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The best in green design

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According to a poll released July 27 America has nine of the most important green buildings in the world; constructions in London, India and Malaysia also featured on the list.

The results of a poll conducted by design publication Architect Magazine listing the 'most important green buildings since 1980' were released on July 28. The poll was conducted amongst 150 leading green building experts including architects, engineers, critics and environmental education specialists from the US, the UK, Europe and Asia.

Green buildings and design is becoming increasingly important with the rise of eco-quarters, small city areas designed to an environmentally friendly standard, and increasing concern over the effects of rising urbanization on CO2 and green house gas emissions.

According to the poll the most important green buildings since 1980 were:

13 votes

Adam Joseph Lewis Center (Oberlin, Ohio, USA), designed by William McDonough + Partners 2001

11 Votes

California Academy of Sciences (San Francisco USA) Renzo Piano Building workshop 2008

9 Votes

Genzyme Center (Cambridge, Massachusetts USA) Behnisch Architekten 2003

7 votes

Beddington Zero Energy Development /BedZED (London, UK) ZEDfactory 2002

Chesapeake Bay Foundation (Annapolis, Maryland, USA) Smith Group 2001

6 votes

Bank of America Tower / One Bryant Park (New York, USA) Cook + Fox Architects 2009

5 votes

Sidwell Friends School (Washington D.C, USA) Kieran Timberlake 2006

Advanced Green Builder Demonstration (Austin, Texas, USA) Pliny Fisk 1998

4 votes

Dockside Green (Victoria, British Columbia, USA) Busby Perkins + Will 2010

Omega Center for Sustainable Living (Rhinebeck, New York, USA) BNIM 2009

New York Times Building (New York, USA) Renzo Piano Building workshop/FX Fowle Architects 2008

Aldo Leopold Legacy Center (Barabook, Wisconsin, USA) Kubala Washatko Architects 2007

Druk White Lotus School (Ladakh, India) Arup 2005

Swiss RE Tower (London, UK) Foster + Partners 2003

Colorado Court (Los Angeles, UK) Pugh + Scarpa Architects 2002

Institute for Forestry and Nature Research (Wageningen, The Netherlands) Behnusch Architekten 1998

Commerzbank Headquarters (Frankfurt, Germany) Foster + Partners 1997

Menara Mesiniaga Tower (Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia) Hamazah & Yeang 1992

(The remaining votes were divided in small numbers between other green buildings)

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