

# Cachet Estate named builder of the year by industry group

Cachet Estate Homes has been named builder of the year by the Greater Toronto Home Builders Association after a survey of homeowners produced a flood of praise for the family-run company.

"What came through is that they have very strong communication with their buyers, and if there's a problem, they're talking, not turtling," said Stephen Dupuis, the GTHBA vice-president who leafed through stacks of pages of homeowner comments. The custom home building company, headed by Anthony Auciello and his son Desi, was formed in 1981 and has grown to become one of the 20 largest operating in the GTA.

In other awards, the GTHBA, an association of builders, renovators and affiliated businesses, picked a high-rise development as community of the year for only the second time in its history.

Kolter Property Corp., developer of the 1,000-unit Waterclub Condominiums on Toronto's waterfront, received the award, along with architects Kirkor Architects and Planners and advertising agency LA Inc.

Mr. Dupuis said judges were impressed by the way public and private space has been integrated at ground level, with lighted, The overhaul of the Irwin toy factory is the work of Lanterra Developments, Quadrangle Architects and II by N Design Associates.

Windfields Farm, built by Tribute Communities, features a network of cul-de-sacs, roundabouts, parks and schools on a 400-acre site named for the racehorse facility built by E.P. Taylor in 1950.

The GTHBA named Premier Kitchen and Bath renovator of the year and recognized D.O. Construction for the best renovation under \$75,000, Home Editions Design/ Build Ltd. for best between \$75,000 and \$100,000 and between \$150,000 and \$300,000, and Woodcastle Construction Ltd. for best renovation over \$300,000.

Whitehall Homes & Construction Ltd. won for best custom home.