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## ONTARIO'S TOP INTERIOR DESIGNERS CELEBRATED AT THE 2012 ARIDO AWARDS GALA

**Toronto, ON – September 20, 2012** – The Association of Registered Interior Designers of Ontario (ARIDO) announced the winners of its annual Awards program during a gala dinner last night at the Liberty Grand in Toronto. One of the most highly regarded honours in the industry, the ARIDO Awards recognize excellence, innovation and creativity in interior design. This year's winners include a Project of the Year, 2 Awards of Excellence and 19 Awards of Merit, including one Award of Merit for Sustainable Design. (See attached list.)

ARIDO member Johnson Chou of the Toronto-based firm Johnson Chou Inc. received the coveted Project of the Year Award for the project Sixty Colborne, a condominium presentation centre located across the street from Saint James Cathedral in downtown Toronto. With this project, Chou demonstrated that a marketing centre could push the boundaries of modern interior design while fulfilling the client's sales objectives.

"ARIDO members consistently defy expectations, creating ground-breaking, world-class projects," says ARIDO president Sue Bennett. "There are dozens of marketing centres built in Ontario every year, but Sixty Colborne stands out from the crowd. It is a true creative expression."

As in past years, the ARIDO Awards showcase a wide range of interior design talent: from retail to residential and from corporate to institutional, as well as major restoration projects. In addition to the Sixty Colborne project, the Awards of Excellence include the Telus Generation 2 Store, a flagship Telus store located in Laval, Quebec, and a renovation of Polar Securities Bay Street offices.

One project received additional recognition for its commitment to environmental sustainability. Erin Armstrong and Caroline Hughes of figure3 received an Award of Merit and an Award of Merit: Sustainable Design for their project Nova Scotia Power.

"ARIDO congratulates all award winners," says Bennett. "Their talent and commitment to design excellence strengthen ARIDO's position as the guardian of the highest standards for interior design in Ontario."

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### **About ARIDO**

*ARIDO is the self-regulatory professional association for interior designers in Ontario, Canada. ARIDO's mandate is to serve the interests of both the public and the interior design industry. It does so by registering interior designers who meet an established standard of education, experience and examination, and identifies them as such, so that the public may make an informed choice for quality service. For more information on ARIDO, please visit [arido.ca](http://arido.ca).*

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**2012 ARIDO Awards recipients:**

**Project of the Year:** Sixty Colborne

**Interior Designer:** Johnson Chou /**Design Firm:** Johnson Chou Inc.

**2 Awards of Excellence:**

**Project:** Telus Generation 2 Store

**Interior Designer:** Chris Wright and Andrew Gallici /**Design Firm:** figure3

**Project:** Polar Securities Office Renovation

**Interior Designer:** Chen Cohen /**Design Firm:** Maclennan Jaunkalns Miller Architects

**18 Awards of Merit:**

**Project:** 150\_W Residence

**Interior Designer:** Neal Prabhu /**Design Firm:** nkArchitect

**Project:** Pied-à-Terre

**Interior Designer:** Michel Arcand and Don Parker /**Design Firm:** IN8 Design Inc.

**Project:** McLaren/Pfaff Tuning

**Interior Designer:** George Papadatos and Steve Cascone /**Design Firm:** Mayhew

**Project:** The Metrick System

**Interior Designer:** Cheryl Krismer /**Design Firm:** Crayon Design Co.

**Project:** Optimus | SBR

**Interior Designer:** Jacqueling Claassen and Donna Wood /**Design Firm:** Bullock Associates Design Consultants Inc.

**Project:** DRAFTFCB

**Interior Designer:** Inger Bartlett and Lynn Nguyen /**Design Firm:** Bartlett & Associates

**Project:** FMC Law

**Interior Designer:** Peter Heys /**Design Firm:** IBI Group

**Project:** Teva Cafeteria

**Interior Designer:** Michelle Sta. Ana-Ascenzi /**Design Firm:** Perkins + Will

**Project:** ARIDO Headquarters

**Interior Designer:** Chantal Frenette /**Design Firm:** modo

**Project:** Mark Anthony Brands

**Interior Designer:** Bryan Chartier /**Design Firm:** Giannone Petricone Associates Inc.

**Project:** 590 King Street West

**Interior Designer:** Brian Bettencourt /**Design Firm:** Watt International

**Project:** Ronald McDonald House Toronto

**Interior Designer:** Anne Carlyle /**Design Firm:** Carlyle Design Associates

**Project:** 88 Scott Sales Centre  
**Interior Designer:** Kelly Cray /**Design Firm:** UNION31

**Project:** Quartz/Spectra Model Suite  
**Interior Designer:** Suzanne Bettencourt and Chris Wright /**Design Firm:** figure3

**Project:** McGregor Community Centre Lounge  
**Interior Designer:** Tania Bortolotto /**Design Firm:** Bortolotto Design Architect Inc.

**Project:** Old Fort Erie Interpretive Centre  
**Interior Designer:** Cathy Misiaszek /**Design Firm:** Reich + Petch Design International

**Project:** New Delta Guestroom Brand Standards  
**Interior Designer:** Randa Tukan /**Design Firm:** HOK

**I Award of Merit + Award of Merit: Sustainable Design**

**Project:** Nova Scotia Power  
**Interior Designer:** Caroline Hughes and Erin Armstrong /**Design Firm:** figure3