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Benson & Forsyth takes top honours in Power of Aluminium Awards 2008

Leading architectural practice Benson & Forsyth, with offices in London and Edinburgh, has taken top honours in the Building & Construction category at the Power of Aluminium Awards 2008.



Building & Construction winner Benson & Forsyth pictured with Professor Michael Stacey and Wayne Hemingway MBE

Developed to showcase aluminium as the metal of the future, and recognise and reward some of the most innovative and exciting examples of how it has been used worldwide, the Awards were presented at a ceremony held at Warwick University on 17 April 2008.



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Benson & Forsyth scooped the Winner's trophy and £10,000 prize for The Pod, Bottle Lane, Nottingham. The judges noted the sophistication of the practice's bold and contemporary architectural design, which integrates well with its urban surroundings.

Leading the judging panel Professor Michael Stacey said: "The Pod is a demonstration of the power and excellence of aluminium. An exemplar of how architecture and aluminium can contribute city living and a sustainable future."

Also recognised in the Building & Construction category were; Skylight Solutions, which took the Highly Commended title and £2,000 for the Central Gateway in Manchester, along with ARUP Associates for the Kensington Oval in Barbados, 3D Reid for Farnborough Airport Terminal/Operations Building and David Morley Architects for the Humanities Building at Plymouth University - all received Commendations.

Speaking at the Awards leading designer Wayne Hemingway said: "I'm pleased to be part of the Power of Aluminium Awards – a valuable platform for designers, and engineers alike, to demonstrate their ingenuity in using aluminium in many market sectors."

For the Power of Aluminium, Judy Howson said: "Aluminium is such a modern, attractive and sustainable material and our Award winners have demonstrated how they have gone beyond the brief to create innovative new applications using this versatile metal."

The Awards, which were presented in front of an industry-leading audience, form an integral part of the calendar for the Power of Aluminium – an umbrella organisation formed to champion the use of aluminium worldwide.



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