

## News Release

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### Markland Named Best Residential Community of the Year

# Hines

(KISSIMMEE, FLORIDA) – Hines, the international real estate developer of Markland, earned two Excel Awards and a Silver Aurora at the Southeast Building Conference. Excel Awards honor sales and marketing excellence in the building industry. Hines won Excel Awards for **Best Master Planned Community of the Year** and **Best Brochure** for Markland. The Aurora Awards honor the best in design and Hines won a prestigious Silver Aurora for **Best Community Site Plan** for Markland. Both awards include entries from all over the Southeast region of the United States and were held at the Gaylord Palms Resort and Conference Center in Kissimmee, Florida.

The Excel Industry Awards were held Thursday, July 27, 2017, presented by SEBC, Florida Sales and Marketing Council and the Florida Home Builders Association. The Aurora Awards were presented Friday, July 28.

The best and the brightest gathered to celebrate the Silver Aurora, Grand Aurora and Golden Aurora winners for the 36th annual Aurora Awards. This year's competition drew 400 entries in 58 Categories.

“The Aurora Gala was a sold-out event, and showcased all Aurora winners” said Aurora Awards Chairman Patti Guthrie. “The event was definitely the place to see a spectacular overview of emerging design and planning trends in residential and commercial development.”

Entries were reviewed by a panel of four building industry leaders. Judges are selected from among the most creative and successful individuals within the homebuilding industry, and represent the many disciplines contributing to building and design, as well as geographic diversity. All decisions of the judges are final.

Judge Sarah Breen of CDC Designs, said this year's competition was exceptionally diverse coming from across the Southeast. "Creative ideas in design do not know boundaries," she said. "We found the variety and level of excellence to be particularly heartening this year."

Established in 1977, the southeast Building Conference (SEBC) is the premier regional building industry trade show in the Southeast providing the latest in residential and commercial construction products and services. The Southeast region covers: Arkansas, Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi, North and South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas and Virginia.

Markland, a new neighborhood in Northern St. Johns County with the amenities of a larger community, but a scale and feel that keep you connected to what matters most is centrally located on International Golf Parkway just east of I-95 with model homes open daily. Five outstanding homebuilders offer a diverse mix of house plans with pricing that ranges from \$280,000 to over \$700,000.

Hines is a privately owned global real estate investment firm founded in 1957 with a presence in 189 cities in 20 countries. Hines has approximately \$96.5 billion of assets under management, including \$48.5 billion for which Hines provides fiduciary investment management services, and \$48 billion for which Hines provides third-party property-level services. The firm has 114 developments currently underway around the world. Historically, Hines has developed, redeveloped or acquired 1,206 properties, totaling over 390 million square feet. The firm's current property and asset management

portfolio includes 533 properties, representing over 213 million square feet. Visit [www.hines.com](http://www.hines.com) for more information.

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Photo caption: Walter O'Shea, Carla Luigs and Lane Gardner of Hines accepted Aurora Award trophies at the Southeast Building Conference July 28, 2017, at the Gaylord Palms Resort and Conference Center in Kissimmee, Florida.



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