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IIDA ANNOUNCES 5th ANNUAL IIDA GLOBAL EXCELLENCE AWARDS

Chicago, IL — The International Interior Design Association (IIDA) is pleased to announce the opening of the 2014 IIDA Global Excellence Awards. This annual worldwide design competition was established to honor and celebrate outstanding originality and excellence in the creation of international Interior Design/Interior Architecture projects in 13 categories. IIDA is proud to host the competition with BMW Group Designworks USA for the fifth time.

“In the five years since we first hosted the Global Excellence Awards, we have seen rich and varied designs and perspectives that provide a glimpse into what we can expect to see in the future,” said IIDA Executive Vice President and CEO Cheryl S. Durst, Hon FIIDA, LEED AP. “I am excited to see where the future of design is headed in the projects from this year’s awards.”

Submissions for the 2014 IIDA Global Excellence Awards are now being accepted in the following categories:

- Corporate Space Large (1,000 square meters and above)
- Corporate Space Small (under 1,000 square meters)
- Education (elementary/secondary educational facilities, colleges/universities)
- Entertainment (casinos, performing arts centers, sports arenas, theatres)
- Healthcare (hospitals, outpatient clinics, medical facilities)
- Hospitality (lounges, bars)
- Hotels
- Institutional (cultural, government/municipal spaces, libraries, religious spaces)
- Residences (private homes, embassies, consulates, assisted/senior living)
- Restaurants
- Retail (stores, boutiques)
- Showrooms/Exhibition Spaces/Sales Centers
- Spas/Fitness

Projects for the Global Excellence Awards will be reviewed by a panel of design professionals: Giorgio Borruso (Owner, Giorgio Borruso Design), Mari Balestrazzi (Founder and Principal, MARCO), Johannes Lampela (Creative Director, BMW Group Designworks USA), and William Paley (Associate, toychi and associates).
The deadline for submitting projects is Nov. 21. Judging will take place Dec. 6, with awards being presented Jan. 24, 2015, during an awards reception at Maison & Objet in Paris. All winning projects will be featured on the IIDA website. The Best of Competition winner will be selected from the category winners and receive a special presentation award.

For questions and more information, please contact Liz Moran, IIDA Design Competitions Manager, at lmoran@iida.org or 312.379.5134.

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