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THE CHICAGO ATHENAEUM ANNOUNCES THE INTERNATIONAL ARCHITECTURE AWARDS 2022 FOR EXCELLENCE IN THE WORLD'S FIRST AND OLDEST ANNUAL GLOBAL DESIGN AWARDS PROGRAM

A distinguished jury of international designers selected over 150 new buildings and urban planning projects to be honored at a special awards ceremony and Gala Dinner held at the foot of the Acropolis in Athens, Greece on September 9

CHICAGO, **ILLINOIS** (**AUGUST 17**, **2022**) — The Chicago Athenaeum: Museum of Architecture and Design and The European Centre for Architecture Art Design and Urban Studies today revealed over 150 winners of the prestigious International Architecture Awards that takes place every year to recognize the most significant and inspirational building and urban planning projects around the world.

Founded in 2005 by The Chicago Athenaeum and The European Centre, the distinguished awards recognize the most significant and inspirational buildings of the year and set a global standard for architectural achievement worldwide.

The International Architecture Awards are open to any qualified architect for spaces anywhere in the world that exemplify design excellence and architectural ambition and deliver meaningful social impact to the public for which they serve.

This year, from a shortlist of over 450 submissions, the 150 plus award-winning buildings and urban planning projects are spread across 48 countries.

In addition to the 150 plus awarded projects another 50 honorable mentions were also cited.

This year's winning projects range from significant cultural destinations such as Fuzhou Strait Culture and Art Centre and its beautifully detailed walkways in Fu Jian, China to new city infrastructure such as the elegant Eleftheria Square in the heart of Nicosia, Cyprus; from a stunning sky pool that connects

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two buildings in downtown London to the new Deformable Modularized COVID-19 Epidemic Prevention Hospital in Shanghai and a UNESCO cultural building in Greenland.

"This year's winning projects," states Christian Narkiewicz-Laine, President/CEO of The Chicago Athenaeum, "show remarkable sensitivity to their surroundings and local cultures, inclusive design, and sustainable solutions."

"Sustainability, restoration and renovation, and eco-friendly design were paramount to this year's selection."

"It is indeed a great moment when a recognition as important as this helps to bring attention to the remote corners of our incredibly connected but unknowing world, often projects that are born out of scarce resources, and projects for the care of people and communities destined to live in the fragile environment of a climate in flux."

"Here we have the opportunity to discover the world's best new buildings and to celebrate the value of architecture to communities worldwide," continues Narkiewicz-Laine.

For 2022, awarded projects include new high rises and skyscrapers in Tel Aviv, Shanghai, Toronto, Barcelona, Shenzhen, Suzhou, and Tampa, Florida, as well as new airports, bridges, civic and community centers, exposition pavilions, corporate offices, schools and universities, museums and libraries, government and healthcare facilities, hotels, private homes and multi-family housing, public spaces, religious buildings, and significant new restorations and adaptive reuse projects.

Winners of this year's International Architecture Awards for Design Excellence include over 100 of the world's most influential and established architecture practices in Europe, Asia, Australia, and North and South America including Zaha Hadid Architects, Kohn Pedersen Fox, Ennead Architects, SPEECH and Tchoban Voss Architects BDA,, J. MAYER H. und Partner, Architekten, Mecanoo Architecten, Boris Micka Associates, KLID (Kris Lin Interior Design), Yunchao Xu/Atelier Apeiron/SZAD, Safdie Architects, Ryuichi Sasaki Architecture, Tzannes, Shanghai PTArchitects, ENOTA, ZJA, Shigeru Ban Architects, KAAN Architecten, C.F. Møller Architects, ACPV Antonio Citterio Patricia Viel, Studio Link-Arc, LLC., CRA-Carlo Ratti Associati, ikon.5 architects, fjmtstudio, Mark Cavagnero Associates, TERROIR, Arquitectonica, Aedas, JKMM Architects, Mario Cucinella Architects, Grimshaw, Benedetta Tagliabue – EMBT Architects, STUDIOS Architecture, Elkus Manfredi Architects, Weiss/ Manfredi Architects, Adrian Smith + Gordon Gill Architecture, John McAslan + Partners, AECOM, Studio Odile Decq, as well as newer, upcoming architecture offices.

