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What's new in the world of garden design *Compiled by Zia Allaway*



FROM TOP Andy Sturgeon FSGD; Jim Fogarty; Stephen Caffyn **LEFT** Andy's gold-winning 2012 RHS Chelsea Flower Show garden **RIGHT** Andy's design for Westminster Terrace, a Hong Kong luxury development

ANDY STURGEON TEAMS UP TO CONQUER THE EAST

SUCCESSFUL DESIGNERS are going east to scoop the most exciting and lucrative landscape projects, with Andy Sturgeon FSGD leading the way. Andy has joined forces with three leading landscape designers to form Garden Design Asia, an international collaboration of design talent, tailored to high-end clients and combining British, Australian and Asian styles and influences.

The company integrates Andy's design skills and expertise with those of Australia's leading garden designer, Jim Fogarty, and two of Singapore's foremost landscape architects, Stephen Caffyn and Ronnie Tan, through a central Singapore office.

Jim is an Australian landscape designer, TV presenter and author, based in Melbourne. Well known to many Brits, Jim has created a number of gold-medal-winning designs at the RHS Chelsea Flower Show. Landscape architect Stephen has over 20 years' experience in private practice in the UK, Hong Kong and Singapore, while Ronnie is a qualified landscape architect from the University of Lincoln in New Zealand and Vice President of SILA (Singapore Institute of Landscape Architects), and specialises in sustainable urban development.

The new company is a natural progression for Andy, who has seen growing demand for his work in the region. He first exhibited at the Singapore Garden Festival, Asia's largest garden show, in 2008 and returned last year to take a Gold Medal and the prestigious 'Award for Horticultural Excellence' – the first time a British designer has won the prize.

Most recently, Andy completed the design of the expansive roof gardens at Westminster Terrace, a luxury residential development of apartments overlooking Hong Kong harbour, and he is currently creating a landscape concept for exclusive apartments in Hong Kong's Ko Shan Road.

Speaking of the new venture, Andy said: "Garden Design Asia is a very exciting project, as it gives me the opportunity to work with a palette of plants that have fascinated me for years. The tropical climate also dictates a new design aesthetic."

One of Garden Design Asia's first projects is the development of two show gardens for the Suncheon Garden Expo in South Korea, which will be designed by Andy Sturgeon and Jim Fogarty, and exhibited under the Garden Design Asia umbrella.

See www.gardendesignasia.com for details.

Royal Patronage of Painshill Park is extended

THE PRINCE OF WALES has extended his patronage of the Painshill Park Trust for five years. The Trust was formed in 1981 to restore the 158-acre garden in Surrey, created by The Hon. Charles Hamilton between 1738-73. His Royal Highness last visited Painshill in May 2011, to view the restoration and unveil a plaque commemorating the rebuilding of the historic Five Arch Bridge, which will be officially opened this year.

Lady Alexander of Weedon, Chair of Painshill Park Trust, commented: "It is an absolute honour to have His Royal Highness's continued support."

The landscape garden is open to the public all year and is supported by over 100 volunteers. www.painshill.co.uk

