

# SCOTTISH HOME AWARDS 2010



## And the winners are...

Miller Homes take top spot at awards highlighting the best in the business, writes Kirsty McLuckie

**M**ILLER Homes were awarded the top prize at last Thursday's Scottish Homes Awards. The company collected three awards, and won the ultimate accolade, the Gillespie Macandrew Housebuilder of the Year Award, with comments from the judges praising it as a company that has performed consistently well not just in Scotland but across the UK.

The winners of the third annual awards were announced at a sold-out event in Edinburgh at the Sheraton Hotel, hosted by BBC newsreader Catriona Shearer. Four hundred and fifty of the nation's builders, architects and housing associations celebrated the best new-build housing in Scotland and enjoyed the comic relief of stand-up Kevin Bridges.

Miller Homes also collected the prize for Apartment of the Year for Ferry Village at Braehead, Glasgow, in a category which was open to flats up to the value of £175,000.

Judges praised the company for helping buyers get on the property ladder, as well as for the concept and the design of the building.

Other major prizes went to Mactaggart and Mickel, who won the Small Housebuilder of the Year, and Bellway Homes for Large Housebuilder of the Year.

Cutting-edge design was also recognised with awards given to StudioDub for Designer House of the Year, for a home in Craiglockhart, Edinburgh, described as way ahead of anything else on the market through its imaginative design. The house was designed to make the most of sunshine and shade to heat and cool the interior efficiently.

The Luxury House of the Year went to Forbes of Kingennie, for its rural development Kingennie Fields, in the outskirts of Broughty Ferry, Dundee.



Clockwise from main: the 2010 award winners gather at the ceremony; The Pronorm Kitchens by Ekco, Architectural Excellence Award winner, 33 Circus Lane, Edinburgh; City Apartment of the Year, Park House, Glasgow; Gillespie Macandrew Rural Development of the Year, Wood of Coldrain, Kinross, Perthshire

RMJM was also praised for its attention to architectural detail while picking up an award for Park House, Glasgow in the City Apartment of the Year category.

In the hotly contested House of the Year category, niche builder Story Homes fought off major rivals to win

for its design for Summerpark Home in Dumfries, the judges impressed by its vernacular style.

Awards recognised the creative efforts to breathe new life into old buildings as well as new-build. The Conversion of the Year saw entries from a great variety of shells that had been

transformed over the past year, ranging from farms, school houses and barracks to hospitals, steadings and bothies. The award was shared between two winners the judges couldn't separate; Jam Studio's Little Maldron Mill, Torphins, Aberdeenshire a contemporary home created from farm buildings, and

WTArchitecture's 33 Circus Lane, Edinburgh. The Circus Lane project also took the award for Architectural Excellence recognising the dramatic conversion of a New Town mews house, with the use of glass floors and innovative methods turning a subterranean space into usable rooms.



The awards, sponsored by ros.gov.uk, are run in partnership with housebuilders, sponsors and an expert judging panel to recognise the best in new build created in the past year. The winners received a specially commissioned award statue and a marketing pack designed to help boost sales.

The chairwoman of the judging panel, Margo Macdonald, said: "It's very difficult to sell houses at the moment but, hopefully, our winners will now have the edge over the competition by showing their developments as truly award-winning in a highly respected programme, which has great support

from the industry. "Anyone delivering new homes in this environment is worthy of recognition, but these winners have really excelled." More than 50 businesses made the finals. The judging was carried out by a 14-strong panel of industry experts.

### THE WINNERS

## Eyes on the prize



Above, Luxury House of the Year, the Type 1 House at Kingennie Fields, Dundee; left, The ros.gov.uk Waterside Development of the Year, gh2o, Glasgow; below, Large Affordable Housing Development of the Year, Goosander Place, Edinburgh

**THE GILLESPIE MACANDREW HOUSEBUILDER OF THE YEAR**  
Miller Homes

**THE PRONORM KITCHENS BY EKCO, ARCHITECTURAL EXCELLENCE AWARD**  
WTArchitecture, 33 Circus Lane, Edinburgh

**CITY APARTMENT OF THE YEAR**  
RMJM for Park House, Glasgow.

**THE MCL SALES AND MARKETING TEAM OF THE YEAR**  
Miller Homes

**THE ELEVATE CONVERSION OF THE YEAR**  
(was shared by two properties  
Jam Studio's Little Maldron Mill, Torphins, Aberdeenshire and WTArchitecture's 33 Circus Lane, Edinburgh)

**THE SHELTER COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP OF THE YEAR**  
R3 - Taylor Wimpey & Cruden Homes, Stirling Bridge, Raploch, Stirling

**THE WHAT HOUSE? DESIGNER HOUSE OF THE YEAR**  
Studio DuB, for 9 Craiglockhart Loan, Edinburgh

**SMALL AFFORDABLE HOUSING DEVELOPMENT OF THE YEAR AWARDS**  
Servite Housing Association for West Heather Road, Inverness

**ESPC APARTMENT OF THE YEAR**  
Miller Homes for Ferry Village, Braehead, Glasgow

**LARGE AFFORDABLE HOUSING DEVELOPMENT OF THE YEAR AWARD**  
Leith Housing Association for Goosander Place, Edinburgh

**DESIGNER CONTRACTS LUXURY HOUSE OF THE YEAR**  
Forbes of Kingennie for Type 1 House at Kingennie Fields, Dundee

**THE HIGHLY COMMENDED SMALL HOUSING ASSOCIATION OF THE YEAR**  
Craigdale Housing Association

**GILLESPIE MACANDREW RURAL DEVELOPMENT OF THE YEAR**  
Richmond Homes for Wood of Coldrain, Kinross, Perthshire

**THE LARGE HOUSING ASSOCIATION OF THE YEAR**  
Link Group

**THE ROS.GOV.UK WATERSIDE DEVELOPMENT OF THE YEAR**  
Dandara, gh2o, Glasgow.

**DESIGNER CONTRACTS HOUSE OF THE YEAR**  
Story Homes for Summerpark, Dumfries

**THE SCOTSMAN SMALL HOUSEBUILDER OF THE YEAR**  
Mactaggart & Mickel Homes

**THE SCOTLAND ON SUNDAY LARGE HOUSEBUILDER OF THE YEAR**  
Bellway Homes Scotland