Awards also went to pavilions designed for EXPO 2020 Dubai including the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia Pavilion by Boris Micka Associates, the Russian Pavilion by SPEECH, Terra - The Sustainability Pavilion by Grimshaw, and the Luxembourg Pavilion by Metaform Architects.

Significant and heroic restorations, renovations, and adaptive reuse projects include Julu Place 758, Shanghai, China by Yuangou Architects & Consultants Ltd., Urban Bloom-Galleria Timeworld, Daejeon, South Korea by CA Plan Co., Ltd., Royal Drury Lane Restoration, London, United Kingdom by Haworth Tompkins, Royal Museum of Fine Arts Antwerp (KMSKA), Antwerp, Belgium by KAAN Architecten, Palazzo Senza Tempo Peccio, Peccioli, Italy by Mario Cucinella Architects, Latitude Renovation-Extension, La Défense, Paris, France by STUDIOS Architecture, The Cathedral of the Holy Cross Renovation, Boston, Massachusetts, USA by Elkus Manfredi Architects, Kumamoto Castle Reconstruction Observation Path, Kumamoto City, Japan by NIHON SEKKEI, Inc., and Hasanpaşa Gasworks Park and Museum Complex, İstanbul, Turkey by DS Architecture.

The jury for the annual awards included:

- · Alberto Alessi of Alessi SpA.
- Flavio Manzoni, Senior Vice President Ferrari Design, Ferrari SpA.
- · Mauro Porcini, Chief Design Officer, PepsiCo., Inc.
- · Damian Mycroft, Design Director of Coca-Cola Company.

Each awarded project has been subject to a rigorous judging process. The 150 plus winning projects and design firms for 2022 include:

AIRPORTS AND TRANSPORTATION CENTRES

Incheon International Airport Passenger Terminal 2, Incheon, Korea by Heerim Architects & Planners Co., Ltd. with Mooyoung Architects & Engineers Co., Ltd. and. Gensler

BRIDGES AND INFRASTRUCTURE

Kakola Funicular Stations, Turku, Finland by Vapaavuori Architects

L'Aiguille Rouge Walkway, Bourg-Saint-Maurice et Villaroger, France by SG Architecte

Storm Water Facility, Toronto, Ontario, Canada by Architects: gh3*

Kathleen Andrews Transit Garage, Edmonton, Alberta, Canada by gh3*

Gateway Arches, Al Wahda Junction, Doha, Qatar by AECOM

CIVIC AND COMMUNITY CENTERS

Tangzhuang Village Community Center, Xinghua, Jiangsu, China by Free Studio/Archplus Institute of Shanghai Architectural Design & Research Co., Ltd.

Cloud of Luster Chapel, Himeji, Japan by KTX archiLAB Gemdale Megacity, Fuzhou, China by Shanghai PTArchitects

COMMERCIAL BUILDINGS

Jenga Box, Shanghai, China by KLID (Kris Lin Interior Design)

CORPORATE OFFICE BUILDINGS

Ferrum 1, Saint Petersburg, Russia by Tchoban Voss Architects BDA

GZ Campus Falkenberg, Falkenberg, Germany by J. MAYER H. und Partner, Architekten

Penrose Dock, Cork, Ireland by Wilson Architecture

Gruppo Vergero Headquarters, Venaria Reale (TO), Italy by Offtec srl.

Gree Global Centre, Hengqin, China by Yunchao Xu/Atelier Apeiron/SZAD

Zemelnyi Office Building, Moscow, Russia by UNK project

Kuwait Investment Authority Headquarters, Kuwait City, Kuwait by International Consultants

Folded Wings, Palo Alto, California, USA by Form4 Architecture

The PolyCuboid, Himeji, Japan by KTX archiLAB

Omega and Swatch Headquarters, Beil, Switzerland by Shigeru Ban Architects and Itten+Brechbühl AG

Carlsberg Central Office, Copenhagen, Denmark by C.F. Møller Architects

A2A Headquarters, Milan (MI), Italy by ACPV Antonio Citterio Patricia Viel

The Docks, Frankfurt am Main, Germany by Meixner-Schüluter-Wendt Architekten

Yale University Tsai Center for Innovative Thinking, New Haven, Connecticut, USA by Weiss/Manfredi Architects

CULTURE AND MUSEUMS

Fuzhou Strait Culture and Art Centre, Fu Jian, China by PES-Architects Ltd. and China Construction Engineering Design Group Co., Ltd.

