

## Press Release

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### Zumtobel Group Award 2021 Shortlist selected from 220 entries

Dornbirn, Austria – The shortlist for the 2021 'Zumtobel Group Award – Innovations for Sustainability and Humanity in the Built Environment' in the two categories Buildings and Urban Developments & Initiatives as well as for the Special Prize for Innovation has been decided. Architecture and engineering firms, urban and landscape planners, universities and technology companies, NGOs, and public or private initiatives were able to submit their projects via a public online tool from 25 November 2020 to 15 May 2021. This year, the international architecture award carries a total prize money of EUR 120,000.

*“Limited resources and, on the other hand, strong population growth in emerging countries, increasing levels of traffic, climate change and natural disasters, rural exodus and urban sprawl present major challenges for all of us, which can only be met by working collectively. We see architects, urban planners and civil engineers as holistic designers playing a decisive part in developing approaches and solutions for an environment worth living in. With the Zumtobel Group Award, we want to promote an interdisciplinary exchange; the award is intended to serve as a public platform for forward-looking concepts and to encourage open dialogue on new approaches,”* says **Alfred Felder, CEO Zumtobel Group**, describing the objective of the Zumtobel Group Award.

From the public invitation to participate, a total of 220 projects have been registered from 42 countries, all of which stand out for their exceptional quality and originality. In a pre-selection, ten projects have now been shortlisted in each category. In addition, six projects across both categories have been defined as candidates for the Special Prize for Innovation. In a next step, the international, interdisciplinary jury meeting in November will nominate the winners.

The shortlist for the Zumtobel Group Award 2021 shows the following entries:

#### **Buildings category** (Listed in order of submission. Project, studio):

Anandaloy, Studio Anna Heringer, Laufen, Germany | Maya Somaiya Library, Sameep Padora & Associates, Mumbai, India | GRÜNE ERDE – Breathing Headquarters, terrain: integral designs BDA, Graz, Austria | Gare Maritime Brussels, Neutelings Riedijk Architects, Rotterdam, Netherlands | Pingelly Recreation and Cultural Centre, iredale pedersen hook architects with Advanced Timber Concepts Studio, Perth, Australia | La Borda Housing Cooperative, Lacol SCCL, Barcelona, Spain | Tambacounda Maternity and Paediatric Hospital, Manuel Herz Architects, Basel, Switzerland | The Elephant World, Bangkok Project Studio, Thailand | Cyclone Shelter, URBANA, Dhaka, Bangladesh | Corte Bertesina, traverso-vighy architetti, Costabissara, Italy

#### **Urban Initiatives & Developments category** (Listed in order of submission. Project, studio):

Thammasat Urban Rooftop Farm, Landprocess, Bangkok, Thailand | Taichung Central Park, mosbach paysagistes, Paris, France | Kiruna 4-ever, White arkitekter, Stockholm, Sweden and Ghilardi+Hellsten arkitekter, Oslo, Norway | A Modern Sponge City, turenscap, Beijing, China | Whole Block Outcomes: Rehabilitating Baltimore, Black Women Build – Baltimore Inc., Baltimore, USA | IDB: Bridging Opportunities, Elemental, Santiago, Chile | Forest Park Playscape Co-Design, Interboro Partners, Brooklyn, USA | City of 1000 Tanks, OOZE architects & urbanists, Rotterdam, Netherlands | Sweet City, Municipalidad de Curridabat, Costa Rica | PlanBude Hamburg, PlanBude, Hamburg, Germany

## **Special Prize for Innovation** (Listed in order of submission. Project, studio):

The Coral Greenhouse, Jason deCaires Taylor Ltd, Faversham, UK | People's Pavilion, Overtreders W and bureau SLA Amsterdam, Netherlands | Kö-Bogen II, ingenhoven architects, Düsseldorf, Germany | Kiln Tower, Bolthausen Architekten AG, Zürich, Switzerland | RhinoCircular, Circular Construction Lab / Cornell University, Ithaca, USA | Adaptex, Weißensee Kunsthochschule Berlin, Priedemann Facade-Lab, Germany

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## **The Zumtobel Group Award 2021 at a glance:**

### **Call for submissions**

From 25 November 2020 to 15 May 2021 via a public online tool

**Award website:** [z.lighting/zumtobel-group-award](https://z.lighting/zumtobel-group-award)

## **Initiator**

The Zumtobel Group with its brands Thorn, Tridonic and Zumtobel  
[z.lighting/group](https://z.lighting/group)

## **Curator**

Dr. h.c. Kristin Feireiss and Hans-Jürgen Commerell, Aedes Architecture Forum, Berlin  
[www.aedes-arc.de](http://www.aedes-arc.de)

## **Award categories**

Buildings	50,000 EUR
Urban Developments & Initiatives	50,000 EUR
Special Prize for Innovations	20,000 EUR

## **Zumtobel Group Award**

The 'Zumtobel Group Award – Innovations for Sustainability and Humanity in the Built Environment' promotes pioneering concepts and developments for more quality of life and sustainability in the built environment and its design. Awarded first in 2007, the Zumtobel Group addresses with the international architecture award core issues of our age, such as how best to deal with our finite resources, opportunities for repurposing existing buildings, sustainable development concepts for urban and rural space, utilisation of new materials and innovative processes, and the central question of humane living conditions.

## **About the Aedes Architecture Forum**

The Aedes Architecture Forum is a world-renown independent institution and exhibition space for the international communication of contemporary architecture and urban design. Established in 1980 as the first private architecture gallery in Europe, the Aedes Architecture Forum has gained a large international partnership network, which feeds to an outstanding cultural platform for the global and public discourse of the built environment. Founded by Kristin Feireiss and Helga Retzer († 1984), Aedes is co-directed by Hans-Jürgen Commerell since 1994. As one of its kind Aedes served as a prototypical model for many architecture-museums and similar institutions established later. [www.aedes-arc.de](http://www.aedes-arc.de)

## **About the Zumtobel Group**

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