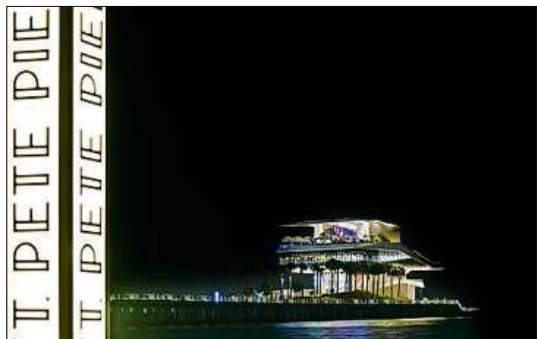


# St. Pete Pier awarded top honor for design



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It’s one of six winners of the Urban Land Institute’s 2022 Global Awards for Excellence.

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ST. PETERSBURG — The St. Pete Pier is one of six developments from around the world, and two in the U.S., that have been awarded the top honor recognizing the best new urban designs.

The Urban Land Institute on Monday announced the winners of its 2022 Global Awards for Excellence. The other winners are Anken Alley in Shanghai, China; Enabling Village in Singapore; Essex Cross-

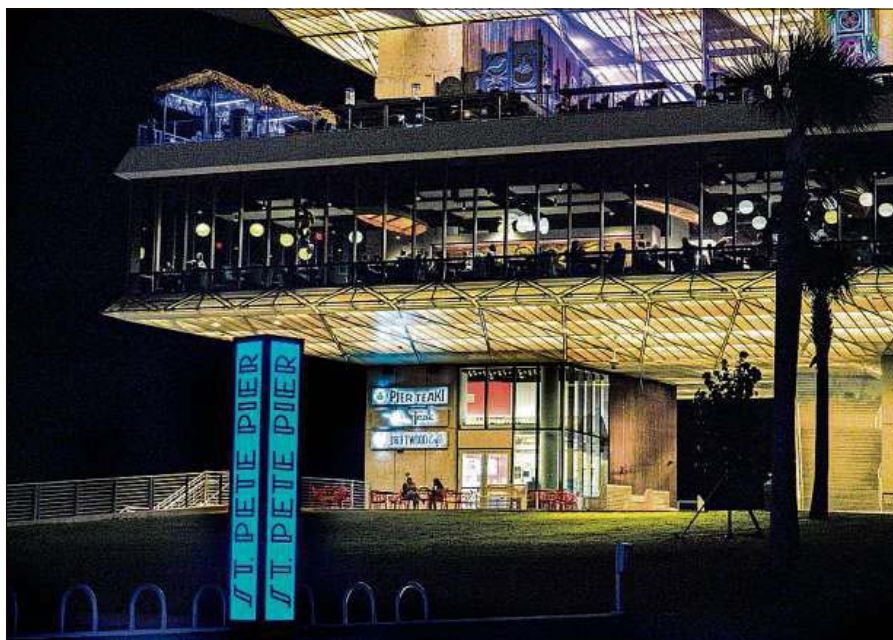
ing in New York City; MÉCA in Bordeaux, France; and Norblin Factory in Warsaw, Poland.

“This is an incredible, meaningful accomplishment for our city and our iconic waterfront,” said Mayor Ken Welch in a statement. “The ULI Global Awards for Excellence win puts the St. Pete Pier on the map as a world-class destination for residents and visitors alike.”

The winning entry describes the pier as “a unique public entity in today’s world.”

“The St. Petersburg community has had a 100+ year-long love affair with its Piers,” the entry read. “The Pier serves as the gateway to the city at the city’s shoreline. It

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seamlessly blends into the city proper and, in addition to the delight of residents and visitors, has contributed greatly to the continued economic vitality of St. Petersburg.”

The Urban Land Institute has awarded new developments that are “substantially complete, financially viable, and in stabilized operation” in the private, public and nonprofit sectors since 1979. Developments are awarded on marketplace acceptance, design, planning, technology, amenities, economic impact, management, community

engagement, innovation and sustainability.

This year, 152 projects and programs were submitted across the three regions: the Americas, Europe and Asia Pacific. Of those submissions, 26 were named as winners across the regions and were then considered as global finalists. A jury selected the six winners from that field.

The Pier, which opened in 2020, was recognized in May as one of 21 finalists named by the Urban Land Institute for its 2022 Americas Awards for Excellence. In July, the Pier won that award, with recognition in the Urban Open Space category as the only winning design in the southeastern U.S.

“I am incredibly proud of the recognition the pier has received culminating in this award from the highly respected ULI,” said former Mayor Rick Kriseman, whose administration oversaw the Pier’s development, in a statement. “The Pier project was a great example of what happens when a community and dedicated, committed staff come together to create a place that is open and inviting to everyone, residents and visitors alike. The St. Pete Pier is a place where lasting memories are created.”

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