Dysis Church of Poly Shallow Sea, Hainan, China by Shanghai United Design Group Co., Ltd. and The Second Architectural Design Institute

Andermatt Concet Hall, Andermatt, Switzerland by Studio Seilern Architects

Luhu Cultural Center, Shenzhen, China by Studio Link-Arc, LLC. and CCDI (Shenzhen)

Ute and William K. Bowes, Jr. Center for Performing Arts, San Francisco, California, USA by Mark Cavagnero Associates

Jiashan Museum and Library, Jiashan, Zhejiang, China by The Architectural Design & Research Institute of Zhejiang University Co., Ltd.

Hasanpaşa Gasworks Park and Museum Complex, İstanbul, Turkey by DS Architecture and ITÜ Faculty of Architecture

Shanghai Astronomy Museum Shanghai, China by Ennead Architects and Shanghai Institute of Architectural Design and Research

Buddy Holly Hall of Performing Arts and Sciences, Lubbock, Texas, USA by Diamond Schmitt Associates with MWM Architects, Inc. and Parkhill

Dallara Academy, Varano de' Melegari, Italy by. Atelier(s) Alfonso Femia / AF517

DISPLAYS AND INSTALLATIONS

The Russel & Mary Wright Design Gallery, Garrison, New York, USA by Studio Joseph Qaammat Pavilion, Sarfannguit, Greenland by Konstantin Arkitekter

ENERGY/SUSTAINABILITY

Hot Heart, Helsinki, Finland by CRA-Carlo Ratti Associati

ENTERTAINMENT

White Mountain Club House, Nanjing, China by KLID (Kris Lin Interior Design)

Venue Building Middelkerke', Middelkerke, Belgium by ZJA with Bureau Bouwtechniek, OZ and DELVA Landscape Architecture Urbanism

Ice Cubes Cultural Tourist Center, Xinxiang, China by Architects: Zone of Utopia, Mathieu Forest Architecte

Puffing Billy Railway Visitor Centre, Emerald, Victoria, Australia by TERROIR

Sky Pool, London, United Kingdom by HAL Architects

EXPOSITION

The Kingdom of Saudi Arabia Pavilion at EXPO 2020 Dubai, Dubai, United Arab Emirates by Boris Micka Associates

Russian Pavilion at EXPO 2020 Dubai, Dubai, United Arab Emirates I 2021 Architects: Speech Expanded Cloud Experience Center, Kunming, China by Shanghai Urban Architecture Design Co., Ltd. Luxembourg Pavilion at EXPO 2020 Dubai, Dubai, United Arab Emirates by Metaform Architects

Terra - The Sustainability Pavilion at EXPO 2020 Dubai, Dubai, United Arab Emirates by Grimshaw Century Pavilion of 10th China Flower Expo, Shanghai, China by Arcplus East China Architectural Design & Research Institute Co., Ltd.

GOVERNMENT BUILDINGS

Amsterdam Courthouse, Amsterdam, The Netherlands by KAAN Architecten

Reception Pavilion of Québec's National Assembly, Québec City, Québec, Canada by Provencher_Roy and

GLCRM Inc. Architectes

HEALTH CARE/HOSPITALS

The Deformable Modularized COVID-19 Epidemic Prevention Hospital in Shanghai, Shanghai, China by

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Hanchenping Studio I CUMT

Maggie's Southampton, Southampton, United Kingdom by AL_A

District Hospitals Ghana, Ghana by Adjaye Associates and Sutherland & Sutherland Architects

Kálida Sant Pau Part of Maggie's Global Network of Centres, Barcelona, Spain by Benedetta Tagliabue – EMBT Architects

HIGH RISES/SKYSCRAPERS

Azrieli Town Tower, Tel Aviv, Israel by Moshe Zur Architects & Town Planners Ltd.

