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## AIA/LOS ANGELES ANNOUNCES THE WINNERS OF THE 3RD ANNUAL RESTAURANT DESIGN AWARDS



*RDA 2007 Winners and People's Choice Recipients accept the trademark white plates at the Poliform reception.*

Los Angeles, CA (October 31, 2007) - The American Institute of Architects/Los Angeles Chapter (AIA/LA) proudly announced the winners of the 3rd annual Restaurant Design Awards (RDAs) at a reception hosted by Poliform on Thursday, October 25th. The competition, which honored excellence in restaurant design, was open to all individuals and practices (both restaurant owners and architects/designers) for projects located within the greater Los Angeles area, and to LA individuals and practices for projects located within or outside the greater LA area. This year the distinguished jury panel included: leading architect and interior designer **Josh Schweitzer** of Schweitzer BIM; acclaimed graphic designer **Hillary Jaye** of Sussman/Prejza & Company, Inc.; chef and restaurateur extraordinaire **Nancy Silverton**; and Publisher of *FORM Magazine* **Ann Gray**, FAIA.

From an exceptional and highly competitive field of 14 finalists, two winners were chosen in the **Restaurant** category, two winners were named in the **Café/Bar** category, and one was named in the **Lounge** category.

### Restaurant Category

Red Seven by Wolfgang Puck  
Designed by Project Designs NYC  
Owner/Client: Wolfgang Puck Catering

Tanzore  
Designed by AkarStudios  
Owner/Client: Sudesh Sood

### **Café/Bar Category**

I Dream of Cake

Designed by Montalba Architects, Inc.

Owner/Client: Shinmin Li

Intelligentsia

Designed by Bestor Architecture

Owner/Client: Doug Zell

### **Lounge/Nightclub Category**

Omega

Designed by Preen Inc.

Owner/Client: Moe Ghadri

The public was also given the chance to vote for their favorites. The AIA/Los Angeles logged close to 2,000 votes, with the People's Choice Award going to:

### **Restaurant Category**

Tanzore

Designed by AkarStudios

Owner/Client: Sudesh Sood

### **Café/Bar Category**

Peach House

Designed by Make Architecture

Owner/Client: Charlene Chiu & Kai Liang

### **Lounge/Nightclub Category**

The Edison

Designed by Kelly Architects

Owner/Client: Andrew Meieran

"The American Institute of Architects is proud to see the RDAs are going strong into their third year," confirmed Associate Director of AIA/Los Angeles Carlo Caccavale. "We had more participants than ever this year and expect the competition to continue to gain traction with each year. We congratulate the winners of the 2007 RDAs and look forward to another close competition in 2008."

### **About AIA/LA and the RDAs**

The American Institute of Architects (AIA) is the voice of the architecture profession, dedicated to serving and empowering its members through advocacy, educational and outreach programs as well as educating the public on the value and importance of architecture. AIA/Los Angeles is a not-for-profit professional membership association. The Restaurant Design Awards (RDAs) honor excellence in restaurant design. The competition is open to all individuals and practices (both restaurant owners and architects/designers) for projects located in the greater Los Angeles area. Submissions are accepted in two main categories: restaurants and café/bar/lounges.