

Press release

The SBID International Design Awards 2013 finalists unveiled

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The finalists in the SBID International Design Award 2013 were revealed during IIDEX in Toronto, Canada on Thursday 26 September.

Now in its third year, the SBID Awards are firmly established as a leading celebration of excellence in the interior design industry across the globe. The shortlisted finalists in the fourteen categories were drawn from over 30 countries across five continents.

This year's finalists include the Google Offices in Tel Aviv by Camenzind Evolution; a private residence by The Studio Harrods; the W Hotel in Singapore by the Rockwell Group; Marco Pierre White Grill in Dubai by Stickman; Hotel Maria Cristina in Spain by The Gallery HBA; an exhibition space for the Museum Volkenkunde in the Netherlands by Kossman.dejong; the Mayfair VIP Passenger Terminal at Stansted Airport by Pascall+Watson.

The winners in each category will be announced at the SBID International Design Awards Ceremony, held at The Dorchester hotel in London on Friday, 29 November.

Vanessa Brady, SBID President, said: "The SBID Awards have truly developed into a global event. This year we had a record of just under 400 entries from over 30 countries. There were so many brilliant and innovative projects submitted, deciding on a final shortlist was an extremely difficult task for our team of judges."

The 14 SBID International Design Award 2013 categories are split between Residential and Contract sectors.

Tony Hall, Director-General of the BBC, agreed to be this year's Guest Judge.

The Awards are judged by international industry leaders, including Nicholas Candy, CEO and Founder, Candy & Candy Design; Theo Williams, Head of Design at John Lewis; Tony Ash, Managing Director for UK and Middle East, Vitra and David Lewis, Managing Director of Sunseeker London.

The public are invited to cast their vote for their favourite projects on the awards website www.internationaldesignexcellenceawards.com . The online voting will close at 5:30pm (GMT) on Friday 11th October.

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The winners will each receive a beautiful SBID International Design Award trophy, exclusively commissioned and designed by the Czech company Sans Souci Glass Deco.

All of the interior design projects from short-listed finalists and winners will be featured in The SBID International Design Excellence Awards Book 2013

For more information on the SBID International Design Awards 2013, visit www.internationaldesignexcellenceawards.com

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Note to editors:

Entries in each of the 14 undergo a rigorous two-tier judging process by panels of industry experts looking at technical content and aesthetic creativity.

The winners and short-listed finalists can look forward to extensive media and social media exposure throughout the coming year, as well as the right to use the 'SBID Winner/Shortlisted 2013' logo on their website.

All of the short-listed finalists and winners will feature in The SBID International Design Excellence Awards Book 2013.

The SBID International Design Awards 2013 Book Design Excellence will be distributed to all ceremony attendees, winners and sponsors. Copies of the book will also be available to buy at www.internationaldesignexcellenceawards.com

Sponsors and VIPS will be invited to a special event at the House of Lords, London, on Thursday 28 November.

Sponsors of some of this year's awards include Interisoft, sponsor of the Contract Award for Visualisation; Wools of New Zealand, sponsor of the Contract Award for Intelligent Design; Interface, sponsor the Contract Award for Best Commercial Space; Natuzzi Italia, sponsor of the Residential Category Award for Best Interior Design Project Over £100k and Maison & Objet, sponsor of the Contract Award for Best Entertainment Space. The IIDEX trade event is Canada's National Design + Architecture Expo and Conference, a national forum which powers the design industry in Canada. www.iidexcanada.com/2013

About SBID (Society of British and International Design)

SBID is the standard-bearer organisation of the profession of interior design in Britain and represents members in practice, higher education and industry. The organisation supports the profession locally, nationally and internationally and is part of a global network of 50,000 designers who are professionally accredited.

SBID is the British organisation selected by the 16 nation members of the European Council of Interior Architects and the NCIDQ in the USA and Canada to represent their professional accreditation standards in Britain. www.sbid.org

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