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Kettle Collective wins The SEPA One Planet Award in the Scottish Business Awards 2016

Multi-award winning architecture studio, Kettle Collective Limited, has won The SEPA One Planet Award at the Scottish Business Awards 2016.

The SEPA One Planet Award honours companies who advance sustainable development within their business, and product. Celebrating the goals and achievements that protect the 'One Planet' on which we live.

Architects, Masterplanners, Urban Designers, Landscape Architects, and Interior Designers, Kettle Collective has sustainability at the heart of every design. Sustainability is one of the fundamental values on which the studio was founded.

EK:Co, Kettle Collective's in-house environmental group encompasses LEED and BREEAM accredited environmental specialists, who develop comprehensive sustainable solutions to maximise the positive impacts of developments. Kettle Collective believes good design positively influences health, work, and life.

The design of our built environment directly influences quality of life, and it is for this reason the Kettle Collective team dedicates themselves to producing healthy, and energy-efficient designs. Kettle Collective pride themselves on the use of cutting edge techniques in the creation of contextually sensitive, visionary, and innovative solutions to meet the needs of clients and occupants.

Kettle Collective consider environmental performance holistically, from the embodied energy of materials to the lifetime energy performance of the building or community. In many of their projects, Kettle Collective have pioneered renewable energy solutions, which have offered dramatic reductions in pollution and carbon emissions. Working with industry experts, Kettle Collective have pioneered different ways to dramatically reduce carbon output. Solutions include highly efficient facades in projects like the Lakhta Tower, St Petersburg, Russia, which has been recognised as one of the most efficient facade systems on a high-rise tower.

Design Principal, Tony Kettle said "We believe that as Architects we have a duty to mitigate the effects of climate change by designing buildings, which work harder to perform better, and at Kettle Collective we are at the forefront of global sustainable design. We make a significant difference to the environment through intelligent design and we believe that we are in an influential position to lead the way."

Kettle Collective is working on a number of high profile projects in the UK, Russia and across the Middle East, with currently over 90% of their work coming from overseas. They have recently completed the concept design of the last phase for the Lakhta Centre in St Petersburg, the new HQ for the Russian energy giant Gazprom which includes a 462m high tower, which will be Europe's tallest tower when complete in 2018. The proposal for Lakhta Centre features a unique environmental strategy, which acts as a low energy 'fur coat'. The double layered skin of the tower will allow the maximisation of daylight and the minimisation of heat loss in the extreme St Petersburg environment.

In the Middle East they have designed an award winning sustainable design for the Solar Innovation Centre for DEWA (Dubai Electricity and Water Authority), an exhibition space in Dubai celebrating the sun, which won; Best Future Leisure and Tourism Building in Middle East

at Dubai Cityscape Awards, The Most Sustainable Building in the Middle East at the Middle East Architecture Awards and the Architecture Prize at the Royal Scottish Academy in 2014.

Managing Director, Colin Bone said “Tony and I set out in late 2012 to create a boutique design studio providing Clients with “best-in-class” design and are delighted to have won this award from The Scottish Business Awards. We are very fortunate to have such a great team in Edinburgh and Dubai and great Clients who both challenge us but also give us the space and support to design such innovative and creative projects.”

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Notes for Editors:

Tony Kettle and Colin Bone worked together previously at RMJM. Tony Kettle was International Design Principal and Colin Bone was Managing Principal.

They set up Kettle Collective in October 2012 and now have a team of around 35 in the UK and Dubai. In Dubai Kettle Collective have a studio at the Dubai Design District (D3).

Tony Kettle previously designed the Falkirk Wheel, which is on the Scottish money and the new British Passport. He also worked with Enric Miralles on the Scottish Parliament whilst at RMJM.

In the UK Kettle Collective have designed the Ripple Retreat (pro bono) a purpose built house on the southern bank of Loch Venachar in Scotland, for children and their families affected by cancer as a somewhere very memorable to visit as a family and as an escape from the challenges of their illness. The project is due to be completed later this year.

Kettle Collective Regional Director MENA (Middle East North Africa) Tony Archibold, was the project Director on ‘Capital Gate’ in Abu Dhabi, which holds the Guinness World Record for: “The farthest manmade leaning building, which has an inclination of 18 degrees and is 160 m (524.93 ft) high.”

Lakhta Centre in St Petersburg, Russia holds the Guinness World Record for: “The largest continuous concrete pour is 19,624.0 m³ (25,667.22 yd³), achieved during the pouring of the foundation for the Lakhta Center Multifunctional Complex (Russia) in Saint Petersburg, Russia, on 27 February-1 March 2015.”

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