The wait is almost over for finalists

Tomorrow night will see the brightest and best in the property sector rewarded for their innovation and skill in building new homes in Scotland. But who will win?

TOMORROW night, senior figures from Scotland’s house building industry and its associated professions will gather in Glasgow for The Herald Property Awards in Association with Burness Paull.

“These awards, which are now in their 10th year, celebrate the achievements of our kind and following a record entry, the Crowne Plaza Hotel will be packed for the announcement of this year’s winners,” said Scott Peterkin, partner, Burness Paull.

Amongst the audience will be developers, sales teams, estate agents, housing associations and many others hoping to take home the trophies. But what of the winners?

Some organisations, social housing having excelled, leading in quality and quantity but there have been some notable successes, from many large and small-scale developers alike.

“I believe there are some exceptional new building projects and as the scale of new house building in Scotland accelerates once more, the field this year is wide and always interesting to see.”

Last month, Andrew McFaulan, consult with JAM Hallam and chairman of the judging panel, came to a conclusion that the future of Scottish building is in very good hands. “With all the houses we visited, it was evident that the quality, the design and the resilience of the industry make the Herald Property Awards a pinnacle event, and one that Burness Paull is very proud to be part of.”

“This year the leading firms have also sponsored the Commercial Project of the Year award. Meanwhile Chris Peace, managing director of Peace Recruiters, specialises in the construction, property and engineering sectors and sponsor of the Best Family Home for volume builders, has described the short-list in this category as “impressive” and believes the judges will have had a tough time deciding upon a winner. “This year the judging panel says some developers have been wins too for many others, hoping to see the scale of new house building in Scotland as the scale of new house building in Scotland increases once more, the field this year is wide for the winners.”

Brian Fulton, director, and Gillan Lavery, sponsor of the Best Luxury Homes Category, believes that tomorrow night’s winner in this category will be “exceptional”, while Pakistan, managing director of Dyes Industrial, adds: “We are very impressed with the quality of their new homes. Purchasers of winning properties on the winners benefit from the very high standards of property that they award.”

Winners in all 16 of this year’s categories will be announced on the night. “They really do contribute such a great deal to the success of the house building industry in Scotland,” he says.

Following the Commercial Project of the Year award, sponsors of the Residential Letting Trust of the Year, the London’s Trust, say: “On behalf of everyone at SafeDeposits Scotland, I’d like to congratulate all finalists and wish everyone the best of luck on the night.”

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