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## AXA Centre voted Australia's best in 2009 PCA Awards

Melbourne's *AXA Centre* has been named Australia's best after winning the Award for Office Developments at the 2009 Property Council of Australia Rider Levett Bucknall Awards for Innovation and Excellence.

The project took out the prestigious award against a strong field of competitors to be awarded the title at a gala event held at Sydney's Convention and Exhibition Centre over the weekend.

Property Council of Australia National President Daniel Grollo said the AXA Centre, located in the heart of Melbourne's CBD, may come across as miniature next to its skyscraper neighbours, but its real talent lies within the buildings innovative green design.

"This year's winners, including the AXA Centre, continue to set new benchmarks in excellence, particularly in the area of sustainability," Mr Grollo said.

"Treating sustainability as a natural building requirement, the AXA Centre is one of the largest Five Star Green Star rated buildings in Australia, achieved through both design and functionality."

Mr Michael Kerr, Director of Rider Levett Bucknall Melbourne said they are proud to have provided cost and delivery advice for this award winning 'campus style' office development on the fringe of Melbourne's unique Docklands site.

"The striking architectural design of spacious atriums, offices and retail spaces are counterbalanced by individually themed winter gardens, each referencing an aspect of AXA's French heritage," Mr Kerr said.

The project is 65,000 square metres and, although only 10 storeys high, is in fact the equivalent of an average 30 storey building.

The campus style building houses up to 2200 employees, a childcare centre for 95, as well as above ground parking and a gym.

Mr Grollo said the awards showcase the finest development projects from around the country and distinguish industry projects that demonstrate innovative practice and design, from large-scale

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multi-million dollar developments to individuals making an impact within the industry.

Other national winners on the night included:

- BLUESCOPE BUILDINGS Award for Business or Industrial Parks – Quad Business Park (NSW)
- BILFINGER BERGER Award for Emerging Assets – Sir Montefiore Jewish Home (NSW)
- RIDER LEVETT BUCKNALL highly commended Award for Office Developments –Green Square South Tower (QLD)
  - Highly commended – 7 London Circuit (ACT)
- CITY PLAN SERVICES Award for Residential Developments - Place on Brougham (SA)
- RYAN LAWYERS Award for Tourism & Leisure – The Sebel & Citigate (VIC)
- Award for Heritage & Adaptive Re-use – Home (WA)
- COFFEY Award for Future Leaders – Adam Haddow (NSW)
- PITNEY BOWES BUSINESS INSIGHT Award for Shopping Centre Developments – Rouse Hill Town Centre
- CONICS Award for Master Planned Communities – Prince Henry at Little Bay (NSW)
- WOODHEAD Award for Mixed Use Developments – Regent Place (NSW)
  - Highly commended – Campbelltown Catholic Club (NSW)
- PHILLIPS GROUP Award for Government Leadership – City of Whittlesea (VIC)
- MOORE STEPHENS AUSTRALIA Award for Public Buildings - Melbourne Recital Centre (VIC)
- AECOM Award for Sustainable Development – 101 Miller St (NSW)
  - Highly commended – The Bendigo Centre (VIC)
  - Highly commended – The Gauge (VIC)

Winners were announced at the 2009 Property Council of Australia Rider Levett Bucknall National Innovation and Excellence Awards gala dinner held at Sydney's Convention & Exhibition Centre on Saturday 13 June 2009.

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