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Finalists in NZ's premier building awards

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National finalists have been announced in the Registered Master Builders 2008 House of the Year and RMB Commercial Project Awards, in association with PlaceMakers.

100 Gold Reserve finalists represent the best of more than 650 entrants in 20 regional competitions held throughout New Zealand during June, July and August.

The competition is in its 18th year and awards excellence in workmanship by Registered Master Builders throughout the country.

These finalists will now vie for New Zealand's top two building honours - the 2008 House of the Year (winner of the PlaceMakers Supreme Award), and the RMB Commercial Project of the Year. These supreme titles, together with category and Lifestyle Award winners will be announced at a black-tie gala dinner in Auckland in November.

Registered Master Builders Federation acting chief executive Chris Preston says 2008 has been another impressive year for the competition, which has received a large number of high-quality entries.

"The quality of gold reserve finalists this year has seen the national benchmark raised once again. With the introduction of the Sustainable Home Awards into the 2008 competition we have also seen an impressive display of green building."

PlaceMakers chief executive David Edwards also acknowledges the high standard which entrants have to achieve to make gold reserve.

"The gold standard is a universal recommendation of quality - how fitting that the competition uses this standard as the entry point for those that aspire to the supreme award. The commercial project awards and house of the year competition truly represent the pursuit of excellence in building. I look forward the national final in November and to celebrate with New Zealand's finest."

The finalists' properties will be judged during October.

The House of the Year and RMB Commercial Project Awards are made possible through the support of principal sponsor PlaceMakers and supporting sponsors James Hardie, GIB Living Solutions®, Pink® Batts® UltraÔ (Tasman Insulation), Mico Bathrooms, Housing New Zealand Corporation, Nulook, Future-Proof BuildingÔ, Pacific Steel Group, QBE Insurance, Department of Building and Housing and Meridian.

See below for a list of finalists collated by region. For more information, to arrange interviews or to source images, please contact:

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Registered Master Builders 2008 House of the Year

and RMB Commercial Project Awards

in association with PlaceMakers

Gold Reserve National Finalists - by Category

PlaceMakers Renovation \$250,000 - \$ 500,000

- McKenzie Builders Limited for a property in Waikuku Beach, North Canterbury
- Peter Vossen Builders Limited for a property in Matamata
- C J Ryan Limited for a property in Miramar Wellington

PlaceMakers Renovation over \$ 500,000

- Richard Wilcock Builder Limited for a property in Sandspit, Warkworth
- Bonham Builders and Management Limited for a property in Castor Bay, Auckland
- Holah Homes for a property in Beerescourt, Hamilton

New Homes \$250,000 - \$350,000

- Hornastle Homes for two properties - the first in Lincoln, and the second in Avonside, Christchurch
- Stonewood Homes Limited for their property in Merivale Christchurch
- Cavalier Homes Marlborough for their property in Springlands, Blenheim
- Endeavour Homes for their property in Stoke, Nelson
- Alpine Homes NZ Limited for their property in Pisa North, Cromwell
- Harwood Homes NZ Limited for their property in Papamoa Beach, Tauranga
- Key Homes Tauranga Limited for their property in Bethlehem, Tauranga
- Steve Fox Builders Limited for their property in Whareroa, Taupo
- Stonewood Homes Hamilton Limited for their property in St James, Hamilton
- Pinnacle Building Limited for their property in Te Awamutu

New Homes \$350,000 - \$450,000

- Gateway Homes Limited for their property in Howick, Auckland
- Stonewood Homes for their property in Merivale, Christchurch
- Ruben Homes NZ Limited for their property in St Albans, Christchurch
- Real Builders Limited for their property in Brooklands, Christchurch
- Jennian Homes Gisborne for their property in Okitu, Gisborne
- Endeavour Homes (Blenheim) Limited for their property in Blenheim
- Inhaus Limited for their property in Little Kaiteriteri, Nelson
- Glencoe Construction Limited for their property in Tihiotonga, Rotorua
- Coastline Homes for their property in Papamoa, Tauranga
- Kuriger Builders Tauranga Limited for their property in Papamoa, Tauranga
- David Reid Homes (BOP) Limited for their property in Papamoa, Tauranga
- Terry Clegg Builders Limited for their property in Bell Block, New Plymouth
- Hassall Homes Limited for their property in Hawera
- Jennian Homes Waikato Limited for their property in Hamilton
- Stonewood Homes Tauranga Limited for their property in Matamata

