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AMANEMU WINS IALD AWARD OF MERIT
LIGHTING DESIGN BY LIGHTING PLANNERS ASSOCIATES

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Luminaries of the lighting profession gathered at the Crystal Tea Room on 10 May to honor the winners of the 34th Annual International Association of Lighting Designers (IALD) International Lighting Design Awards. Twenty-two projects from eight countries were on display – including interiors, monuments, façades, museums, and a residence. This year’s winners represent some of the most innovative and inspiring work found anywhere in the world of architectural lighting design.

Amanemu, a remote luxury resort in Ise-Shima, Japan, with lighting design by Lighting Planners Associates, took home an Award of Merit, accepted in person by Momoko Muraoka, Associate IALD.

Amanemu is a villa-style resort situated in a richly forested national park overlooking Ago Bay in Mie Prefecture. The villas and spa on the large site are woven into the natural environment for an expanse full of invigorating quietness. The lighting design aims to help the guest fully enjoy the beautiful setting under the theme “dialog with moonlight.”

The ongoing challenge of this project was how to create rich, high quality darkness while keeping safety in mind. Throughout the property, intervals between eye-stopping tree uplights and bollards are set depending on the speed of travel – car, cart, or foot. In communal corridors, small lanterns are placed carefully based on the scale and pitch of pillars to create a rhythm of light and shadow. Softly focused, diffused light shines on paintings and architectural fittings for a contained expression of light.

At the SPA open-air mineral pool, the design team let the steam rising into the night sky take the leading role. Small lanterns illuminate walking areas along the deck, and underwater fiber optic lighting subtly conveys the boundary of water and land. There is absolutely no exterior lighting for any of the project buildings. Rooflines fade into the night sky as the interior lighting glows softly, casually inviting guests into the cozy atmosphere.

Throughout the project, ambient downlighting is replaced with other lighting options wherever possible – in living areas and bedrooms, indirect lighting creates soft ambiance to highlight the beautiful timber ceiling. Guests can dim these LED fixtures individually or use simple on/off switches.

In the all-day dining area, spun-gold liner fixtures uplight the ceiling, expressing the delicateness and dynamism of the space. Adjustable downlights illuminate tabletops, focusing adequate light on the ornate Japanese cuisine.

In daily life, users are accustomed to a certain amount of light – when visiting this new environment to relax, sensitivity to light is heightened. As one judge wrote: “This is a special site, and it required a beautiful, restrained solution.” The darker-than-usual night sky and its twinkling stars envelop guests enjoying a special time at this new resort.

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The IALD Lighting Design Awards program, established in 1983, honors lighting projects that display high aesthetic achievement backed by technical expertise. A panel of award-winning lighting designers, architects and interior designers review the projects in a three-day, anonymous review process. Full information about the judging process can be found in the 34th Annual IALD Awards Call for Entries.

For complete details and high resolution photos of this year’s award-winning projects, visit iald.org/awards.

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34TH ANNUAL INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF LIGHTING DESIGNERS AWARD PROJECT CREDITS

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ISE-SHIMA, JAPAN

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