Shanghai International Financial Center, Shanghai, China by FGP Atelier

and JAHN

Nansha Kingboard Plaza, Nansha, China by Aedas

Shenzhen Houhai Building Decoration Industry Headquarters, Shenzhen, China by Aedas

Heron, Tampa, Florida, USA by Kohn Pedersen Fox Associates PC.

Suzhou International Finance Square, Suzhou, China by Kohn Pedersen Fox PC. with Wong Tung Group of

Companies (WT) and East China Architectural Design and Research Institute

Xian Tower, Xian, China by Adrian Smith + Gordon Gill Architecture

55 Yonge Street, Toronto, Ontario, Canada by Partisans and BDP Quadrangle

Antares Tower, Barcelona, Spain by Studio Odile Decq

HOTELS/HOSPITALITY

Vida Loca Boutique Hotel Annan, Nanchang, China by Shanghai PTArchitects

Hotel Maestoso, Lipica, Slovenia by ENOTA

Hotel Marina Gold, Tinh Bình Thuân, Vietnam by Nobuaki Miyashita/MR Studio Co., Ltd.

Park Hyatt Suzhou, Suzhou, China by Kohn Pedersen Fox Associates PC. and China Construction Design International Co., Ltd.

Longosphere Glamping, İğneada, Kırklareli, Turkey by Yazgan Design Architecture Inc.

INDUSTRIAL

Beronia Winery in Ollauri, Ollauri, La Rioja, Spain by IDOM

Rubrum Winery, Izmir, Turkey by Office Istanbul Architects

Nanhai Waste-to-Power Plant Phase III, Foshan, China by Hayer Design

LIBRARIES

Stavros Niarchos Foundation Library, New York, New York, USA by Mecanoo Architecten and Beyer Blinder Belle Architects & Planners LLC.

Kirkkonummi Library, Kirkkonummi, Finland by JKMM Architects

MIXED-USE

Haimen Shishan Square (Haimen City Sports Service Complex), Hangzhou, China by Zhejiang University Urban-Rural Planning and Design Institute Co., Ltd.

Opus, Dubai, United Arab Emirates by Zaha Hadid Architects and Arex Consultants and Brewer Smith Brewer Group (BSBG)

The Crystal at Raffles City, Chongqing, China by Safdie Architects with P&T Group International Ltd. and CQADI (Chongqing Architectural Design Institute Co., Ltd.)

Ideareve Ikegami, Tokyo, Japan by Ryuichi Sasaki Architecture and Takayuki Yagi/Yagi Komuten

Diamond Exchange, Capital C Amsterdam, Amsterdam, The Netherlands by ZJA in collaboration with Heyligers design + project and Braaksma & Roos Architectenbureau

Hall of the Sun, Shanghai, China by Arquitectonica and Wong Tung Group of Companies (WT)

Xi'an Valley City, Xi'an, China by Aedas and Bowan Architecture

UP! BERLIN, Berlin, Germany by Jasper Architects and Gewers & Pudewill GmbH

MULTI-FAMILY HOUSING

Embassy-Living Alongside Koellnischer Park, Berlin, Germany by Tchoban Voss Architects BDA

Villa Reden Apartments, Chorzów, Poland by Architekt Maciej Franta

HOFT (House of the Flying Trees), Rīga, Latvia by Open AD

The Camellias by DLF, Gurugram, India by Architect Hafeez Contractor with Rockwell Group and SWA Group

ASG I marchfelderterrassen Social Housing in der Anton- Schall-Gasse, Vienna, Austria by

trans_city TC ZT and Jakob Fina Landscape Architecture

5312 HELIX, Milan (MI), Italy by Michelangeli Design and Studio Carrera

PRIVATE HOUSES

Three Gables, Napa Valley, California, USA by Aidlin Darling Design

Permanent Camping 2, Berry, New South Wales, Australia by Casey Brown Architecture Pty Ltd.

