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## **The Cosmopolitan Wins Big at Casino Design Awards, to be Presented at G2E 2012**

LAS VEGAS... September 24, 2012... The winners of Global Gaming Expo's (G2E) Casino Design Awards – the preeminent design awards program for the gaming industry – were announced today. The prestigious awards, which will be presented next week at G2E) 2012, recognize excellence in architecture, design and construction in the casino entertainment industry. The Casino Design Awards will be held on October 2 at 5:30 p.m. at the Sands Expo Center at the Venetian.

The Sarno Award for Lifetime Achievement, named after famed casino builder and visionary Jay Sarno, also will be presented during the ceremony to the late Terry Lanni, the former chairman and CEO of MGM Resorts International.

The awards have not been presented since 2009 due to the difficult economic times facing the gaming industry, so this year's program will offer recognition for work completed during two time periods, 2009-2010 and 2011-2012.

The winners of the Casino Design Awards for 2009-2010 are:

**Best Architectural Design over \$250 Million for a Casino or Casino Resort**  
*Friedmutter Group Architects, The Cosmopolitan Las Vegas*

**Best Overall Interior Design for a Casino or Casino Resort**  
*Friedmutter Group Architects, The Cosmopolitan Las Vegas*

**Best Interior Design for a Casino Resort Restaurant or Nightclub**  
*Friedmutter Group Architects, Bond Bar at the Cosmopolitan Las Vegas*

**Best Interior Design for a Casino or Casino Resort Excluding a Restaurant or Nightclub**  
*Friedmutter Group Architects, The Pool District at the Cosmopolitan Las Vegas*

The Casino Design Awards were created and are administered by *Global Gaming Business* magazine and its supplement, *Casino Design* magazine. An advisory board of architects, designers, builders and consultants established the categories and criteria for the awards.

The judges for G2E's Casino Design Awards are: Michael Adams, editor-in-chief, Hospitality Design magazine; Robert Maricich, chief executive officer, International Market Center Las Vegas; Richard Poulos, director of commercial markets NBBJ Architects; David Schwartz, director, University Of Nevada Las Vegas, Center For Gaming Research; and Katherine Spilde, associate professor, San Diego State University, School Of Hospitality and Tourism Management

G2E, which is organized by the American Gaming Association (AGA) and Reed Exhibitions, is the premier trade show and conference event for the international gaming entertainment industry and provides gaming professionals with access to cutting-edge products and technologies, valuable networking opportunities, and unmatched educational programming. The 2012 event will be held October 1-4 at the Sands Expo and Convention Center in Las Vegas, Nev.

In addition to the Casino Design Awards, G2E will offer design professionals a specialized conference track featuring education from some of the leading experts in the fields of casino architecture and design, as well as the top executives in the industry charged with building or renovating the casino resorts of today.

G2E is attended by nearly 26,000 industry professionals from around the world. For more information on G2E 2012, visit [www.globalgamingexpo.com](http://www.globalgamingexpo.com) and connect with G2E on [Twitter](#), [Facebook](#) and [LinkedIn](#).

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