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IIDA ANNOUNCES WINNERS OF 2017 BEST INTERIORS OF LATIN AMERICA & THE CARIBBEAN COMPETITION

Chicago — The International Interior Design Association (IIDA) and Alessi proudly announce the winners of the 5th annual IIDA Best Interiors of Latin America and the Caribbean Competition. This competition recognizes and celebrates interior design/architecture projects that reflect the highest level of creativity, originality, and design excellence from Latin America and the Caribbean Islands.

“IIDA and Alessi are honored to showcase the incredible design talent represented in this region,” said IIDA Executive Vice President and CEO Cheryl S. Durst, Hon. FIIDA, LEED AP. “The winners of the 2017 Best Interiors of Latin America and the Caribbean Competition reflect the highest standard of excellence in interiors and emphasize the role of local inspiration and cultural context with sophisticated, globally-relevant designs.”

Projects were reviewed by a panel of design professionals, including: Kimshasa Baldwin, NCARB, NCIDQ, LEED AP, Principal, Deture Culsign, Architecture+Interiors; Edwin Beltran, IIDA, Assoc. AIA, Principal, NBBJ; and Suzette Subance Ferrier, IIDA, Studio Design Director, TPG Architecture.

“The firms that participated in the competition are continuing to elevate the quality of design work being done in Latin America,” said Beltran on behalf of the judges. “We are delighted by the outstanding creative and beautiful work. Congratulations to all of the winners!”

The winners of the 2017 Best Interiors of Latin America and the Caribbean Competition are as follows:

CORPORATE SPACE LARGE
Project: Red Hat, Bogotá, Colombia
Firm: AEI Arquitectura e Interiores, Bogotá, Colombia

Project: Melicidade - Home for employees, inspiration for society, São Paulo, Brazil
Firm: Athié Wohnrath and Estudio Elia / Irastorza (EEI), São Paulo, Brazil

CORPORATE SPACE SMALL
Project: Paul Hastings, São Paulo, Brazil
Firm: Gensler São Paulo, São Paulo, Brazil

EDUCATION
Project: INTEL Innovation Technology Lab, Heredia, Costa Rica
Firm: Gensler Costa Rica, San José, Costa Rica
HOTELS
Project: Four Seasons Casa Medina, Bogotá, Colombia
Firm: Rottet Studio, Houston, Texas

Project: Ignacia Guest House, Mexico City
Firm: Andrés Gutiérrez (A-G) + Factor Eficiencia, Mexico City, Mexico

RESIDENCES – MULTIFAMILY
Project: JSMH Apartment, Mexico City, Mexico
Firm: Sordo Madaleno Arquitectos, Mexico City, Mexico

RESIDENCES – SINGLE FAMILY
Project: Mirante House, Aldeia da Serra, Brazil
Firm: FGMF Arquitetos, São Paulo, Brazil

Project: Casa 28, Brasilia, Brazil
Firm: Equipe Lamas, Brasilia, Brazil

RESTAURANTS
Project: Tierra Garat, Mexico City, Mexico
Firm: Esrawe + Cadena, San Pedro Garza García, Mexico

Project: Casa Amate at ANDAZ Mayakoba Resort Riveria Maya, Playa Del Carmen, Mexico
Firm: CCS ARCHITECTURE, New York, NY

Project: Silver Deer Flagship, Mexico City, Mexico
Firm: MATERIA, Mexico City, Mexico

This year’s competition also featured the first-ever Narrative Award, which recognizes an interior design/interior architecture project with a compelling project statement that describes extraordinary circumstances surrounding a project or significant challenges that were overcome to deliver a project. The firm FGMF Arquitetos in São Paulo, Brazil was presented with the Narrative Award for its engaging presentation of the project Líder Flagship Store in São Paulo, Brazil.

The Best of Competition winner will be announced on July 27, 2017, during the first-ever awards reception at the new international IIDA Headquarters in Chicago, IL, USA, where all competition winners will be celebrated. Winning entries can be viewed on the IIDA website. Winners also will be published in an issue of Contract magazine, included in the official Winners Brochure, and promoted to more than 300,000 IIDA social media followers. For more information, contact Liz Moran, design competitions director, at lmoran@iida.org.
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