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## Ausmar Homes wins Professional Small/Medium Builder of the Year

Queensland's Ausmar Homes is the winner of the 2010 HIA Australian Housing Awards' Professional Small/Medium Builder of the Year.

The winner was unveiled today before a crowd of hundreds of industry leaders at the prestigious awards ceremony held at the Gold Coast Convention Centre.

The HIA-CSR Australian Housing Awards recognise the nation's top builders and designers. Winners are selected from a list of state-based finalists, with awards delivered in 18 separate categories (see full list below).

This award, partnered by Hyne Timber, recognises the nation's most professional small or medium builder.

With a company motto 'we were born to be builders', Ausmar Homes provides 16 years of old-fashioned service to its customers.

Support is key at Ausmar. They provide a virtual tour of the home prior to construction and give ongoing updates via a new software program.

A number of industry firsts has given this builder the edge on competitors – a fast-track quoting system ensures quotes can be put together in under 60 minutes.

The company recently introduced a 'maintenance response unit' – a specialised vehicle and full-time carpenter dedicated to attending to maintenance needs for six months after the sale and delivery of the home.

HIA Managing Director Shane Goodwin said the HIA-CSR Australian Housing Awards were growing in popularity each year and reflected the increasingly diverse and competitive Australian housing industry.

"I would like to congratulate all our award winners who really do represent the 'best in the business'," Mr Goodwin said. "Each year a higher calibre of entries is presented, making the judging process tougher, and reflecting general improvements in quality and design."

"The Australian home is no longer a standard brick veneer on a big block. The common link with all our award winners is architecturally innovative designs, the attention to quality, detail and workmanship and a genuine focus on sustainability," Mr Goodwin said.

HIA is Australia's peak building industry body representing more than 40,000 builders, suppliers and contractors involved in residential construction.

The housing awards are held annually. This year's guest at the awards was Housing Minister Tanya Plibersek.

Judged by industry professionals, the awards acknowledge the talent of designers, builders and building companies who plan and construct quality new housing, apartments, renovations, kitchens and bathrooms.

For images of the winning entrant visit: [media.hia.com.au](http://media.hia.com.au)

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## 2010 HIA-CSR Australian Housing Awards Winners

2010 HIA-CSR Australian Home of the Year	Atkinson.Pontifex
Apartment Project of the Year	Sam Sgherza Group
Custom Built Home of the Year	Atkinson.Pontifex
Display Home of the Year	Metricon and Ryan Designer Homes
Outdoor Project of the Year	Ecogroup Cairns
Project Home of the Year	Ash Moseley Homes
Renovation/Addition Project of the Year	Olympic Holdings Pty Ltd
Spec Home of the Year	Montage Developments Pty Ltd
Special Purpose Housing Project of the Year	Goodwin Aged Care Services and Capezio & Co Pty Ltd
Townhouse/Villa Development of the Year	Brian Lee Master Builder Pty Ltd
Bathroom of the Year	Bubbles Bathrooms
Kitchen of the Year	Best Kitchens
Professional Major Builder of the Year	Porter Davis Homes
Professional Small/Medium Builder of the Year	Ausmar Homes
Professional Renovator Builder of the Year	Cape Cod Australia Pty Ltd
Jim Brookes Apprentice of the Year	John Gillieron
Most Innovative Use of Steel	20*20
Business Partner of the Year	Maz Romandini