New Homes \$450,000 - \$650,000

- The House Company (Rodney) Limited for their property in Warkworth (also a national finalist in Meridian Sustainable Homes \$500,000 - \$1million)
- Jennian Homes Northland Limited for their property in Glenbervie, Whangarei
- Benchmark Homes for their property in Harewood, Christchurch
- Real Builders Limited for their property in Prebbleton, Christchurch
- Homeworx Design and Build Limited for their property in Taradale, Napier
- Urbo Homes for their property in Te Ngae, Rotorua
- G Jakes Construction Limited for their property in Hamilton (also a national finalist in Meridian Sustainable Homes \$500,000 - \$1million)
- S & J Mackay Builders Limited for their property in Waikanae

New Homes \$650,000 - \$1 million

- Nautica Homes Limited for their property in Omaha, Auckland

- Rod Percival Builders Limited for their property in Whangapoua, Coromandel (also a finalist in Meridian Sustainable Homes \$500,000 - \$1million)
- Coromandel Peninsula Construction Limited for their property in Whenuakite (Cooks Beach), Coromandel
- Lindesay Construction Limited for their property in Paroa Bay, Russell
- Jim the Builder Limited for their property in Papanui, Christchurch
- Metzger Builders Limited - MBL, for their property in Papanui, Christchurch
- Shaw Builders Limited for their property in Omanu, Mt Maunganui
- Murray Pedersen Builders Limited for their property in Papamoa, Tauranga
- Terry Clegg Builders Limited for their property Oakura, New Plymouth
- John Fretwell Builders Limited for their property in Ohope Beach, Whakatane
- Prestige Homes Limited for their property in Hamilton East
- John S Macdonald Builders Limited for their property in Hamilton

New Homes over \$1million

- Richard Wilcock Builder Limited for their property in Omaha, Auckland
- P W Design and Build Limited for their property in Taupaki, Auckland
- Nautica Homes Limited for their property in Matakana, North Auckland
- Rod Percival Builders Limited for their property in Hahei, Whitianga
- Design Construction Limited for their property in Broadoaks, Christchurch (also a national finalist in Sustainable Homes over \$1million)
- Wilson Building Limited for their property in Albury, Fairlie
- Shaw Builders Limited for their property in Mt Maunganui, Tauranga
- John S Macdonald Builders Limited for their property Horsham Downs, Hamilton
- R J Alderton Builders Limited for their property in Hamilton
- Holmes Wellington Limited for their property in Seatoun, Wellington

Nulook Builder's Own Home Award

- Jard Construction Limited for their property in Stillwater, Auckland (also a national finalist in Meridian Sustainable Homes \$500,000 - \$1million)
- T P Builders Limited for their property in Birkenhead, Auckland
- Metzger Builders Limited - MBL, for their property in Hampton Grange, Belfast, Christchurch

- Sugrue Construction Limited for their property in Redcliffs, Christchurch
- Design Builders Limited for their property in Havelock North
- Hallmark Homes for their property in Ohope (also a national finalist in Meridian Sustainable Homes \$500,000 - \$1million)
- Innovative Homes Limited for their property in Norfolk Downs, Cambridge

James Hardie Show Home Award

- Haven Anselmi Ridge Limited for their property in Pukekohe, Auckland (also a finalist in the Meridian Sustainable Homes \$500,000 - \$1million)
- Inhaus Limited for their property in Stoke, Nelson
- Ezebuild Limited for their property in Tasman, Nelson
- David Reid Homes (Southern Lakes) Limited for their property in Kelvin Heights, Queenstown
- Penny Homes Tauranga Limited for their property in The Lakes, Tauranga
- Taylor Developments Limited for their property in Papamoa, Tauranga
- Innovative Homes Limited for their property in Norfolk Downs, Cambridge
- Holah Homes for their property in Rototuna, Hamilton
- Downey Designer Homes for two properties in Woodridge, Hamilton
- David Reid Homes (Kapiti) Limited for their property in Ohau

Department of Building and Housing Sustainable Homes under \$500,000

- Future Homes NZ Limited for their property in Acacia Bay, Taupo
- Robert Caldana Builder Limited for their property in Greymouth
- Tony White Builders for their property in St Johns Hill, Wanganui

Meridian Sustainable Homes \$500,000 - \$1million

- Jard Construction Limited for their property in Stillwater Auckland (also a finalist in the Nulook Builder's Own Home Award)
- Haven Anselmi Ridge Limited for their property in Pukekohe (also a finalist in the James Hardie Show Home Award)
- The House Company (Rodney) Limited for their property in Warkworth (also a finalist in New Homes \$450,000 - \$650,000)
- Rod Percival Builders Limited for their property in Whangapoua, Coromandel (also a finalist in New Homes \$650,000 - \$1million)

- Carlton Richards Limited for their property in Upper Moutere, Nelson
- Hallmark Homes for their property in Ohope Beach (also a finalist in the Nulook Builder's Own Home Award)
- G Jakes Construction Limited for their property in Hamilton (also a finalist in New Homes \$450,000 - \$650,000)

