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SHINBERG.LEVINAS AWARDED FOR DISTINCTIVE ARCHITECTURE BY
AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS

Firm is recognized for exceptional design of Bethesda Residence.



Shinberg.Levinas was honored for Distinctive Residential Architecture by the American Institute of Architects (AIA) on Monday, May 5, 2008. Awards were given at the AIA's Washington Chapter annual spring Garden Party, hosted this year by The Embassy of Switzerland in Washington, D.C. Awards were presented by Urs Ziswiler, the Swiss Ambassador to the United States and Mary Fitch, Executive Director of Washington Chapter of the AIA.

The event was held at the newly opened, breath-taking Swiss Residence designed by American architect, Steven Holl, in collaboration with Swiss firm Russli Architects. Ambassador Ziswiler also received a "Patronage Award" at the event, honoring the Swiss Residence for fostering architecture that makes a lasting contribution to the Washington, D.C. environment.

Three distinguished judges in the fields of design and architecture from across the nation deliberated over 140 entries. A residence conceived and designed by Shinberg.Levinas was chosen as an immediate favorite by the judges for the mystery and simple beauty of the addition. Shinberg.Levinas was one of ten firms to win the notable merit award, recognized on the basis of excellence in total design.

The jury described the project : "A bridge connects this new master suite to the family home. The suite is wrapped in a rich, protective wood shell on the street side. To the jury, this wrapper is elegant and organic, like a large tree trunk in the forest. Diffused light filters into the interior where bookcases and tables are custom-designed by the architect. "Beautifully simple," the jury agreed."

Shinberg.Levinas is headed by principals Salo Levinas of Argentina, Milton Shinberg of the United States and Antonio Vintro of Barcelona.

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If you would like more information about this topic, or to schedule an interview with Salo Levinas, please call Shinberg.Levinas at 301-652-8550 or email Juliana Berger at juliana@shinberglevinas.com.