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IIDA ANNOUNCES WINNERS OF TWO ANNUAL DESIGN COMPETITIONS

CHICAGO — The International Interior Design Association (IIDA) today announced the winners of two of its annual design competitions: the Will Ching Design Competition and the Interior Design Competition.

The Will Ching Design Competition honors exceptional commercial interior design projects from firms with five or fewer employees. LI&Co. Design Limited won the award for its work on L’École - School of Jewelry Arts, Edition III, supported by Van Cleef & Arpels in Hong Kong.

"Each year, the submissions to the Will Ching Design Competition reinforce the idea that great design is everywhere. These awards in particular remind us that innovative design transcends magnitude – it is a joy to celebrate the originality and excellence of firms of all sizes," said IIDA Executive Vice President and CEO Cheryl S. Durst, Hon. FIIDA, LEED AP. "We are pleased to honor LI&Co. Design Limited as the winner of this year’s competition for L’École.”

This year’s 45th annual Interior Design Competition celebrates outstanding, innovative design and architecture that encourages new ideas and techniques in the design and furnishings of interior spaces.

"Innovation is the force that will propel interior design into the future," said Durst. “Submissions to this year’s competition exemplified how firms are finding ways to continue to push the boundaries of interior design with new ideas and fresh furnishings.”

The Interior Design Competition winners are:

Project: Templo, Mexico City, Mexico
Firm: Cherem Arquitectos, Mexico City, Mexico

Project: Mist Hot-Spring Resort, Xuchang City, China
Firm: Department of Architecture Co., Ltd., Bangkok, Thailand

Project: 1436 Erdos, Beijing Flagship, Beijing, China
Firm: Gabellini Sheppard Associates, New York, New York, USA

Project: NVIDIA Headquarters, Santa Clara, California, USA
Firm: Gensler, San Francisco, California, USA

Project: RACE Robotics Laboratory, Singapore, Singapore
Firm: Ministry of Design Pte Ltd., Singapore, Singapore
Project: Detroit Foundation Hotel, Detroit, Michigan, USA
Firm: Simeone Deary Design Group, Chicago, Illinois, USA

Winners from both competitions will be celebrated at the IIDA black-tie gala, COOL, and featured in the May issue of Interior Design magazine.

To view the winning projects, visit the Will Ching Design Competition image gallery and the Interior Design Competition image gallery on the IIDA website. For more information, contact Liz Moran, IIDA design awards director, at lmoran@iida.org.

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