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Gandel, Perron and Pidgeon inducted into Property Hall of Fame

Three giants in the Australian property industry – John Gandel AO, Stan Perron AM and Sir John Pidgeon – have been invested into the Property Hall of Fame.

The induction ceremony took place as part of the 2013 Innovation and Excellence Awards, held at The Star Event Centre in Sydney on Saturday 18 May.

The Australian Property Hall of Fame was established in 2012 by the Property Council of Australia to honour individuals who have provided sustained leadership, made a major pioneering contribution, and left an outstanding legacy to the property industry and the Australian community.

Property Council National President Darren Steinberg said each of the inductees were inspiring entrepreneurs who helped transform Australia into a dynamic, prosperous society.

“Through their energy, imagination, drive and determination, these three extraordinary people have shaped Australia’s urban landscape.

“All three inductees are as renowned for their generosity and philanthropy as they are for their business acumen, and I am delighted that we can acknowledge their outstanding contributions to Australian society,” Mr Steinberg says.

John Gandel AO

John Gandel is a prominent Victorian businessman, philanthropist and community leader. After selling his successful Sussan retail chain in 1985, Mr Gandel has concentrated on real estate development – with outstanding success. John has been Chairman of the Gandel Group of Companies since 1983 and chaired the Gandel Retail Trust from 1994 to 2006. The Gandel Group managed approximately \$8.5 billion of Australia’s best retail assets up until the sale of the management business in 2006. Mr Gandel was made an Officer of the Order of Australia in 1990 for services to business, commerce and industry. As patron, chairman and committee member of numerous fundraising appeals, John has been instrumental in raising tens of millions of dollars for a wide range of causes.

“Among John’s many achievements, he has successfully managed and developed Chadstone into Australia’s largest and most productive shopping mall which is now valued at over \$3 billion. John has demonstrated time and time again that long-term thinking and reinvention pays handsome dividends,” Mr Steinberg says.

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Stan Perron AM

Stanley Perron is Owner and Chairman of the Perron Group of Companies with a property portfolio valued in excess of \$3 billion. The Perron Group Property Portfolio is a diversified, institutional style portfolio comprising eleven major shopping centres, several large office buildings and numerous commercial and industrial properties. Mr Perron is chairman of The Stan Perron Charitable Foundation which supports over 100 charitable organisations with a focus on children's charities and medical research. The Foundation is entirely funded by guaranteed proceeds from the Perron Group operations. Mr Perron has been the recipient of numerous awards including the Order of Australia.

"Stan Perron is a true Western Australian icon who continues to explore new business frontiers while giving back to the community," Mr Steinberg says.

Sir John Pidgeon

Sir John Pidgeon, Managing Director of FA Pidgeon & Son Pty Ltd, built the construction business founded by his father in 1927 into one of Australia's largest privately-owned building and development companies, responsible for many iconic projects throughout Queensland. He served as chairman of the Master Builders Association, Builder's Registration Board and the Building Services Authority. His significant contribution to the industry and the community (including causes such as Surf Lifesaving and the Salvation Army) was recognised with a Knighthood in 1989.

"Sir John's hard work and commitment has transformed the skylines of Brisbane and the Gold Coast and made the Pidgeon name synonymous with quality building in Queensland," Mr Steinberg explains.

The three new inductees join Frank Lowy AC, Dick Dusseldorp AO and Ray Powys AM, who were inducted into the Property Hall of Fame in 2012. More information at: www.propertyhalloffame.com.au

For more information on the winners of the 2013 Innovation and Excellence Awards, visit: www.propertyoz.com.au/awards

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