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## 2019 FSPA DESIGN AWARD WINNERS ANNOUNCED

(SARASOTA, Fla.) - The Florida Swimming Pool Association (FSPA) recognized nine companies who received awards of excellence in FSPA's 2019 Design Awards at the *Everything Under the Sun Expo*<sup>177</sup>. The Design Awards Committee, who selected the winners, is made up of decorated professionals in the industry and handed out 17 awards during the event.

The annual FSPA Design Awards program gives members an opportunity to enter their pools, spas and water features for judging on workmanship, soundness of design, beauty, practicality and safety. Categories customized for Florida pool construction divide the entries by size, type of construction and features.

Best in Show was awarded to Almar Jackson Pools from Jupiter, Florida for their <u>multi-level</u> <u>residential pool</u> which incorporated spillover features on both the ground and second level of the home. This entry earned a Gold award in the Residential Pool 701+ sq. ft. category. They also received Gold awards in the <u>Residential Pool</u> 501-700 sq. ft. and the <u>Semi Public</u> categories.

"We're very excited to have been awarded this year's Best in Show," said Gary Waser, president of Almar Jackson Pools. "This was a collaborative effort, from the architect and general contractor, as the pool is well integrated into the structure of the house. We are fortunate to work with some of the best in the industry. We'd like to thank FSPA for the acknowledgement."

Aquatic Consultants, based in Miami, Florida, took home two Gold awards in <u>Pool/Spa Combo 501-700 sq. ft.</u> and in <u>Vanishing Edge</u> while also earning a Technical Achievement award for that same project. In <u>Residential Pool 700+ sq. ft.</u>, the company took home a Bronze award.

C.M. Custom Pool Designs of Holy Hill, Florida earned one Gold award in <u>Pool & Spa</u> Combination 701+ sq. ft. They also earned an award of Merit in Residential Restoration.

Ike's Carter Pool Companies of Oakland Park, Florida earned Gold in <u>Residential Restoration</u> and received Silver in <u>Pool/Spa Combination 700+ sq ft</u>.

AquaTech Pools GC based in Nokomis, Florida earned Silver in both <u>Residential Pool 701+ sq.</u> <u>ft.</u> and in <u>Vanishing Edge</u>.

Riviera Pools of Tampa took home Gold in the <u>Pool/Spa combination of 701+ sq. ft.</u> group.

Fort Myers based Superior Pools of Southwest Florida earned a Bronze award in the <u>Pool/Spa</u> 701 sq. ft. category.

Coast to Coast Pools in Sarasota captured a Bronze award in the <u>Residential Pool 701+ sq. ft.</u> group.

Tampa Bay Pools, located in Brandon, Florida, received a Silver award in the <u>Residential Spa</u> category.

FSPA Executive Director, Wendy Parker Barsell said, "The FSPA Design Awards recognizes some of the best pools being built in Florida by FSPA members. The craftsmanship, excellence and quality seen in these pools, spas and water features are a true testament to the builders."

The Florida Swimming Pool Association is a trade association for the pool and spa industry in Florida. There are approximately 700 member businesses in 16 Chapters across the state. Members are required to abide by a code of ethics and to be properly licensed and insured. FSPA provides the industry with access to continuing education courses, information on current trends and issues, and an arbitration program and government relations representation. FSPA is governed by a Board of Directors.

## Local Award Winner Contacts:

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