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The Garden Company brings a touch of the Mediterranean to a London garden

The Garden Company Ltd, based in Hertfordshire, has been awarded a highly-respected national design award by the Society of Garden Designers for an innovative garden in a suburban setting. James Scott (MD and Principal Designer) and Alex Haerle (Landscape Manager and Designer) were asked by their clients – owners of Laurel Cottage in suburban Pinner – to add extra ‘living/entertainment’ potential to the house while recreating the relaxed feeling of family holidays spent in the Mediterranean. Starting from a site which was simply laid to lawn, James and Alex went on to create a tranquil oasis featuring: flow from the house into the garden, a solid oak bespoke pergola and a timber walkway, which draws visitors into a foliage-covered place with cosy seating. A granite water feature, gnarled olive tree and subtle light fittings provide extra visual interest and enhance the relaxed look and feel of the garden.

The SGD judging panel concluded that *“The carefully thought out design and creation of different spaces in the garden along with the vertical elements make the garden appear much larger than it is. The more informal areas with boulders and an elevated path through the soft and calming planting add to the sense of adventure and overall the design is clever and accomplished.”*

James Scott MSGD MBALI commented: ‘We are very proud and pleased to receive this Award. The UK is renowned all over the world for its beautiful gardens and we are so fortunate to have the opportunity to do what we do here! Recognition from the SGD reinforces that The Garden Company’s commitment to top-quality design, build-ability and genuine collaboration with our clients and suppliers is a winning formula. I would like to send a huge thank you and well done to our hard-working and talented team members’.

To find out more about the Garden Company, you can visit their website (www.thegardenco.co.uk) or call 01442 832666.



Notes to editors

James Scott MSGD, Managing Director and Principal Designer

James is MD and Principal Designer at the Garden Company, overseeing all work produced by his award-winning design and construction teams. He is a fully Registered Member of the Society of Garden Designers - which is the only body representing professional garden designers in the UK – and of the British Association of Landscape Industries. Since establishing the Garden Company in 1991, James has won numerous awards for his garden and landscape design work. From 2013-2017, James served as SGD Council Member.

The Garden Company Ltd



The Garden Company Ltd, based in Hertfordshire, specialises in high quality landscape and garden design, construction and maintenance for commercial and domestic clients. Established in 1991, it has since won multiple national awards and was the first design practice in the UK to be awarded Registered Practice status by the Society of Garden Designers. It is also a Registered Member of BALI, the British Association of Landscape Industries. In addition to its core services, its highly trained teams offer expertise in garden lighting, irrigation and tree surgery. The Garden Company has longstanding and successful partnerships with other professional designers and with trusted suppliers of materials and plants.

The Society of Garden Designers



The Society of Garden Designers was established in 1981 and is the only professional body in the UK dedicated solely to garden design. It is active both nationally and internationally, promoting its aims through The Garden Design Journal, conferences, designer development days, adjudication classes, and links with the construction industry. The key aims of the Society are:

- to promote excellence in garden design



- to recognise and promote Registered Members and Fellows as professional garden designers.
- to serve its wider Membership and support Pre-Registered Members on their journey to Registered status

All Members are governed by the Society's Articles of Association and Code of Professional Conduct.