

## **Sommers Bend, the First SHAWOOD Community in the U.S., Wins Four Gold Awards at The Nationals 2025, North America’s Largest Awards Program**

Sekisui House announces its first SHAWOOD community in the United States, “Sommers Bend”, has won Gold Awards in four categories at The Nationals 2025, a nationwide awards program presented by the National Sales and Marketing Council (NSMC), a council of the National Association of Home Builders (NAHB). Each category recognizes only one winner with the highest honor, the Gold Award.

Since sales began in January 2024, SHAWOOD homes in Sommers Bend have been selling at a pace exceeding initial expectations. As of February 16, 2025, 37 out of 57 available lots have already been sold, including homes featuring the “Yuri” and “Kiri” floor plans, which received this prestigious award. Buyers have particularly praised SHAWOOD’s unique structural system, recognizing not only its exceptional earthquake resistance and durability but also its high-quality craftsmanship and aesthetic appeal, made possible by its high-precision design and construction.

Following the success of Sommers Bend, “Arcadia”, a new 40-lot SHAWOOD community in Summerlin, Las Vegas, officially opened on February 15, 2025. Unique SHAWOOD features such as “KOKAGE LOUNGE”\* have been met with enthusiastic acclaim. On the opening day alone, over 200 customers visited the site, and all initial sales units have already been reserved.



The Nationals is the largest and most prestigious competition in North America for new-home sales and marketing professionals, associates, builders, and communities. Since 1982, it has honored companies and individuals for their outstanding achievements in the building industry. Through its recognition of excellence in various fields, as well as cutting-edge products and projects from around the world, the awards program also showcase the most exciting trends in new home sales and marketing.

Winners of this award were selected from over 1,200 entries by a diverse panel of industry professionals.

\*KOKAGE LOUNGE :

A space designed with a large sloping ceiling and extended eaves, offering a relaxed living experience reminiscent of being under the shade of a wide-reaching tree.

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## ■ Award-winning properties and categories

SHAWOOD at Sommers Bend, which leverages its advanced technological capabilities to deliver a range of values—including happiness and well-being—was highly recognized in this awards program, earning Gold Awards in the following four categories:

### (1) Property: Yuri

#### Category: Best Single Family Detached Model Home (3,001 to 3,500sf/approx. 279-325m<sup>2</sup>)

Yuri is a single-story home featuring three bedrooms, three and a half bathrooms, and 3,203 sq. ft. (approximately 298 m<sup>2</sup>) of living space. Its design centers around a spacious open area that seamlessly integrates the dining room, kitchen, and living room. At Sommers Bend, a Yuri home is available as a model home for public viewing.

Video: <https://youtu.be/01wQ95Uoga8?feature=shared>



### (2) Property: Kiri

#### Category: Best Single Family Detached Model Home (3,501 to 4,000sf/approx. 325-372m<sup>2</sup>)

Kiri is a single-story home featuring five bedrooms, five and a half bathrooms, and 3,874 sq. ft. (approximately 360 m<sup>2</sup>) of living space. In addition to its expansive open area and five bedrooms, it offers a variety of well-appointed spaces, including an outdoor area perfect for barbecues and a dedicated fitness room. At Sommers Bend, a Kiri home is available as a model home for public viewing.

Video: [https://youtu.be/k-pqqn68\\_Y8?feature=shared](https://youtu.be/k-pqqn68_Y8?feature=shared)



### (3) Property: Sommers Bend Community

#### Category: Detached Community of the Year

Sommers Bend is a meticulously planned community that seamlessly blends the natural beauty of Temecula, Southern California, with state-of-the-art design technology. Each home is constructed with SHAWOOD's advanced building technologies and sustainable materials, prioritizing comfort, durability, and energy efficiency.

Video: <https://youtu.be/XmjM0vPC7wg?feature=shared>



### (4) Property: Experience Center

#### Category: Best Sales/Leasing Center

The Experience Center is a facility designed to provide a deeper understanding of SHAWOOD's technology through various exhibits, including laminated timber columns and beams, Bellburn ceramic exterior wall panels, and joint structure models. It also showcases SHAWOOD's history, the sustainability of its timber, and its homeowner-centric design philosophy. Visitors have praised the center for its inviting atmosphere and the insightful communication with knowledgeable sales representatives.



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With the global vision to “make home the happiest place in the world,” Sekisui House remains committed to creating homes that foster Happy Living.

About The Nationals: <https://www.thenationals.com/>

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