

Press Release

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01 | Zumtobel Group Award 2014 Lighting group invites submissions for architecture award in three categories

- **Public call for submissions from 1 September to 30 November 2013**
- **New “Applied Innovations” category added to award**
- **International jury to meet in early summer 2014**
- **Total purse for the three categories: EUR 140,000**

Dornbirn, Austria – The next edition of the Zumtobel Group’s architecture award is to take place in 2014 – the fourth time the lighting group has invited submissions for the ZUMTOBEL GROUP AWARD – INNOVATIONS FOR SUSTAINABILITY AND HUMANITY IN THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT. From 1 September to 30 November 2013, 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. Information regarding the Zumtobel Group Award you find online at: <http://www.zumtobel-group-award.com>

From 1 September onwards, the full text of the call for submissions will available via this link.

For 2014 the award, which was first presented in 2007 and has since become an established international architecture prize, has been enhanced and expanded, lending more weight to the topics of urban development and innovation. Entries for the ZUMTOBEL GROUP AWARD – INNOVATIONS FOR SUSTAINABILITY AND HUMANITY IN THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT will be invited in three categories:

- Buildings
- Urban Developments & Initiatives
- Applied Innovations

Once again, the Zumtobel Group Award carries a total purse of EUR 140,000. The prizes in each of the three categories are presented by one of the international lighting group’s three brands.

“How should we deal with resources and treat the environment? How can we create decent living conditions? These are the central questions of our day and age. Architects, urban planners and engineers have a key role to play in this respect. Through a combination of innovative technologies, the latest research findings and outstanding design concepts, they are the ones who can come up with future-proof solutions. We are delighted that through our award we have been able to draw widespread attention in recent years to trailblazing approaches that advance the cause of sustainability in the built environment. Through the recent changes to the award we are aiming to sharpen the focus on the most pressing issues in urban development and, in particular, to commend innovative projects that point up new potential solutions.” says **Zumtobel Group CEO Harald Sommerer** explaining the aims of the award.

In the **Buildings** category, sponsored by the Zumtobel brand, submissions can include outstanding building projects that have been completed within the last two years (30 November 2011 – 30 November 2013). These can relate to new 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.

The **Urban Developments & Initiatives** category, sponsored by the Thorn brand, targets architects and architectural practices, urban and landscape planners, university groups and NGOs, as well as

private and public initiatives. The focus here 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 two years as well as ongoing projects and initiatives. The winning project will make a pioneering contribution to greater sustainability and quality of life, as well as presenting innovative potential solutions to the core issues facing urban development.

The **Applied Innovations** category, sponsored by the Tridonic brand, rewards innovations and technological solutions that make a trailblazing contribution to the realisation of a more sustainable built environment. The award in this category addresses technical universities, research institutions, 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.

As in previous years, the Zumtobel Group Award 2014 will be held under the curatorship of Kristin Feireiss and Hans-Jürgen Commerell of **Aedes Architecture Forum** in Berlin. A first-line jury will select 14 projects in each category from among the submissions. In early summer 2012, a 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 for the Zumtobel Group Award is scheduled for the autumn of 2014.

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The Zumtobel Group Award 2014 at a glance

Call for submissions

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Submission of completed projects (category 1 and in some cases also 2 and 3) is subject to the condition that the respective project must have been or must be completed in the period **30 November 2011 to 30 November 2013**.

Initiator

The Zumtobel Group with the Zumtobel, Thorn (luminaires / lighting solutions) and Tridonic (lighting components) brands

