## Taveuni Estates takes out development prize

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TAVEUNI Estates has won the prestigious 2005 Bentley International Property Award for Best Development (5 stars), known as the 'Oscar' of the property world.

The annual competition, held in the United Kingdom last Friday, was open to all companies involved with international residential properties around the world through 'invitation only'. A panel of 17 distinguished judges from the property world with its chairman, Member of Parliament Eric Pickles, selected the winner under strict judging criteria.

Chairman of Taveuni Estates Peter Stinson said it was not only an award for his development, but for Fiji and Taveuni as well.

"Previous winners include the Imperial Wharf in the UK and Bella Collina in the United States, so to be recognised with these outstanding projects is truly a singular honour," said Mr Stinson, and added, "it is a first for Fiji". He said it was also an endorsement of the effort his company has put into Taveuni Estates to make it a world-class development.

"In 1995 we acquired 100 per cent of Taveuni Estates and began a ten-year multi-million dollar redevelopment programme. "This included restoring the infrastructure, building new facilities, and marketing our residential land.

"We are presently planning a 'Boutique Hotel' on the waterfront of the estate. And there are many more projects on the drawing board.

"We are now offering many lifestyle and investment property opportunities, and as the largest private sector development in the North, we would like to think our contribution is more.

"Aside from the employment opportunities, direct and indirect, provided for the people of Taveuni, we are also helping to develop a growing tourism industry in this region."

Taveuni Estate executive Judge Brain, pictured here, accepted the award in London on behalf of the company.

As part of its prize it will be featured in World Best magazine published by International Homes.

