

Build design

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REVIEWING ARCHITECTURE IN KENYA AND THE REGION



Main Feature: Enashipai Resort & Spa

Profile: Architect Peter Thomas

Event: AAK Awards of Excellence

Opinion: Identity Crisis in Kenyan Urban Centres

Best residential building project |

Finalists:

1. Tudor Apartments, Mombasa – **Urko Sanchez**
2. Residential Plot 7158 / 509, (Nairobi) : **Studio Infinity**
3. Radhadesh House, Gigiri, Nairobi – **Hitesh Mehta, 1998**
4. Lakeview Birdwing Plan, Nyari Estate, Nairobi – **Vette Jorgensen, 1995**

Winner: Residential Plot 7158 / 509, (Nairobi): **STUDIO INFINITY**

'A restrained and comforting house that delights through its welcoming scale, calm use of pleasant materials, and generous sense of easy living. Avoiding the decorative coatings or commonly applied cladding of many modern single family houses, this design is truthful in its use of

materials. It resonates with tropical house types in many African and global locations, and joins a long tradition of calm places for family life, defined by an ease with which nature and people share urban or semi-urban plots of land.'



Residential Plot 7158/509

Best commercial building project

Finalists:

1. Coca-Cola East & Central Africa Business Unit Head Office, Upper Hill – **Triad Architects & Gapp Architects & Urban Designers - 2008**
2. The Courtyard, Westlands, Nairobi – **Bowman Associates Architects**
3. Kpcu Clean Coffee Warehouse, Nairobi – **Triad Architects, 1978**

Winner: The Courtyard, Westlands, Nairobi - **BOWMAN ASSOCIATES ARCHITECTS**

'A compact and appropriately scaled building, with pleasing proportions and sufficient detail for everyday business life. Its heart is a serene and balanced space, extraordinary for its sense of drama.

This project shows that it is possible to create uplifting places in the sometimes nondescript new development zones along previously suburban streets in densifying cities across Kenya and the continent.'



The Courtyard, Westlands

Best hospitality industry project:

Finalists:

1. Mpata Safari Club, Maasai Mara, - **Triad Architects & Edward Suzuki & Associates, 1978**
2. Red Pepper House, Lamu - **Urko Sanchez Architects, 2012**

Winner: Red Pepper House, Lamu - **URKO SANCHEZ ARCHITECTS, 2012**

'A truly exceptionally crafted building, nestled with extreme care and a unique sense of flair and daring into its coastal forest setting. The building footprint is almost divined out of the forces at play on the site. The assembly process is as

rigorously considered and expressed as the research that underlies the intelligent engagement with the client. The project is lovingly made, and is presented with a care and consideration that shows true passion for the art and the craft of architecture.'



Red Pepper house, Lamu

Best cultural building project

Winner: Manda Airport, Lamu – **Adventis Inhouse Africa**

'A finely crafted, uplifting and truly civic building that respects the soul of the stressed and hurrying traveller, and the spirit of place of the historic town near which it is set. A richly textured and poetic alternative to the prosaic, mostly unbearable and soulless places that punctuate travel in

remote locations in Kenya and across the world. 'A true Place to be, while you are on your way to somewhere else.'



Manda Airport, Lamu