



Algarve shines in London

PROPERTY DEVELOPERS and estate agents in the Algarve had considerable success at this year's International Property Awards, held in London on September 14.

Now in its 13th year, the awards ceremony was presented by former BBC Royal Correspondent Jennie Bond at a gala dinner at the Marriott hotel in London's Grosvenor Square and around 400 property pro-

fessionals from 56 countries gathered in anticipation of winning one or more of the 100 highly prestigious awards across 20 categories.

The *Vigia Group's* flagship resort, *Parque da Floresta Golf & Leisure Resort*, picked up the coveted award for Best Four Star Development in Portugal. This is the *Vigia Group's* 10th *International Property Award* in seven years and *Vigia Sales Di-*

rector, Ewa Petersson, said the award "enables the *Vigia Group* to stand out in an increasingly competitive market place".

Another winner at the prestigious awards was *Luz Select Real Estate* in Praia da Luz. Picking up the award for Best Real Estate Marketing in Portugal and Best Real Estate Agency Website in Portugal on behalf of the company was Graham and Samantha Foster. *Luz Select* was

credited with a four star award for their innovative and broad range of advertising and marketing and also the five star award for their user friendly website www.luzselect.com. This recognition of their endeavour to create a new breed of estate agency comes as they look to expand and build on their success.

One of the greatest feats of the evening was achieved by an individual property company,

John D Griffiths. It won Best Property in Portugal and Best Apartment in Portugal for *Jóia do Mar* in Colina Azul and came joint second for the Best Estate Agent in Portugal award. These complemented last year's award for Best Development Portugal. The company is a three generation family business established in 1969, specialising in new and resale properties in Lagos and the Western Algarve.

Pine Cliffs Residence at *Pine Cliffs Resort* won the best five-star International Development Award in Portugal and the best four-star property Award for Portugal for its show apartment.

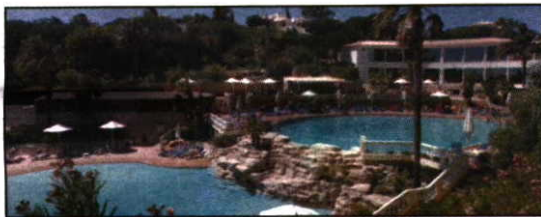
Manorpark Properties and *Sadlers* won the International Property Awards' Best Estate Agent in Portugal, and *Manorpark Properties* also won the Best five star Real Estate Agency Marketing in Portugal.



Graham and Samantha Foster of *Luz Select Real Estate*



Nick Sadler and Sophie Hollow of *Sadlers*



Parque da Floresta Golf & Leisure Resort



John D Griffiths - Best Property in Portugal

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