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Pickard Chilton wins design award from the [European Centre for Architecture Art Design and Urban Studies](#) and [The Chicago Athenaeum: Museum of Architecture and Design](#)

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NEW HAVEN, CONNECTICUT — The [European Centre for Architecture Art Design and Urban Studies](#) and [The Chicago Athenaeum: Museum of Architecture and Design](#) have announced that New Haven, Connecticut-based [Pickard Chilton](#) has won a 2012 Green GOOD DESIGN Award for the firm's design of BG Group Place in Houston, Texas.

From thousands of submissions from over 20 countries, the jury selected over 100 outstanding examples of Green Design. Award recipients represent the world's most recognized design firms and FORTUNE 500 corporations that use innovative design to emphasize solutions to promote a more sustainable environment worldwide.

"It is an honor to have yet another project recognized with this prestigious award" said Jon Pickard FAIA, RIBA, Principal of Pickard Chilton. "It affirms that commercial projects of this scale are able to serve as benchmarks for sustainable design."

Completed in March 2011, BG Group Place is located on downtown Houston's historic Main Street and serves as the headquarters for BG Group, an international natural gas company. Developed by Hines, the international real estate firm, it is the first LEED-CS Platinum certified high rise in the state of Texas.

"BG Group Place continues to be recognized not only for its architectural design but also for its leading sustainable design," said firm Principal William Chilton FAIA, RIBA "the 2012 Green GOOD DESIGN Award demonstrates Hines' commitment to developing the next generation of buildings." "We are deeply honored to have 300 North LaSalle among the winning projects," said firm Principal William Chilton FAIA, RIBA. "It is rewarding to have this highly collaborative team effort recognized with this prestigious and significant award."

This is the fourth year The European Centre and The Chicago Athenaeum have held the Green GOOD DESIGN award program, a specialized edition of the GOOD DESIGN program, which was founded in Chicago in 1950 by architects Eero Saarinen and Charles and Ray Eames. The program's intent is to emphasize the importance of sustainable design and to develop a public awareness program to the international general public about which companies are best utilizing sustainable design.

"In September 2012, the organizations will organize a special Conference on the Environment and the winning 2012 Green GOOD DESIGN products and buildings will be exhibited. The exhibition opens at the University of Illinois, Champaign/Urbana and travels around the United States through 2013.

PICKARD CHILTON

ABOUT PICKARD CHILTON

Pickard Chilton is an international architectural practice noted for its expertise in the design of large, complex buildings including corporate headquarters, high rise commercial office towers, hotels, academic, and health care facilities. Headquartered in New Haven, Conn., the firm's completed projects include: 1180 Peachtree in Atlanta; Eighth Avenue Place in Calgary; and 300 North LaSalle in Chicago. Current projects include the ExxonMobil Office Complex in Houston, Eaton World Headquarters in Cleveland, Devon World Headquarters in Oklahoma City as well commercial developments in Washington, DC, Calgary, and Kuala Lumpur. Visit www.pickardchilton.com for more information.

ABOUT THE EUROPEAN CENTRE AND THE CHICAGO ATHENAEUM

The European Centre for Architecture Art Design and Urban Studies is dedicated to public education concerning all aspects of the built environment including the philosophical issues of arts and culture that ultimately give the final shape to design. With a geographic range encompassing all European Union and non-EU countries within Europe, the Mission of The European Centre is to improve all aspects of the human and urban experience by promoting greater public awareness and the broader appreciation and importance of architecture, design, art, and urban planning.

Founded in 1988, The Chicago Athenaeum is an International Museum of Architecture and Design, appropriately based in the world's first city of modern architecture and design—Chicago. The Museum is dedicated to the Art of Design in all areas of the discipline: architecture, industrial, and product design, graphics, and urban planning. The Museum's mission is the advancement of public education about the value of Good Design - from the "spoon to the city" - and how design can positively impact the human environment. Visit <http://www.chiathenaeum.org> for more information.