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EIFS COUNCIL OF CANADA  
**ARCHITECTURAL**  
DESIGN AWARDS PROGRAM  
2022

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# The EIFS Council of Canada Architectural Design Awards

Established in 2016, the EIFS Council of Canada's (ECC) Architectural Design Awards recognize and honour design professionals as well as their project execution teams that incorporate EIFS technologies into innovative and creative built projects. Since their inception, the ECC Awards have established new benchmarks for EIFS by showcasing both creativity and technical excellence in design and project performance.

Despite the shortened submission timeline due to the pandemic and project delay hardships faced by the building industry in the past year, the Awards Program received a record volume of project submissions from across Canada in all available categories. Our 2022 Finalists once again exhibited excellence in the areas of design, contribution to community, sustainability, technical excellence, and the innovative use of EIFS.

## **Grand Prize and Finalist: Ken Soble Tower**

Location: Hamilton ON  
Category: Renovation  
Architect: ERA Architects  
EIFS Manufacturer: DuROCK Alfacing International  
General Contractor: PCL Construction

## **Finalist: Résidence NORM**

Location: Baie-d'Urfée, QC  
Category: Low Rise Residential  
Architect: Alain Carle Architecte  
EIFS Manufacturer: ADEX Systems Inc.  
EIFS Contractor: Les Acryliques Fleur de Lys Inc.

## **Finalist: Aria in University District**

Location: Calgary, AB  
Category: Mid-rise residential  
Architect: Norr Architects Engineers Planners  
EIFS Manufacturer: ADEX Systems Inc.  
EIFS Contractor: Dal-Tek Interiors LTD

## **Finalist: One Wellington Condominium**

Location: Brantford, ON  
Category: High Rise Residential  
Architect: IBI Group  
EIFS Manufacturer: STO Canada  
EIFS Contractor: Ostim Ltd.

## **Finalist: Holiday Inn Express & Suites Lakeshore**

Location: Windsor, Ontario  
Category: Hospitality  
Architect: Mataj Architects  
EIFS Manufacturer: DuROCK Alfacing International  
EIFS Contractor: Encore Stucco & Stone

## **Finalist: Evolution Architecture Offices**

Location: Mascouche, QC  
Category: Commercial/Retail  
Architect: Globe Architecture Inc. / Evolution Architecture Inc.  
EIFS Manufacturer: ADEX Systems Inc.  
EIFS Contractor: Les Revêtements Isolex Inc.

## **Finalist: Edmonton Church of God**

Location: Edmonton, AB  
Category: Recreational/Institutional  
Architect: Frank Hilbich Architect Inc.  
EIFS Manufacturer: ADEX Systems Inc.  
EIFS Contractor: Sun Wall Systems Inc.

## **Honourable Mention: Réhabilitation réservoir d'eau de Varennes**

Location: Varennes, QC  
Category: Renovation  
Architect: CBA Architecture Inc.  
EIFS Manufacturer: ADEX Systems Inc.  
EIFS Contractor: Les Revêtements Isolex Inc.

## **Honourable Mention: Earls Kitchen + Bar Sherway Gardens**

Location: Etobicoke, Ontario  
Category: Commercial/Retail  
Architect: BDP Quadrangle  
EIFS Manufacturer: Dryvit Systems Canada  
EIFS Contractor: BLT construction

# The Judging Panel

Earlier this year the EIFS Council of Canada announced the names of the 2022 Judging Panel. The Panel formally convened in May and completed the selection of the Awards Finalists and Grand Prize Winner. The five members of the Judging Panel are:

## **Nick Swerdfeger, Barry Bryan Associates**

Nick Swerdfeger is a Partner and Principal Architect at Barry Bryan Associates with fifteen years experience in the industry. Nick's experience through multiple areas within the field of architecture with strong focus on building science has helped him develop his professional career forward within the architectural industry in Canada. Through this experiential learning Nick also developed a greater understanding for the industry known as EIFS and its abilities to be creative. With that understanding and knowledge, Nick was able to develop projects through a creative realm and achieve a design balance that developed a new appreciation for the industry's new approaches.

## **Simone Panziera, Thinkform Architecture + Interiors Inc.**

Simone Panziera is a principal architect with thinkform architecture + interiors inc. Simone's diversity as an architect spans over thirty years of experience in complex institutional projects to award winning commercial retrofits; initiating with the a priori: it's 'how' we think, not necessarily 'what' we think that distinguishes the technical quality of his work. His professional goal is to offer each individual an opportunity to interpret the world in their own unique way; create spaces and places that are more open to a larger sense of delight where the human will has room to express itself.