Sustainable Homes over \$1million

- Design Construction for their property in Broadoaks, Christchurch (also a finalist in New Homes over \$1million)
- Haimes Building Limited for their property in Wharewaka Point, Taupo

QBE Insurance Retail and Business Commercial Project

- Mainzeal Property and Construction Limited for Sovereign House, in Takapuna, Auckland
- Livingstone for Money Mart in Te Rapa, Hamilton
- McKee Fehl Constructors Limited for Conservation House, in Wellington

Health Commercial Project

- Pukekohe Builders Limited for Optik Eyecare in Pukekohe, Auckland
- Hawkins Construction Limited for Waiatarau - Waitakere Acute Mental Health Unit, in Waitakere
- Mainzeal Property and Construction Limited for Canterbury Charity Hospital Trust in Harewood, Christchurch

Education Commercial Project

- McMillan & Lockwood PN Limited for Mana Tamariki in Terrace End, Palmerston North
- Colmac Construction Limited for NZ Seventh-Day Adventist Schools Association in Bethlehem, Tauranga
- McMillan & Lockwood and Naylor Love for Wanganui UCOL Matapihi Ki te Ao, in Wanganui

Pacific Steel Industrial/Utility Commercial Project

- Amalgamated Builders Limited for Tiwai Point, New Zealand Aluminium Smelters in Awarua, Invercargill
- Stanley Construction Limited for RAL Turoa High Noon Terminal Buildings in Mt Ruapehu, Ohakune
- Wells & Wadsworth Construction 1996 Limited for Main Prison Facilities in Kaitoke, Wanganui
- Mainzeal Property and Construction Limited for Wellington Airport International Terminal Alterations, in Wellington

Tourism and Leisure Commercial Project

- Mainzeal Property and Construction Limited for Combined Clubs & Marlborough District Council

Convention Centre, in Blenheim

- Hawkins Construction Limited for Te Puia in Whakarewarewa, Rotorua
- Rilean Construction (South Island) Limited for Novotel Gardens Hotel, Queenstown

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Notes to Editors

About Registered Master Builders 2008 House of the Year and RMB Commercial Project Awards, in association with PlaceMakers

- The Registered Master Builders House of the Year and RMB Commercial Project Awards, in association with PlaceMakers is New Zealand's premier residential and commercial building awards programme
- Now in its 18th year, the awards recognise excellence, quality and innovation in building work
- These are the only awards that recognise building excellence in different budget categories, including new homes under \$250,000, renovation price categories and commercial projects, large and small
- Residential Categories include the PlaceMakers Renovation awards (three price categories under \$250,000, \$250,000 - \$500,000 and over \$500,000); New Home awards (six price categories from under \$250,000 to over \$1 million); the Nulook Builder's Own Home Award; the James Hardie Show Home Award; and the Housing New Zealand Community Development Award, Sustainable Homes awards (three price categories - Department of Building and Housing under \$500,000, Meridian \$500,000 - \$1 million, and over \$1 million); and Lifestyle awards (Gib Living Solutions, Pink Batts Ultra Energy Efficiency, Heart of the Home Kitchen, Mico Bathrooms Excellence; and Future Proof Building awards)
- Commercial Categories include; QBE Insurance Retail and Business Project; Education Project; Health Project; Pacific Steel Industrial/Utility Project; and Tourism and Leisure Project
- The judges don't focus on the quality of the fittings or the design. Instead they are interested in how the job has been executed - is the workmanship enduring, of the highest standard and top class?
- Entry to the competition is open to all registered master builders. Members recognise the awards as important recognition from their peers and an effective way to market their businesses

About Registered Master Builders Federation (RMBF)

- The Registered Master Builders Federation (RMBF) represents New Zealand's premier building companies who pride themselves on delivering the highest quality houses and buildings to their clients
- RMBF members represent 65% of every dollar spent on construction each year; RMBF members are responsible for \$7 billion of the \$11 billion spent annually in New Zealand
- RMBF has been in existence for more than 100 years, providing industry leadership, training and services for its members
- RMBF has more than 1780 registered master builder member companies nationwide, who employ more than

15,000 employees and subcontractors

- There are 22 regional Registered Master Builders Associations throughout New Zealand
- Registered Master Builders are assessed on their building experience, trade or professional qualifications, practical experience, financial viability, client satisfaction and workmanship before membership is approved
- When engaging a Registered Master Builder for a new home, or residential alterations or additions (built under either full contract or a labour-only contract), clients will be offered a Master Build 7-Year Guarantee, which covers loss of deposit, non-completion of the work, defective workmanship and materials and structural defects (conditions apply)

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