

Press Release

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“Green Dreams” at the opening of the Zumtobel Group Award 2012 exhibition

- **Exhibition in Dornbirn runs until 14 March 2013**
- **International tour will go to Zumtobel Light Centres worldwide**

Dornbirn / Austria – On Thursday, 14 February 2013, around 180 visitors – among them numerous architects and lighting designers from Vorarlberg as well as Germany and Switzerland – allowed themselves to be inspired at the opening of the “Zumtobel Group Award 2012” exhibition at the Group’s headquarters in Dornbirn. The winning projects can be seen at the Zumtobel Light Forum along with video statements from the jury members and winners of the award which was presented in November 2012.

Following the welcome address by Zumtobel Group CEO **Harald Sommerer**, Winy Maas gave a talk on the theme of “Green Dreams” to mark the opening of the exhibition. **Winy Maas** is co-founder and head of the architectural practice MVRDV in Rotterdam, visiting professor at numerous schools of architecture and a member of the jury for the Zumtobel Group Award 2012. He shared his thoughts and visions of sustainable, urban development with the guests and critically explored the subject of “green building”. In his talk, he showed research carried out by the Why Factory in Delft as well as concrete projects completed by his architectural practice for sustainable building architecture and urban planning.

Kristin Feireiss and **Hans-Jürgen Commerell**, founders of the AEDS Architecture Forum in Berlin and curators of the award, also attended the exhibition opening in Dornbirn and spoke about the objective and significance of the Zumtobel Group Award which was presented in 2007, 2010 and for the third time in 2012.

From 14 February to 14 March 2013, the winning projects and honourable mentions will be presented at the Zumtobel Light Forum in Dornbirn. The exhibition will then go on an international tour and can be seen at Zumtobel Light Centres worldwide. The current exhibition in Dornbirn can be visited by prior arrangement. Contact: Agata Spatzek, telephone: +43 5572 390 26492, email: agata.spatzek@zumtobel.com; opening hours are from 8am to 5pm Monday to Thursday and from 8am to 3pm on Fridays.

The Zumtobel Group award honours outstanding solutions in the field of architecture and engineering which make a contribution towards creating a more liveable future. The winner in the Built Environment category was the MASS Design Group with their Butaro Hospital project. In the Research and Initiative category the award went to the R-URBAN project by Atelier d’architecture autogérée (AAA).

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From left: Dieter Klammer, architektur.terminal, with his wife Claudia; Verena Conrad, Director of the Vorarlberg Institute of Architecture (VAI); Reinhardt Wurzer, Zumbobel's Director of International Projects; Stefan Marte, Marte.Marte Architects.



From left: Hans-Jürgen Commerell, AEDS Architecture Forum; Michael Doppelmayr, CEO of Doppelmayr Holding AG, and Winy Maas, co-founder and head of the MVRDV architectural practice in Rotterdam.

Information

This press release and the accompanying high-resolution images can be downloaded here:

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About the Zumtobel Group:

The Zumtobel Group, based in Dornbirn in the Vorarlberg region of Austria, is one of the few global players in the lighting industry. The Group, which started life as Elektrogeräte und Kunstharzpresswerk W. Zumtobel KG in 1950, employed a workforce of 7,456 full-time equivalent employees on the balance sheet date 30 April 2012 (2010/11: 7,814) and in the 2011/12 financial year posted consolidated revenues of EUR 1,280.3 million (2010/11: EUR 1,228.2 million). Within its multi-brand strategy, in the professional luminaire and lighting solution business the Group is represented in the marketplace by the Thorn and the Zumtobel brands. The lighting components' business (control gear, lighting management, LED components / modules) is handled by the Tridonic brand. The financial year of the Zumtobel Group commences on 1 May and ends on 30 April.

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