## **Frank Hilbich, Frank Hilbich Architect Inc.**

As the senior principal and managing director of the firm, Frank brings a proven track record of bridging design, management and technical issues to create integrated "team" solutions. His 30 years of experience span a wide range of project types, sizes, and methodologies, but each new project is approached with fresh eyes and open ears.

## **Jason Hurd, AODBT Architecture + Interior Design**

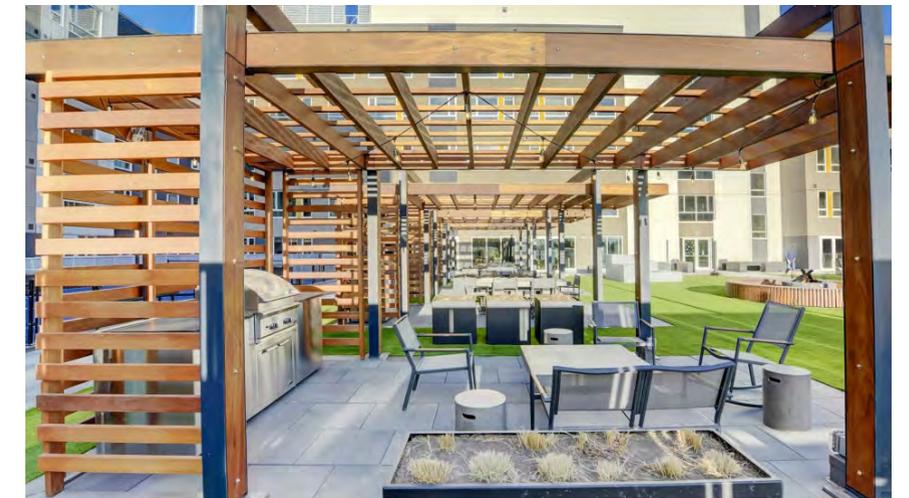
Jason is a principal and partner of aodbt with over 15 years of architectural experience. Jason received a Master of Architecture from the University of Waterloo in 2007. He has a diverse and international background of experience working on cultural, educational, recreational, mixed-use, commercial, multi-family residential, institutional, and healthcare projects across the world. Jason is a member of the Métis Nation of Saskatchewan and has been actively engaged in leading a number of First Nations projects.

## **Ian Robertson, AA Robins Architect**

Ian is Senior designer at AA Robins Architect in Vancouver. Ian brings a wealth of skills in the realms of sustainability and materials knowledge, as well as providing strong design and construction detailing expertise. Having lived worked or studied in six countries, on three continents, Ian believes that the ability to radically re-see and re-think 'normal' is fundamentally important to innovative, interesting and essential architecture.



Photographs courtesy NORR Architects Engineers Planners



# FINALIST AWARD

## Aria in University District

Calgary, AB

NORR Architects Engineers Planners

**Category:** Mid-rise Residential  
**EIFS Manufacturer:** ADEX Systems Inc.  
**EIFS Contractor:** Dal-Tek Interiors LTD.

Aria is a large mixed-use project consisting of residential, commercial and retail space. Aria consists of five stories with 288 purpose-built rental units, 10 retail units, a major food store as well as a 200-person childcare facility on the ground floor. Located in the vibrant, new master-planned University District, it is close to the University of Calgary as well as hospitals, stores and malls.

Each element of the building's design considered the adjacent communities to create an inclusive, inviting and vibrant space. It was important to offer rental units due to the proximity to the university and the hospital. Priority was placed on creating a sense of community for residents by offering a variety of gathering spaces and amenities. Aria is a Certified Built Green Gold project.

The project incorporated several types of cladding systems including "ADEX-RS" Exterior Insulation and Finish System by Adex Systems Inc.





# FINALIST AWARD

## Résidence NORM

Baie-d'Urfée, QC

Alain Carle Architecte

**Category:** Low-rise Residential  
**EIFS Manufacturer:** ADEX Systems Inc.  
**EIFS Contractor:** Les Acryliques Fleur de Lys Inc.

NORM is a renovation and expansion project of a single-family residence that breaks with the generic notion of this existing house. Randomly located in the middle of a gently sloping lot facing south, the residence left the sunniest part of the land to the garage, while the living rooms faced north.

The interior finishes refer to the abstract and multidirectional character of the monolithic EIFS volumes seen from the outside. This allows the construction of a fluid "interior landscape", which is articulated under the play of exterior light and the complex lines of the drawn space. In a voluntary stripping, the occupants preferred to settle in a sort of minimalist "life canvas", allowing a lexicon of neutral space.

The uniformity of the material then continues between the interior and exterior finishes, conferring a contemplative nature on the project thus modeled by the variations of light, nature and seasons on simplified shapes.



