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Success for UK Multi-Comfort House competition finalist in international final

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The finals of the Isover Multi-Comfort House competition have taken place in Prague, with one of the UK finalists, Green Canyons, beating off stiff competition from 52 teams from 19 countries to take second place.

The three UK finalists from the University of Nottingham, who were chosen at this year's Ecobuild Exhibition, travelled to Prague to present their designs and scale models of a tower to be located in the Greenwich South district of Lower Manhattan, New York to an expert panel of judges, which included Professor Marvin J. Malecha, dean of the college of design at North Carolina State University, Professor Jan Tywoniak, University CVUT- Prague and Jean-Baptise Rieunier, Saint-Gobain Isover Research.

The building needed to encompass Isover Multi-Comfort House principles and Passive House performance levels to create a sustainable, multi-use building. After being named finalists in the UK heat, they worked tirelessly on their designs, honing them to ensure they met all the requirements according to the Passive House Planning Package (PHPP) and had a strong understanding of the Isover insulation products and systems available to improve the building's performance and aesthetics.

The overall winning design of the competition was produced by Marian Lucký from

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Slovakia. The judges decided the design, aptly named, 'Tower' encapsulated the principles of the Multi-Comfort House concept, creating a building that was visually striking as well as sustainable.

Stacey Davis, marketing director for Saint-Gobain Isover said: "We are delighted that Green Canyon team from the UK was placed second overall. This great achievement is testament to the hard work of the team from the University of Nottingham as the standard of this year's competition was very high.

"In total 270 teams from around the world entered the competition. I think this demonstrates how important sustainable design is and this is why we are already working hard on next year's competition with the brief being announced in the next couple of weeks."

If you are interested in taking part in 2012's competition or you would like to find out more about Saint-Gobain's Multi-Comfort House standard visit www.multicomforthouse.co.uk or follow our twitter @IsoverUK.

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Isover products provide the highest performing energy efficiency and acoustic insulation solutions that are safe to use and that help protect the environment. Over a typical 50 year lifespan of a building Isover insulation will save 300 tonnes of CO₂, which equates to over 375 times more CO₂ than is needed for its manufacture.

Isover insulation warms and protects one in three European and one in five American homes. The company is committed to ongoing R&D to deliver technical excellence and global leadership in glass mineral wool insulation. It is also part of the Saint-Gobain Group, a worldwide leader in the design, manufacture and distribution of building materials for the construction market.

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