

# There's no place like home of year

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A Te Puna home with a "warm Mediterranean flavour" has taken top honours in the Tauranga Registered Master Builders 2010 House of the Year awards.

Belco Homes won the category for new homes over \$2 million and also took out the PlaceMakers Supreme Award for the House of the Year.

The four-bedroom home impressed the judges with its colour scheme and the way it was positioned to "sit harmoniously with its environment".

"The home is set in a unique semi-rural environment and has great views of the estuary," the judges said.

"The main living area is open plan with high volume ceilings, giving it a large and luxurious feel.

"Construction of the home posed some challenges, but the builder has completed it to a very high standard."

The luxury home includes estuary views, an atrium ceiling,



**RENOVATION:** This Otumoetai home won the supreme award for renovation of the year.

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separate preparation room in the kitchen, and four-car garage.

Taylor Developments won the renovation over \$500,000 category and the PlaceMakers Supreme Award for the Renovation of the Year for a home in Otumoetai. The judges praised the high-quality workmanship and superb finishings.

"The spacious open-plan living area has great views of the lake,

as well as sliding doors opening up to an amazing water feature outside," the judges said.

"The builder has created a striking interior finish, with great use of textures and contrasting colours throughout."

The winning builders were recognised by members of the Tauranga Registered Master Builders Association and the local building industry at a gala dinner

at Baycourt Theatre last night.

There were 10 gold award-winning entries from the Tauranga association.

These winners will be judged alongside winners from the other 19 regions of the competition, to find the national gold reserve finalists, which will be announced in September. National winner will be announced at a gala dinner in Auckland in November.