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At the end of September, the Interior Designers Institute of British Columbia (IDIBC) presented its 28th annual Awards of Excellence at the Vancouver Convention Centre. The award ceremony was held in conjunction with the Interior Design Show West trade day.

A record number of submissions were received this year, from members of both the IDIBC and the Architectural Institute of British Columbia. In the end, a panel of judges chose to bestow 46 awards: Best in Show, 16 Gold, 16 Silver and 13 Bronze. Categories represented



are Residential - Total; Multi-residential & Sales Centres; Workplace - Total; Workplace - Partial; Retail & Kiosks; Healthcare; Public & Institutional Spaces; and Hospitality. Winning Best in Show as



Clockwise from top far left Xthum, a multi-purpose space within a university classroom building, by Public Architecture + Communication (Public Space/Institutional: Gold; along with Best in Show); Oru Restaurant, a Pan-Asian hotel restaurant/bar, by McFarlane/Green/Biggar Architecture + Design (Hospitality: Gold); Camp Fiorante Matthews Lawyers, an office update for a law firm, by False Creek Design Group (Workplace - Partial: Gold); IQmetrix, a head office for a software developer, by SSDG Interiors (Workplace - Total: Gold); and Private Residence - Upper Lonsdale, a renovation of a family home, by BYU Design (Residential - Total: Gold).

well as Gold is Xthum, by Public Architecture + Communication. This multi-purpose space within an existing classroom building at Surrey's Kwantlen Polytechnic University - artfully clad in curved

plywood strips - reaches up and out, establishing connections to the sky and forest. (Xthum, we're happy to remind our readers, also won one of CFI's Best of Canada awards). Other winners of multiple



IDIBC Awards (including at least one Gold) number seven: McFarlane/Green/Biggar Architecture + Design (three Gold, one Silver, one Bronze); False Creek Design Group (2 Gold); SSDG Interiors (one Gold, three Bronze); BYU Design (one Gold, two Bronze); e+ Design and Construction (one Gold, one Bronze); Insight Design Group (one Gold, one Bronze); and MCM Interiors (one Gold, one Bronze).

Other multiple winners number two: Stantec Architecture (three Silver, one Bronze); and B+H CHIL Design (three Silver).

To view a full list of award recipients, visit idibc.org. To see photos taken at the award celebration, see Who's Who on page 63.

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