Apricot

Commons maximize square footage with practical, open floor plans featuring sizable bedrooms and open spaces for dining and entertaining.

Oliva, an enclave in San Juan Capistrano developed by The New Home Company, took home three merit awards, including “Residential Housing Community of the Year (Detached Neighborhood).” Oliva’s residential designs are informed by the town’s rich Spanish Mission heritage and echo a true California – living tone with breezeways, courtyards and extra-wide, multi-folding glass doors that seamlessly connect to the outdoors. Two home plans garnered Merit awards in the “Single Family Detached Home 4,000 to 5,000 sq. ft” and “over 5,000 sq. ft.,” categories, respectively.

Trevi and Amelia, two high-end neighborhoods developed by The New Home Company within Irvine’s most exclusive master-planned community, Orchard Hills, reaped several merit awards. Nestled in an existing grove of olive trees, Trevi, a 37-unit community, won “Residential Community of the Year-‘Detached Neighborhood.’” One of the Trevi plans that offers a contemporary take on Mediterranean style – defined by its extensive connection to the outdoors and free of interior partitions – won a merit award for “Single Family Detached Over 5,000 sq. ft.” An Amelia plan, also designed in the Mediterranean spirit with a rustic textured stone façade and an abundance of outdoor living spaces, won “Single Family Detached Home – 4,000-5,000 sq. ft.”

“By combining tradition with innovation, our team comes up with design solutions for residences that live well and become the landmarks of their communities,” says Robert Hidey, president of Robert Hidey Architects in Irvine.

To see more of Robert Hidey Architects’ work, please visit their newly redesigned website: www.roberthidey.com.

About Robert Hidey Architects:

For more than 20 years, Robert Hidey Architects (RHA) has pioneered housing trends that have enriched the residential environments of numerous communities throughout North America and the world. Based in Southern California, the 40-member company is among the most noted design firms in the United States with work everywhere from Newport Beach to Beijing.

RHA came to the attention of the developer community in 1994, after completing its first award-winning project, a luxury merchant builder project for Taylor Woodrow Homes in Irvine called Mahogany. Since then, the firm has gone on to complete the design of thousands of units of housing for more than 100 top development companies, including Rancho Mission Viejo Company, The New Home Company, Irvine Company, Brookfield Homes, Standard Pacific, Taylor Morrison, KB Homes, Toll Brothers and Richmond American Homes, while winning hundreds of industry awards along the way from such institutions as the Pacific Coast Builder’s Conference, Best in American Living, The Nationals and Builder’s Choice. In 2009, Robert Hidey was inducted into the Wm. S. Marvin Hall of Fame for Design Excellence, a coveted honor bestowed on one or two of America’s top residential builders and architects per year. For more info, please go to roberthidey.com.