



The 'Naked' Facts of LEED

Published on 19 Mar 2013

Written by Jennivine Kwan

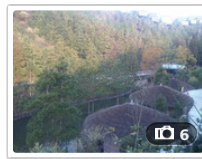
Posted in [Industry](#)



View of a naked Stables villa

With LEED projects in 135 countries around the world, it is safe to say, LEED is everywhere. Even on 60 acres of bamboo forest and white tea plantations in China.

The [naked Stables Private Reserve](#), a resort some two hours outside of Shanghai, was host yesterday to a cross-section of folks from the green building industry. The goal was simple: To learn more about the business case for green buildings and the need for LEED. And what better environment than naked Stables which recently earned LEED Platinum Certification for its Tree Top Villas and Earth Huts—a total of 77 different structures.



The Tree Top Villas were constructed using prefabricated, structurally insulated panels. The villas also have a north-south orientation that ushers in tons of natural light and significantly cuts energy costs.

The Earth Huts, another form of luxury accommodation at the resort, were constructed with local natural materials, chiefly a form of rammed earth known as Sirewall. This material creates a complete thermal envelope that reduces artificial heating and air conditioning needs.

Sponsors of the event—who were also a part of the project design team for naked Stables—were intimately familiar with the entire process and enriched the event by providing details of the technology systems and practices, including an exciting, hands-on experience of creating a rammed earth wall and building with structurally-insulated panels.

USGBC remains committed to providing forums, such as our “Live, Learn and Connect” gathering at naked Stables, to allow inspired people to come together, share challenges, and solutions.

In particular, yesterday’s event was specifically tailored for developers who have tremendous potential to positively impact the environment in China by encouraging them to take a step in the right direction.

To further provide the Chinese market with greater access to information, we've created a [Chinese-language landing page](#) for our participants and the public to continue learning about LEED and the positive impact it is having on communities across the globe.

Of course, the event would not have been impossible without our many sponsors, chiefly our event partner, naked Stables. We are grateful to our multiyear sponsors, [Carrier Corporation-EMSI](#), our platinum sponsors, [Imondi](#), [VMC](#), gold sponsor, [Quacent](#), and silver sponsors, [Faithful+Gould](#), [BEE inc.](#) and [Shanghai Pacific Energy Center](#) (SPEC-the LEED consultant company for this project) and our strategic partners [GIGA](#) and [Architect at Work](#).

From the towering skyscrapers of Dubai to the mountains outside of Shanghai, LEED is offering real, measureable results in humanity’s efforts to reduce our global carbon footprint and promote environmental, economic, and social prosperity.

Through “Live, Learn and Connect,” we are going back to the basics, by providing a living, learning experience where lifelines can connect.



Jennivine Kwan
Vice President, International
U.S. Green Building Council



Member employees, USGBC staff

0 comments

[Leave a comment](#)

Leave a comment

Don't have an account? [Create one](#)

You must be signed in to leave a comment.

Email

Password

SIGN IN