

Press Release

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Zumtobel Group Award 2017

Zumtobel Group launches public call for submissions for its international architecture award

- **Public call for submissions from 30 September 2016 to 15 January 2017**
- **Award will be offered in three categories**
- **New special award for Young Professionals**
- **International jury to meet in June 2017**
- **Total purse of EUR 150,000**

Dornbirn, Austria – For the fifth time the Zumtobel Group is inviting submissions for its international architecture award – the Zumtobel Group Award – Innovations for Sustainability and Humanity in the Built Environment – to take place in 2017. Through its architecture award the Austrian lighting group aims to promote pioneering concepts and developments leading to greater humanity and sustainability in the built environment and the way it is designed. The Zumtobel Group Award addresses core issues of our age, such as how best to deal with our finite resources, opportunities for repurposing existing buildings, sustainable development concepts for urban and rural space, utilisation of new materials and innovative processes, and the central question of humane living conditions.

From 30 September 2016 to 15 January 2017, architecture practices, engineering bureaus, urban and landscape planners, universities and technology start-ups, NGOs and other public or private initiatives can submit their current projects via the online registration tool: <http://www.submission.zumtobel-group-award.com>.

“The issues of resource conservation and the creation of better living conditions in both rural and urban contexts pose major challenges for us all; challenges we can only master through the mutual exchange of knowledge. We need to network architects with engineers, research establishments and local initiatives to identify new approaches to finding solutions. Through the Zumtobel Group Award we are out to foster this dialogue, as well as rewarding and spotlighting pioneering concepts. With our current call for submissions we are also aiming to encourage the younger generation in particular to enter for this award,” said **Zumtobel Group CEO Ulrich Schumacher**.

Submissions for the Zumtobel Group Award – Innovations for Sustainability and Humanity in the Built Environment are again invited in three categories, each category being presented by one of the lighting group’s brands

- Applied Innovations (Tridonic)
- Buildings (Zumtobel)
- Urban Developments & Initiatives (Thorn)

New Special Award for Young Professionals

For the first time, the 2017 Award will also include a special award for Young Professionals. Projects from all three categories can qualify for this special award if the persons submitting the

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project are under 40 years of age on 15 January 2017. If projects are submitted by teams, this rule shall apply to all team members. Through this new addition to the award, the Zumtobel Group is sending out a special invitation to the younger generation to enter the competition.

The total purse for the Zumtobel Group Award 2017 is EUR 150,000. This sum will be divided among the winning projects from the three categories and the special award for Young Professionals.

Like its predecessors, the Zumtobel Group Award 2017 will be held under the curatorship of Dr. h.c. Kristin Feireiss and Hans-Jürgen Commerell of **Aedes Architecture Forum** in Berlin. In the first few months of 2017, a first-line jury will select 15 projects in each category from among the submissions. Then, in mid-2017, the main jury of prominent international experts from a variety of disciplines will nominate five projects per category and select a winner from among these five. The presentation ceremony is scheduled for the last quarter of 2017.

“In the space of ten years the Zumtobel Group Award has become an established international competition. The Award puts the spotlight on the challenges posed by the design and development of current and future built environments, but that is not all. Because over the years we have continuously adapted the parameters of the Award to the ever-expanding technological possibilities and increasingly digitized processes, enabling the resultant social interactions to be taken into account as the winners are selected. In this context, the special award for Young Professionals is designed to encourage the ‘next’ generation to take part,” said the **curators Dr. h.c. Kristin Feireiss and Hans-Jürgen Commerell from Aedes Architecture Forum, Berlin.**

Award established in 2007

The Zumtobel Group Award was first presented in 2007. Since then, a total of nine projects have been awarded first place, while 36 projects have earned nominations. The winners of the previous 2014 award were the Chilean architecture practice Elemental, led by current Pritzker laureate Alejandro Aravena, who is also Director of this year’s Architecture Biennale in Venice, with a master plan for the sustainable reconstruction of the city of Constitución in Chile, which won the category Urban Developments & Initiatives. In the category Applied Innovations, Arup Deutschland GmbH impressed with their SolarLeaf project in Hamburg, Germany, a facade system using photo bioreactor technology. And in the Buildings category, the winners were the architects from Studio Tamassociati in Venice, Italy, for the Port Sudan Pediatric Centre.

About the categories

Applied Innovations – presented by the Tridonic brand:

This category rewards outstanding innovations and technological solutions that make a trailblazing contribution to the realisation of a more sustainable built environment. One key focus here is on the topics of the Internet of Things and connectivity. The award in this category addresses technical universities, research institutes, individual engineers and firms of consulting engineers, as well as technology start-ups. Their innovations, for application in or around buildings and urban infrastructure, should, for example, present new approaches to saving energy, using new materials or recycling, closed material and resource cycles, intelligent controls and software applications. Submissions may include innovations that have been proven in a prototype, a test series or an application in an actual project.

Buildings – presented by the Zumtobel brand:

In this category submissions can include outstanding building projects that have been completed within the last three years (30 November 2013 – 15 January 2017). These can relate to new

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buildings or designs that utilise existing structures. The winning project will meet the highest aesthetic standards and will also feature innovative solutions that permit the more efficient use of resources, enhanced environmental protection and the creation of better living conditions. The jury will pay particular attention to the use of state-of-the-art technology.