The Chrysalis, Vouliagmeni, Greece by 314 Architecture Studio

The Palm 313, Mozambique by MJZ Arquitectos

House in Ota, Wakayama, Japan by Ido, Kenji Architectural Studio

Kastelaz Hof, Tramin an der Weinstraße, Italy by Peter Pichler Architecture

Aurora Lodge, Lyngen, Norway by Snorre Stinessen Arkitektur

Liminal House, The Plains, Virginia, USA by David Jameson Architect

Jatobá House, São Paulo, Brazil by Studio Guilherme Torres

Kylie Residence, Heuchelheim, Germany by gronych + dollega architekten

Phoenix House, Phoenix, Arizona, USA by Messana O'Rourk

Junegrass House, Jackson, Wyoming, USA by Messana O'Rourk with Ankeny Architecture and Design

PUBLIC SPACE

Zaozhuang Citizen Center, Shandong, China by Shanghai United Design Group Co., Ltd.

Zhoushan Wanda Star Bay, Zhoushan, China by Shanghai United Design Group Co., Ltd.

The Beach at Expedia Group, Seattle, Washington, USA by Surfacedesign Inc. with ZGF and Aidlin Darling Design

Reconstruction of Mezaparks Open-Air Stage, Riga, Latvia by Mailitis Architects and Arhitekta J. Pogas Birojs Ltd.

The Welcome Building RHS Garden Bridgewater, Worsley, Salford, United Kingdom by Hodder+Partners Piazza del Cinema, Island of Lido, Venice, Italy by C+S Architects Ltd.

RELIGIOUS

Baoshan Temple, Shanghai, China by Yuangou Architects & Consultants Ltd.

Santa Maria Goretti Church, Mormanno (CS), Italy by Mario Cucinella Architects

Walk/House, Tambol Na Chalieng, Aumphoe Nhongpai, Petchabun, Thailand by EKAR Architects

RESTAURANTS

Restaurant of Metasequoia Grove in Shanwan Villa, Suzhou, China by GOA (Group of Architects

RETAIL/SHOWROOMS

Flow Sales Center, Chengdu, China by KLID (Kris Lin Interior Design)

China Overseas Oriental Mansion Sales Center, Ningbo, China by Shanghai PTArchitects

The Gaiety, Foshan, China by TWAD Design

Greenland Hong Kong, If Alan Experience Center, Wuxi, China by Shanghai PTArchitects

Cloud Commercial Complex, Shenzhen, China by Studio Link-Arc, LLC. and CAPOL Design

Shell Palace, Tainan City, Taiwan by Cheng Sheng Interior Design

Sanya Jinmao FarmLab, Sanya, Hainan, China by CLOU architects

C&D · Jiang Shan Yue, Changsha, China by TWAD Design

Humen Station Sales Gallery, Dongguan, China by Aedas

Velaa Sindhorn Village, Khet Pathum Wan, Thailand by Architects 49 Limited

Urban Living Room of Dahuangshan Silicon Town, Xuzhou City, China by JUNYUN Architecture Design Office Co., Ltd.

TOD City Mansion Demonstration Area, Nanchang, Jiangxi Province, China by Shanghai PTArchitects

RESTORATION/RENOVATION

Julu Place 758, Shanghai, China by Yuangou Architects & Consultants Ltd.

Urban Bloom-Galleria Timeworld, Daejeon, South Korea by CA Plan Co., Ltd.

Theatre Royal Drury Lane Restoration, London, United Kingdom by Haworth Tompkins
Royal Museum of Fine Arts Antwerp (KMSKA), Antwerp, Belgium by KAAN Architecten
Palazzo Senza Tempo Peccio, Peccioli (PI), Italy by Mario Cucinella Architects
Latitude Renovation-Extension, La Défense, Paris, France by STUDIOS Architecture
The Cathedral of the Holy Cross Renovation, Boston, Massachusetts, USA by Elkus Manfredi Architects
Kumamoto Castle Reconstruction Observation Path, Kumamoto City, Japan by NIHON SEKKEI, Inc.

SCHOOLS AND UNIVERSITIES

Hangzhou Yuhang Second Senior Middle School Expansion, Hangzhou, China. by Zhejiang University Urban-Rural Planning and Design Institute Co., Ltd.

Kindergarten of Museum Forest, Shenzhen, China by Yunchao Xu/Atelier Apeiron/SZAD

Judith Neilson Institute for Journalism and Ideas, Chippendale, New South Wales, Australia by Tzannes and H&E Architects

Entry Building to Sberbank Campus, Moscow, Russia by Evolution Design Ltd.