*Photographs courtesy Alain Carle Architecte*

# FINALIST AWARD

Edmonton Church of God  
Edmonton, AB

Frank Hilbich Architect

**Category:** Recreational/institutional  
**EIFS Manufacturer:** ADEX Systems Inc.  
**EIFS Contractor:** Sun Wall Systems Inc.

The Church is a well-established congregation situated for many decades in the Old Strathcona area of Edmonton. With aging facilities, the church had been seeking to relocate to a new property and facility in south-west Edmonton since 2012.

The new facility incorporates all the anticipated needs for the church far into the future with an eye on attracting new membership from the developing communities in and around Keswick. With careful consideration for acoustics and natural light, the sanctuary is both literally and figuratively the “core” of the facility.

The EIFS cladding (ADEX-RS by Adex), provides a modern and expressive exterior. Providing an airtight building and eliminating thermal bridges using the ADEX-RS EIFS system permitted to optimise the energy efficiency and minimise the carbon footprint of the building.



*Photographs courtesy Frank Hilbich Architect*

**FINALIST  
AWARD**



## Evolution Architecture Offices

Mascouche, QC

Globe Architecture Inc. /  
Evolution Architecture Inc.

**Category:** Commercial/Retail  
**EIFS Manufacturer:** ADEX  
Systems Inc.  
**EIFS Contractor:** Les  
Revêtements Isolex Inc.



For their new offices, the firm wanted an inspiring and welcoming work environment that lives up to their employees expectations. The new office was created on a vacant lot. This two-storey project is represented of by a majestic rectangular volume resting on angular pillars.

The exterior cladding is completed using the ADEX-RS EIFS assembly system. This system is lightweight and therefore allows the design team an increased degree of freedom. The cladding is also a major factor in the optimization of the energy performance of the envelope.

The contemporary textured finish coat of the EIFS cladding blends perfectly with natural stone and wood: a winning combination.

*Photographs courtesy Globe Architecture Inc.*



# FINALIST AWARD

## Holiday Inn Express & Suites Lakeshore

Windsor, ON



By utilizing innovative EIFS design techniques the hotel is able to accomplish various colours and textures finishes that are not traditionally found in EIFS construction. Specifically, as displayed in the wood grain and metallic surfaces.

The collaboration of EIFS materials with innovative design in this project help to push the boundaries of EIFS construction and challenge the constraints of conventional architectural design.



Mataj Architects

**Category:** Hospitality

**EIFS Manufacturer:** DuROCK

Alfacing International

**EIFS Contractor:** Encore Stucco & Stone

The hotel is situated in Lakeshore, east Windsor, in a growing commercial and residential area with close proximity to the US/Canada border. The hotel elevates its surroundings with its innovative design and modern aesthetic, while consciously remaining in touch with its urban fabric. Contributing a fresh element to the site, the hotel adds a new level of quality to the area.

This project uses unconventional methods of EIFS construction to facilitate unique design characteristics. Through the use of various forms and orientations the EIFS features help to generate elements of depth and separation while maintaining harmony in the buildings' composition.

*Photographs courtesy Mataj Architects*



# FINALIST AWARD

## One Wellington Condominium

Brantford, ON

IBI Group

**Category:** High Rise  
Residential

**EIFS Manufacturer:** STO  
Canada

**EIFS Contractor:** Ostim Ltd.



The condominium creates a highly liveable accommodation for students and young professionals, and responds to urban planning opportunities, creating a public corridor along the eastern edge of the site with a landscaped linear park connecting the two Park areas.

The design uses three types of EIFS panels, varying in both thickness and colours, to create an interesting pattern on the simple building massing. The interlocking patterns created with the EIFS panels provide a strongly vibrant building facades, differentiating the development from the neighbourhood, while the selection of warm colour of the masonry keeps the building base consistent within the surrounding context.

EIFS made it possible for the architects to design a fresh and expressive building that differentiates itself within the neighbourhood. The opportunity to create the interlocking pattern on the building facades demonstrates to the public an attractive, functional and flexible construction method.



*Photography Ben Eby, courtesy IBI Group*

# HONOURABLE MENTIONS



## Réhabilitation réservoir d'eau de Varenes

Varenes, QC

CBA Architecture Inc.

**Category:** Renovation  
**EIFS Manufacturer:** ADEX  
Systems Inc.  
**EIFS Contractor:** Les  
Revêtements Isolex Inc.

The rehabilitation of the water reservoir posed many challenges due to its height, its irregular shape, and the poor condition of the existing cladding.