Urban Developments & Initiatives – presented by the Thorn brand:

This category targets architects and architectural practices, urban and landscape planners, university groups and NGOs, as well as private and public initiatives. The focus is on projects and initiatives in an urban context: city development/planning strategies, master plans, public space projects and ongoing research projects and social initiatives designed to enhance urban and social settings. Entries may concern projects concluded within the last three years (30 November 2013 – 15 January 2017) as well as ongoing projects and initiatives. The winning project will make a pioneering contribution to greater sustainability and humanity, as well as presenting innovative potential solutions to the core issues facing urban development.

The Zumtobel Group Award 2017 at a glance

Call for submissions

From 30 September 2016 to 15 January 2017 via the following link:
<http://www.submission.zumtobel-group-award.com/>

For full details, visit: www.zumtobel-group-award.com

Initiator

The Zumtobel Group with the Thorn, Tridonic and Zumtobel brands
www.zumtobelgroup.com

Curators

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Purse

The total purse for the Zumtobel Group Award 2017 amounts to EUR 150,000.

Overview: Zumtobel Group Award Winners from 2007 to 2014

Detailed press releases and high resolution images can be downloaded from:
www.zumtobel-group-award.com

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The winning projects from the four previous awards:

2014



“Pres Constitution”, CHILE, Studio ELEMENTAL
Category: Urban Developments & Initiatives



“SolarLeaf”, HAMBURG, ARUP Deutschland GmbH
Category: Applied Innovations



“Port Sudan Pediatric Centre”, Studio Tamassociati
Category: Buildings

2012



Butaro Hospital, Rwanda, MASS Design Group NYC
Category: Built environment

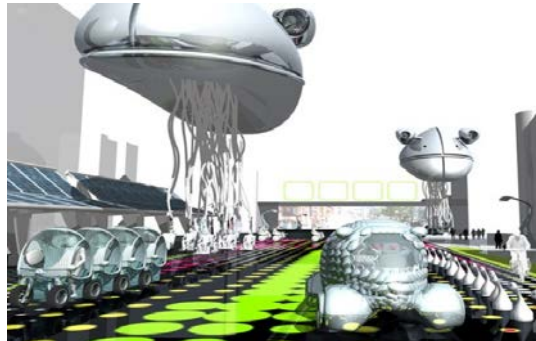


R-URBAN, France, Atelier d'architecture autogérée AAA
Category: Research & Initiative

2010



Harmonia 57, Brazil, Triptyque
Category: Built environment

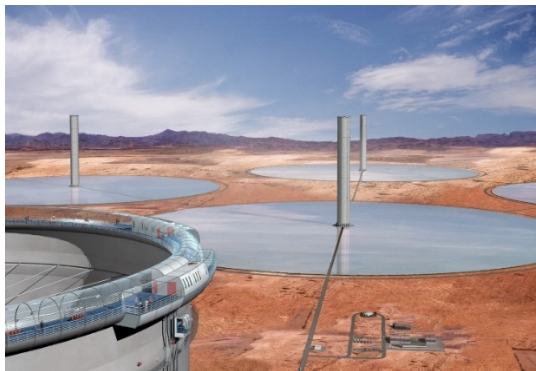


Resource & Mobility, USA, Terreform ONE
Category: Research & Initiative

2007



San Francisco Federal Building, USA, MORPHOSIS
Category: Built environment



Solar updraft tower, Schlaich Bergemann Solar
Category: Research & Initiative

About the Zumtobel Group:

The Zumtobel Group is an international lighting group and a leading player in the field of innovative lighting solutions and components. With its internationally established brands, Thorn, Tridonic and Zumtobel, and its brands acdc and Reiss, the Group offers its customers around the world a comprehensive range of products and services. In the lighting business the Group with its Thorn, Zumtobel and acdc brands is the European market leader. The Reiss brand supplies OEMs with luminaires with a higher degree of protection. Through its lighting components brand, Tridonic, the Group plays a leading role worldwide in the manufacture of hardware and software for lighting systems (LED light sources and LED drivers, sensors and lighting management). The Group is listed on the Vienna Stock Exchange (ATX) and on the balance sheet date (April 30, 2016) employed a workforce of 6,761 employees. In the 2015/16 financial year, the Group posted revenues of EUR 1,356.5 million. The Zumtobel Group is based in Dornbirn in the Vorarlberg region of Austria. For further information, please visit www.zumtobelgroup.com

About the Aedes Architecture Forum:

The Aedes Architecture Forum is a world-renown independent institution and exhibition space for the international communication of contemporary architecture and urban design. Established in 1980 as the first private architecture gallery in Europe, the Aedes Architecture Forum has gained a large international partnership network, which feeds to an outstanding cultural platform for the global and public discourse of the built environment. Founded by Kristin Feireiss and Helga Retzer († 1984), Aedes is co-directed by Hans-Jürgen Commerell since 1994. As one of its kind Aedes served as a prototypical model for many architecture-museums and similar institutions established later. www.aedes-arc.de

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