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BRITISH NURSERIES?  
In conversation with  
Charles Jencks

## VIEW FROM THE TOP

Roof gardens in  
the UK and Paris



What's new in the world of garden design *Compiled by Zia Allaway*



## UK NURSERY WINS ULF NORDFJELL CONTRACT

**CELEBRATED LANDSCAPE ARCHITECT** Ulf Nordfjell is heading up a project to redesign the Rådhusparken in the city of Umeå in Sweden, which is to become European Capital of Culture in 2014. Ulf's team is made up of Ramboll Landscape and Plan Stockholm and he has selected Hortus Loci in Hampshire to grow 15,000 perennials for the park. He has worked with Mark Straver of Hortus Loci on both of his gold-medal-winning Chelsea gardens in 2007 and 2009.

When asked why he had chosen the British nursery, Ulf said,

"We need to secure top-quality perennials that will be planted in 2013 and grow perfectly to the required size for 2014 when Umeå becomes European Capital of Culture. My experience of working with Mark Straver and his team at Hortus Loci has always been first class, so it was an easy choice."

Robin Wallis, co-director of Hortus Loci, commented: "We are very flattered to be asked to contribute to this prestigious project. It's a pleasure to work with Ulf, whose international reputation goes before him."

The historic park, which was originally laid out in the 1880s, will form the backbone of the new designs, with its central axis of lime trees and acers, and the beautiful stone fountain at its heart. Next to the river, Ulf has designed an urban landscape of granite, inspired by snowflakes and birch tree bark, with specially designed terrazzo sun loungers on a black wooden deck overlooking the water. For more details, see [www.hortusloci.co.uk](http://www.hortusloci.co.uk) and [www.nordfjellcollection.se](http://www.nordfjellcollection.se)



**CLOCKWISE FROM TOP LEFT** Ulf Nordfjell's plans for the Rådhusparken in Sweden

## SGD members top New Homes Awards

**ANDREW FISHER-TOMLIN MSGD** was named Garden Designer of the Year at The New Homes Garden 2012 Awards. He also picked up two golds for Best Domestic Gardens, plus golds for both Best Renovation Project and Best Urban Garden. Jennie Pattison MSGD also won a gold award for Best Urban Garden for a design that secured her a top BAL award.

Andrew was honoured to have won so many prizes and said: "We're delighted to be recognised for our projects in Cyprus and the Caribbean. Working overseas brings its own challenges but these awards confirm that it's possible to

create successful gardens wherever they may be."

Araks Garden Design was awarded gold in the 'Best Memory Garden' category for a Dementia garden for the First Care Homes Group in Ipswich. Director Patricia Fox MSGD said: "We are especially thrilled to have received a prestigious gold award for our first attempt at a care home garden." The closing date for this year's awards is 31 May 2013 and the organisers are keen to increase the number of entries from garden and landscape designers. For more details, see [www.newhomesgardenawards.co.uk](http://www.newhomesgardenawards.co.uk)



**TOP AND BOTTOM** Andrew Fisher-Tomlin's designs have won several awards