The “ADEX-RS” Exterior Insulation and Finish System (EIFS) from ADEX was used to overcome these challenges. The HYDROFLEX liquid-applied water resistive barrier was a major asset in sealing the building. The GRAPHEXCOAT protective coating will be the best impact resistance for such cladding assembly.

The EIFS assembly includes a grooved expanded polystyrene insulation 10 inches thick, considerably increasing the energy performance of the envelope. It also allows for dynamic architectural creativity: marrying the circular shape of the tower and inserting, on the surface of the insulation, curved lines over the entire height of the tower, thus creating a fluid movement similar to the water contained in the tower.

Close collaboration with the construction company Construction Bugère and the EIFS contractor Les Revêtements Isolex also contributed greatly to the project.

*Photographs courtesy CBA Architecture Inc.*



## Earls Kitchen + Bar Sherway Gardens

Etobicoke, ON

BDP Quadrangle

**Category:** Commercial/Retail  
**EIFS Manufacturer:** Dryvit  
Systems Canada  
**EIFS Contractor:** BLT  
Construction

The Earls Sherway Restaurant is located at 199 North Queen Street, at the intersection of The Queensway and North Queen Street in Etobicoke, Ontario. The restaurant is located across the street from the CF Sherway Gardens Shopping Centre in the heart of the retail village in Etobicoke.

Dryvit's Outsulation MD and Dryvit NewBrick™ was used on the building façade. This allowed the design team to achieve a traditional masonry brick appearance without the hassle or headaches of traditional masonry construction. Dryvit NewBrick™ creates a benchmark of excellence in EIFS construction. It has taken what was a traditional system and turned it into a system that not only offers the traditional look and feel but delivered it in a cost and energy efficient manner. From a construction perspective, the lower weight and simplicity of NewBrick™ equaled increased ease of use (easier to cut on site), which in turn increased productivity and greatly assisted with the overall project schedule. By combining it with Dryvit's Outsulation, the wall assembly from sheathing to NewBrick™ veneer was installed by a single source, which reduced trade coordination, while being fully protected by a wall warranty from sheathing to NewBrick™.

*Photographs courtesy BDP Quadrangle*



# GRAND PRIZE AWARD

## Ken Soble Tower

Hamilton, Ontario

ERA Architects

**Category:** Renovation

**EIFS Manufacturer:** DuROCK Alfacing  
International

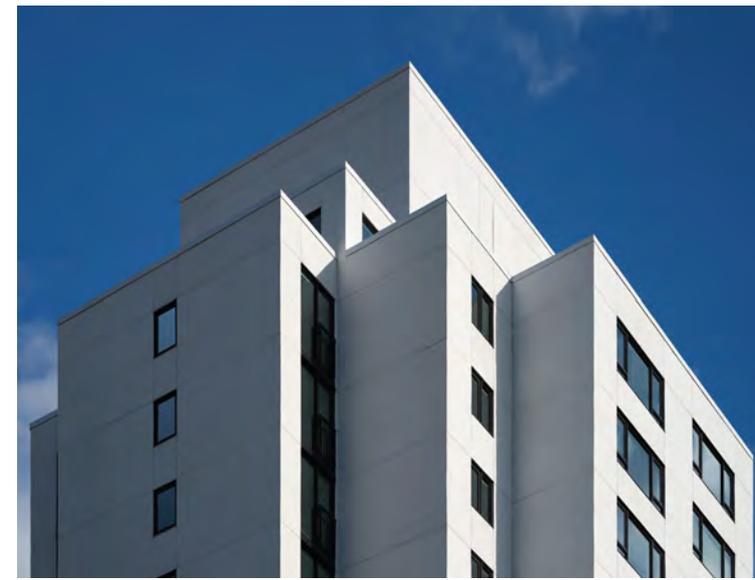
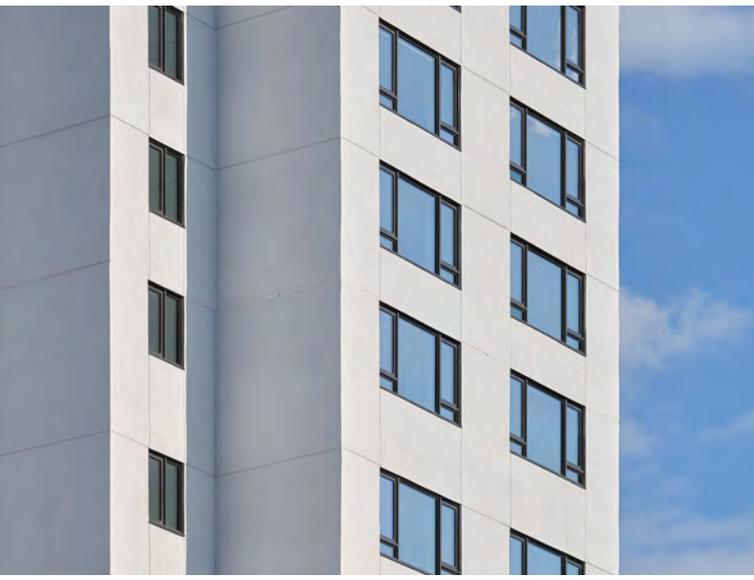
**Contractor:** PCL Construction