Curators

Kristin Feireiss and Hans-Jürgen Commerell, Aedes Architecture Forum, Berlin

Categories and purses

Buildings (presented by Zumtobel): EUR 60,000

Urban Developments & Initiatives (presented by Thorn): EUR 40,000

Applied Innovations (presented by Tridonic): EUR 40,000

Jury

Kunlé Adeyemi	Architect, NLÉ Shaping the Architecture of Developing Cities, Amsterdam (NL) confirmed; member of Award jury in 2012
Yung Ho Chang	Architect, Atelier FCJZ, Beijing (CN) confirmed; member of Award jury in 2007, 2010, 2012
Brian Cody	Chair of the Institute of Buildings and Energy, Graz University of Technology (AT) confirmed; member of Award jury in 2010, 2012
Elisabeth Diller	Architect, Diller Scofidio + Renfro, New York City (USA) invited; new member of the Award jury
Bjarke Ingels	Architect, Bjarke Ingels Group (BIG), Copenhagen (DK) invited; new member of the Award jury
Sejima Kazuyo	Architect / SANAA, Tokyo (JP) confirmed; member of Award jury in 2007, 2012
Winy Maas	Architect / MVRDV, Rotterdam (NL) confirmed; member of Award jury in 2012
Peter Sloterdijk	Philosopher, Dean of Hochschule für Gestaltung, Karlsruhe (DE) confirmed; member of Award jury in 2007
Harald Sommerer	CEO Zumtobel Group, Dornbirn (AT) confirmed; member of Award jury in 2012
Rainer Walz	Head of Competence Center Sustainability and Infrastructure Systems, Fraunhofer ISI Karlsruhe (DE); invited; new member of the Award jury

2007, 2010 und 2012 award winners

In 2012 the Zumtobel Group Award in the Built Environment category went to the US-based not-for-profit architectural practice MASS Design for a sustainable hospital project in Rwanda. In 2010 the winner in this category was the Brazilian architecture practice Triptyque for the office building and gallery HARMONIA 57, while in 2007 the award went to Thom Mayne / Morphosis for the San Francisco Federal Building. Past winners in the Research & Initiative category were the French architectural practice atelier d'architecture autogérée for their social urban project R-URBAN in 2012; design bureau Terreform ONE for the research project New York City Resource & Mobility in 2010; and civil engineering company Schlaich Bergermann Solar for the design of a solar updraft tower in 2007.

Photos of the winning projects in 2007, 2010 and 2012

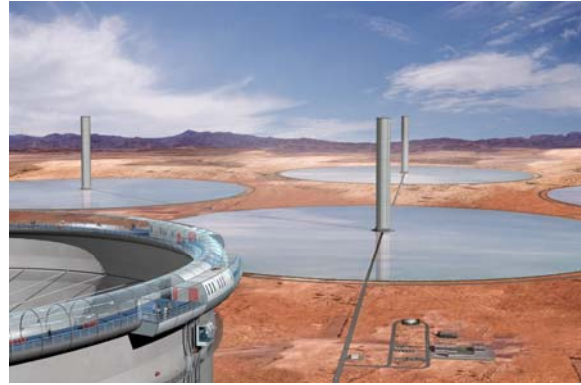
All high-resolution images can be downloaded from: <http://www.zumtobel-group-award.com/en/press.asp>

2007

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San Francisco Federal Building, USA, MORPHOSIS

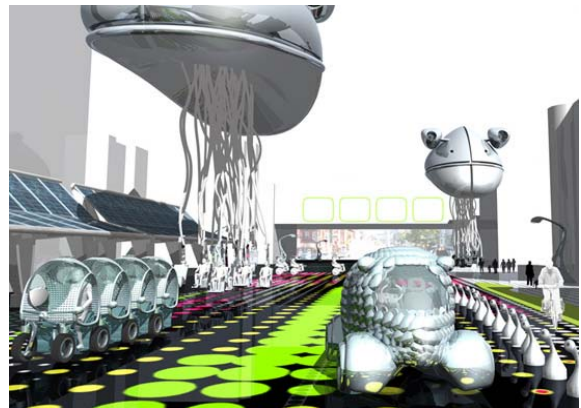


Solar updraft towers, Schlaich Bergemann Solar

2010



Harmonia 57, Brazil, Triptyque



New York City Resource & Mobility, USA, Terreform ONE

2012



Butaro Hospital, Rwanda, MASS Design Group



R-URBAN, France, atelier d'architecture autogérée (AAA)