Mori Hosseini Student Union at Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University, Daytona Beach, Florida, USA by ikon.5 architects

L. Gale Lemerand Student Center at Daytona State College, Daytona Beach, Florida, USA by ikon.5 architects College of Life Sciences, Sabah Al Salim Al Sabah University City, Kuwait by CambridgeSeven and Gulf Consult

UTS Central, Sydney, New South Wales, Australia by fjmtstudio

Ge Hekai Hall at Wenzhou-Kean University, Shanghai, China by Moore Ruble Yudell Architects & Planners and Tongji Architectural Design (Group) Co., Ltd.

The Dewey Schools, Hanoi, Vietnam by 1+1>2 Architects

Kindergarten at Henninger Park, Frankfurt am Main, Germany by Meixner-Schüluter-Wendt Architekten **Global Leadership Centre, Saïd Business School, University of Oxford**, Oxford, United Kingdom by McAslan + Partners

Yale University Tsai Center for Innovative Thinking, New Haven, Connecticut, USA by Weiss/Manfredi Architects

Harvard University Science and Engineering Complex (SEC), Allston, Massachusetts, USA by Behnisch Architekten

San Francisco State University Liberal and Creative Arts Building, San Francisco, California, USA by Mark Cavagnero Associates

SPORTS AND LEISURE

Europa-Park Stadium, Freiburg, Germany by HPP Architekten GmbH

TRANSPORTATION

Underground Station Rotes Rathaus Berlin, Berlin, Germany by Collignon Architektur und Design GmbH

URBAN PLANNING/LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE

Shenzhen Civil Code Park, Shenzhen, China by PMA (PolyMorphArchitects)

Eleftheria Square, Nicosia, Cyprus by Zaha Hadid Architects

Experience Chute, Quebec City, Quebec, Canada by Daoust Lestage Lizotte Stecker

"Taohuayuan" from Painting Scroll: Wufang Village, HangZhou, China by The Design Institute of Landscape & Architecture, China Academy of Art Co., Ltd.

Horizon Manila: Manileño, Manila, Philippines by WTA Architecture and Design Studio

Chengdu Hyperlane, Chengdu, China by Aedas with ASPECT Studios, Landscape Architecture and BPI Weihai Port Complex Park Urban Transformation and Renewel, Weihai, China by Architectural Design

and Research Institute of Tsinghua University Co., Ltd.

Minsheng Wharf Block E15-3, Shanghai, China by Atelier Ping Jiang / EID Architecture with Shanghai Tianhua Architecture Planning & Engineering Ltd. and H & A Landscape / LAN·G.

Lighter City · Central Park Urban Life Experience Center, Shanghai, China by Shanghai PTArchitects **Pendik Public Garden**, Istanbul, Turkey by DS Architecture

The Pier Approach, St Petersburg, Florida, USA by Landscape Architects: W Architecture and Landscape Architect LLC.

The Orbit, Innisfil, Ontario, Canada by Partisans and BDP Quadrangle

All buildings and urban planning projects can be viewed at www.europeanarch.eu, at www.chi-athenaeum.org or www.internationalarchitectureawards.com.

This elite group of buildings and urban planning projects selected by the jury will be premiered in an exhibition at the newly expanded Contemporary Space Athens (74 Mitropoleos Str., GR-105 63 Athens, Greece) opening September 9 and continuing through September 25, 2022.

The exhibition is entitled "The City and the World" and is scheduled to travel in Europe through 2023.

The official Awards Presentation takes place at a Gala Awards Dinner and Ceremony adjacent to the Acropolis in Athens, Greece on September 9.

For tickets and more information, contact: konstadina@europeanarch.eu.

The buildings and urban planning projects are also published as a catalogue for Global Design + Urbanism XXII

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The deadline for the 2023 International Architecture Awards is December 1, 2022.

Submissions for 2023 can be made on-line at www.internationalarchitectureawards.com

NOTE TO REPORTERS AND EDITORS: Photographs of the 2022 International Architecture Awards are available for download. For more details on the award and previous winners, visit The European Centre's website at www. europeanarch.eu or www.internationalarchitectureawards.com.

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