



»best architects 18« competition

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- **occasion** The best architects award will for the twelfth time honour the best architects and architecture firms. European architects and architecture firms that have realised exceptional projects are hence called upon to submit their work to the »best architects 18« competition. A distinguished international jury will select the best works and present them in the publication »best architects 18«. The best architects award is an independent prize that recognises outstanding architectural achievements and makes them accessible to a broad public. With an ever-increasing number of submissions of extremely high quality, the award has developed into an important event on the architecture scene. Due not least to the showcase publication, which extensively documents all the winning projects, the award offers potential clients valuable guidance and makes an important contribution to the discourse on building culture. The award gives the recognised architects and architecture firms a mark of distinction in the market while positioning them at the forefront of the international architecture scene.
- **organiser** The corporate communications agency »zinnobergruen« is the initiator and organiser of the award.
- **type of competition** Award
- **area of eligibility** Europe
- **eligible to participate** architects, interior designers, engineers/technical planners based in Europe
- **awards** The label »best architects 18« will be bestowed on all of the winning architects or architecture firms. The best project in each category will be awarded the label »best architects 18« in gold. The winning projects will be presented in the internationally available publication »best architects 18« and on www.bestarchitects.de. The jury decides on the number of awards given based on the quality of the submissions.
- **jury** The submitted projects will be assessed by an independent international jury whose members include:
 - **Prof. Verena von Beckerath**, Heide & von Beckerath, Berlin, D
 - **Sou Fujimoto**, Sou Fujimoto Architects, Tokyo, JPN
 - **Prof. Ingemar Vollenweider**, jessenvollenweider architektur, Basel, CHThe jury meets privately. It decides by a simple majority. The jury's decision is final and not subject to appeal. There shall be no right of appeal.

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→ **competition requirements** Eligible to compete are all buildings completed after 1 January 2012.

The submitted project must be accompanied by plans and photos arranged as a project board on a DIN A2-sized sheet (portrait or landscape format, as PDF file). The style of presentation is up to the discretion of each participant, but should be chosen to present the project in the best light. A concise description of the project in English (max. 1,500 characters incl. spaces) must be included for each project submitted, as well as an application form with the Declaration of Authorship.

→ **category** Each project must be submitted for a specific category.

- Residential
- Office and administrative buildings
- Commercial and industrial buildings
- Education buildings
- Public buildings
- Other buildings
- Interior design

→ **application** Applications for the competition must be submitted online at www.bestarchitects.de

Several projects may be submitted by an applicant, but a separate application is required for each project.

→ **documents to be submitted**

1. via data upload

- **Project board in DIN A2 size as a PDF file** (portrait or landscape format / **project number indicated at the upper right**, approx. 5 mm high). You will receive the project number via email after your application.
- **Explanatory text in English** (max. 1,500 characters incl. spaces)
- **All image and plan data** for the project board as well as supplementary image and plan data for the project (EPS, TIF or uncompressed JPG files, 300 ppi resolution of A4 size minimum), Plan data as vector-based EPS or PDF files)

2. via email or fax or mail order

→ **Signed application and Declaration of Authorship via:**

email:

submit@bestarchitects.de

fax:

+49 (0)211 994 594 99

mail order:

zinnerberggruen gmbh
Fürstenwall 79
40217 Düsseldorf
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→ **assessment criteria**

- Architectural and design quality
- Spatial concept
- Functionality
- Technical implementation

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- **screening** The organiser will screen the submitted projects. This screening is limited to a check for completeness and for formal and substantive accuracy.

- **exclusion criteria** Works that do not meet the eligibility criteria may be excluded from competing. The documents must be submitted on time and in full as stipulated. They must comply in all points with both the formal and content requirements for the competition. We would like to emphasise that no deadline extensions or subsequent submissions are possible. A further condition for participation in the competition is that the entry fee is paid on time.

- **dates**
 - Submission deadline (online) → by 29 May 2017**
 - Jury session → 12/13 June 2017
 - Announcement of awards → 28 June 2017
 - Date of publication of the book »best architects 18« → November 2017

- **application fees**
 - Early Bird (by 03 April 2017) → 190.- EUR**
 - Regular (04 April – 29 May 2017) → 250.- EUR**

- **award fees**
 - Winner Package »best architects 18« → 1,600.- EUR**
 - The Winner Package includes the following services:
 - **»best architects 18« | »best architects 18« in gold label**
Unlimited use of the label »best architects 18« | »best architects 18« in gold
 - **»best architects 18« publication**
Presentation of the winning project on 2 double-page spreads in the publication »best architects 18«
 - **Two »best architects 18« award certificates**
 - **Editing/translation**
Editing and translation of the explanatory text for the project
 - **Courtesy copy of the »best architects 18« publication**
One courtesy copy of the »best architects 18« publication free of charge and special rates when ordering additional copies
 - **www.bestarchitects.de**
Online presentation of the winning project with image and text on www.bestarchitects.de
 - **Press announcements**

- **»best architects 18« publication** After the awards are announced, the organiser will begin to produce the book »best architects 18«. Each winning project will be presented on two double-page spreads. The layout for each project will be decided by the organiser according to the design template for the book. Each participant will be sent a galley proof of the print-ready page as a PDF file for a final check.

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- **participant obligations | usage rights** By submitting a project, the participant tacitly commits to observing the Competition Requirements in full. By signing the application and Declaration of Authorship, the architect or architecture firm declares that he/it holds the copyright to the project in question and is in possession of the necessary usage rights for the submitted photographs and plans and is permitted to dispose of such rights within the scope of participation in the »best architects 18« award. In particular, the architect or architecture firm guarantees that he/it is authorised by the copyright holder of the submitted documents to use them in this way and that corresponding agreements have been made. The architect/architecture firm at the same time grants the organiser unlimited use, free of charge, of the photographs and plan documents in connection with the »best architects 18« award, in particular permission to publish these documents in the press and in other media, e.g. on the internet, as well as in the context of the book »best architects 18«. The Organiser not being obligated to specify the authors of the contributions by name.
- **indemnification of the organiser** Should any third-party rights be violated or corresponding claims be made by third parties against the organiser in connection with the use and in particular the publication of the submitted photographs and plan documents – contrary to the express warranty of the architect or architecture firm – the architect or architecture firm shall indemnify the organiser upon first request from any and all resulting damages and expenses.
- **property | return | copyright | liability** The submitted documents or other materials become the property of the organiser. They will not be returned to the participant. The organiser assumes no liability for damage or loss of competition work provided it has applied the same due diligence it customarily applies in its own matters.
- **additional competition procedures** The organiser will conduct the competition privately, to the exclusion of the public. The jury's decision is final.
- **data protection** The participant agree to the data they provide in the registration form being gathered, stored and used exclusively for the purpose of managing the »best architects 18« award. The data shall not be made available to third parties. The data shall be saved temporarily and deleted at the latest when the »best architects 18« award ends. The participant expressly agree to their data being gathered for this purpose. Disagreement with these data protection provisions shall automatically lead to exclusion from the »best architects 18« award.
- **questions** If you have any questions, please contact Tobias Schwarzer:
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