The Ken Soble Tower Transformation is a groundbreaking project rehabilitating a post-war apartment tower to the Passive House EnerPHit standard. — reducing greenhouse gas emissions by a staggering 94% and acting as a pilot for industry-wide, net-zero-ready housing renewal projects. The building's modernization has reinstated 146 units of affordable seniors' housing, while reinvigorating community spaces and outdoor gathering areas, barrier-free living, and building resilience to a changing climate. As the first of such retrofits in North America, at 18 storeys and more than 81,000 sqft, the Ken Soble Tower is one of the largest EnerPHit certified projects in the world.

The primary factor in the building's overall efficiency was the selection of low embodied energy, highly durable and highly insulating building envelope materials, including mineral wool based EIFS in lieu of the typical foam-based products. Materials were selected and assessed based on long-term durability and their overall lifecycle cost, both in dollar value but also carbon costs.



*Photographs courtesy ERA Architects*



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# ECC Awards Celebration Dinner

Industry professionals gathered on the evening of June 6th 2022 to recognize and celebrate the Finalists and Grand Prize Award recipient of the 2022 EIFS Council of Canada (ECC) Architectural Design Awards. During the evening's presentations, the ECC announced the Ken Soble Tower by ERA Architects as the Grand Prize winner for this year's Awards.

The Ken Soble Tower project was selected by the 2022 Awards Judging Panel for the Grand Prize from amongst the seven, excellent category Finalists.





**Left:** John M. Garbin, (President/CEO, ECC) presides over the ECC Architectural Design Awards Dinner on June 6th in Toronto



**Finalist Award and Grand Prize Winner Ken Soble Tower by ERA Architects**

**From Left:** John M. Garbin, (President/CEO, ECC), Abby Kusch (ERA Architects), Mikael Sydor (ERA Architects), Nick Swerdfeger (ECC Judging Panel chair, Barry Bryan Associates)



**Finalist Award Winner (Mid-rise Residential Category) Aria at University by NORR Architects Engineers Planners**

**From Left:** John M. Garbin, (President/CEO, ECC), Douglas Lang (NORR Architects Engineers and Planners), Nick Swerdfeger (ECC Judging Panel chair, Barry Bryan Associates)



**Finalist Award Winner (Low-rise Residential Category) Résidence NORM by Alain Carle Architecte**

**From Left:** John M. Garbin, (President/CEO, ECC), Dave Barriault on behalf of Alain Carle Architecte (ADEX Systems), Nick Swerdfeger (ECC Judging Panel chair, Barry Bryan Associates)



**Finalist Award Winner  
(Hospitality Category)  
Holiday Inn Express &  
Suites Lakeshore by  
Mataj Architects**

**From Left:**  
John M. Garbin,  
(President/CEO, ECC),  
Eva Mataj (Mataj  
Architects), Artan Mataj  
(Mataj Architects), Nick  
Swerdfeger (ECC Judging  
Panel chair, Barry Bryan  
Associates)



**Finalist Award Winner  
(Recreational/  
Institutional) Edmonton  
Church of God**

**Left:**  
John M. Garbin,  
(President/CEO,  
ECC), Dave Barriault  
on behalf of Frank  
Hilbich Architect.  
(ADEX Systems), Nick  
Swerdfeger (ECC Judging  
Panel chair, Barry Bryan  
Associates)



**Finalist Award Winner  
(Commercial/Retail  
Category)  
Evolution Architecture  
Offices by Globe  
Architecture Inc. /  
Evolution Architecture  
Inc.**

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(President/CEO, ECC),  
Dave Barriault on behalf  
of Globe Architecture Inc.  
(ADEX Systems), Nick  
Swerdfeger (ECC Judging  
Panel chair, Barry Bryan  
Associates)



**Finalist Award Winner  
(High-rise Residential  
Category)  
One Wellington**

**From Left:**  
John M. Garbin,  
(President/CEO, ECC),  
Ying Le (IBI Group), Joe  
Somfay (IBI Group), Nick  
Swerdfeger (ECC Judging  
Panel chair, Barry Bryan  
Associates)

