



Portico Barbados is delighted to announce that it has been awarded the prestigious five-star CNBC Americas Property Award for **Best International Apartment 2009**



From left to right: Richard Young, Managing Director West Coast Villas; Mr Vinda D. RamSingh and Chris Salt, Managing Director, Aberconia Ltd. accepted the awards for Portico Barbados.



Becoming a world-beating company in the highly competitive property industry is no ordinary feat. Achieving this level of success takes a vast amount of talent and expertise not to mention an iron will to excel above all others. That's exactly what Aberconia Ltd, the company behind the prestigious Portico development on Prospect Beach, St James, Barbados has done as the ultimate winners of this year's International Property Awards in association with CNBC Arabia.

Portico won the Best International Apartment Award at a prestigious gala dinner held at the US Grant Hotel in San Diego, California on Thursday, November 12th 2009. Only the top scoring winners from over 100 countries were nominated to represent the finest property companies from across the U.K, Europe, Africa, the Americas, Arabia and Asia Pacific.

The International Property Awards span 36 different categories; entrants are initially judged at country or regional level with the two most outstanding entries in each category awarded a four-star award; the best overall entry is given a prestigious five-star recognition. Portico won the five-star award for Best Apartment in the Caribbean and Best Development on the Caribbean. Each five-star winner's entry is then re-examined to determine which companies go forward to be judged for the ultimate World's Best Awards. This symbol of worldwide excellence is already recognised and appreciated by an increasingly well informed and discerning public.

Entries were judged by a panel of 52 independent international professionals whose collective knowledge of the property industry is unsurpassed by any other property awards. The International Property Awards are supported by 12 professional bodies such as the National House Builder's council, the Royal Institute of Chartered Surveyors and the National Association of Realtors; many of these associations are represented on the judging panel.

Mr Chris Salt, C.E.O and Chairman of Aberconia Ltd, said of achieving this award: "I am both humbled and extraordinarily proud. To have won the regional Caribbean awards was fantastic. To then go on and win the award for Best Apartment in the Americas was unbelievable. But to win the Best International Apartment award simply surpassed all expectations. I personally saw a couple of the other finalists' entries before the event and knew that the standard of entries this year was extremely high, particularly from a development in South Africa and

another in India. The awards not only draw the most dynamic companies to participate, they also help identify those in the strongest position to lead the recovery on this important business sector. A number of the projects by companies at the awards ceremony were nothing short of enlightening and their products almost of a space-age sophistication."

In 2008, Portico Barbados was also honoured with three prestigious five-star CNBC Americas Property Awards in 2008 for Best Architecture, Best Development and Best Apartment (Penthouse) in the Caribbean, Portico is distinguished by its outstanding finishes, revolutionary design and modern take on island living.

Located on the serene and picturesque West Coast of Barbados, Portico stands as a true personification of sophistication and state of the art living that is distinct from any other residential development on the island. The tropical modern style was conceptualised to merge the interior living space with the property's stunning environs; glass balustrades and ample windows offer uninterrupted views of the stunning Caribbean sea.

The remarkable lifestyle that Portico offers will undoubtedly surpass expectations with an impressive array of amenities, five-star concierge services and steadfast dedication to both personal and environmental well-being. The ten units feature 3,500 sq. ft. of living and breathing space with luxurious finishes and state-of-the-art technology. The penthouse apartments include an additional 1,500 sq. ft. private roof terrace with breathtaking 360° views, private pool, entertaining area and lush landscaping.

Mr. Salt further stated: "This award is testament to the excellent multi-disciplinary team we have put together on this project who I would like to publicly thank for their diligence and meticulous efforts throughout. Many of these individuals have personally inspired me, especially during the difficult times when we have had to re-group at short notice and put on our thinking caps to deal with specific and urgent unforeseen demands at all times of the day and night.

Although we have brought in materials from literally all over the world, the Portico project was conceptualised, designed, engineered and constructed principally by people working for Barbadian companies. Consequently Barbados now has a world beating product which we can all be proud of. It also demonstrates clearly that this world beating professional expertise is already right here on Island. We have two further projects in the pipeline and we will definitely again be looking no further than Barbados when assembling the speciality team for these developments."

Portico is expected to achieve practical completion by mid-December 2009 and will be releasing the units for sale immediately following the launch.

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