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PLACE RECEIVES FIRM OF THE YEAR AWARD AND 3 LANDSCAPE DESIGN AWARDS FROM THE ARCHITECTURE MASTERPRIZE - CELEBRATING THE BEST OF THE INTERNATIONAL DESIGN COMMUNITY. The Portland design studio, commencing its 10th anniversary in 2020, is the first recipient of the international award for landscape and urban design firm of the year.

Portland, OR, October 14, 2019 - PLACE, a local landscape architectural studio, has been selected as the 2019 Architecture MasterPrize (AMP) Firm of the Year. The AMP, one of the world’s most prestigious architecture awards, honors the excellence of inspiring and innovative architecture, interior, and landscape design firms around the globe. This year’s winners were celebrated at the Guggenheim Museum in Bilbao on October 14th. A distinguished jury of esteemed architects, industry professionals and academics chose the firms, projects, and products from over a thousand of progressive, creative, and visionary entries in 41 categories representing over 65 countries. The AMP recognizes original design talent of those who push boundaries and set new standards, turning the ordinary into the extraordinary to inspire current and future generations.

PLACE was also honored with 3 additional distinctions in the categories of Landscape Architecture: Edith Green Wendell Wyatt Federal Office Building (Public Design Award); Swarovski Kristallwelten (Outdoor Design Award); and the University of Oregon Hatfield-Dowlin Complex (Educational Design Award).

The Edith Green Wendell-Wyatt Federal Office Building, named one of the ten most sustainable projects in the U.S. is a 1975 civic building renovated to the highest standards of environmental design excellence embracing year-round façade and site foliage in a park-like character for people to enjoy. Offering visitors recreational opportunities and moments of wonder in every season, Swarovski Kristallwelten is a pastoral outdoor sculpture park, a collaboration with Cao | Perrot Studio.
Embracing education in every action of the rugged sport of football and enhancing the culture of wellness through balance of ethos body - mind - spirit, The University of Oregon’s Hatfield-Dowlin Complex has transformed a distant and under-appreciated site away from the central core into an iconic high-performance campus amenity evident in its form and function.

Rich in diverse people, talents, and ideas, PLACE is a network of international studios connected by a shared vision to make clients and communities stronger. Reflected in their placemaking efforts globally is a dedication to local impact, social justice, design excellence, and a positive contribution to society.

During the last nine years, PLACE partnered with visionary clients worldwide in an inclusive design process and earned international award-winning accolades for their unconventional approach to design challenges including the 2019 American Society of Landscape Architecture (ASLA) national Residential Honor Award (Hassalo on Eighth, Portland), 2017 World Landscape Architecture Award of Excellence in Research & Communication (Floating Gardens of Tonle Sap, Cambodia) and has taken home the highest honor, Award of Excellence during the last two years by ASLA Oregon (Gateway Discovery Park/2018 & Prairie Line Trail/2017) and ASLA Washington (Prairie Line Trail, 2017), while Portland's first universal design Harper's Playground, delivered pro-bono by PLACE, was featured in the national exposé Building Fit focusing on innovative outdoor environments and positive impacts on human health. The firm was honored by the 2019 DJC Building Diversity Award.