

Paris, 30 May 2016

Press release: 2016 Prix Versailles at UNESCO, nine winners from around the world

The 2016 Prix Versailles award ceremony was held at the symbolic UNESCO Palace on 27 May, with ambassadors from many different countries in attendance.

When called by François de Mazières, Chairman of the Judges Panel, representatives came up to the stage to accept the awards for the nine winning projects, located in Brazil, Cambodia, France, India and the USA.

This world award, which was inaugurated at UNESCO in 2015, singles out the architects and owners of shops and stores, hotels and restaurants that are found to be particularly remarkable, from a perspective of their exterior architecture and their interior design.

Commercial developments, which have long been disparaged, can on the contrary serve as “a showcase and a driver of quality of life and sustainability”, both now and in the future.

Because they touch on every actor involved in social life, commercial buildings can be the starting point or the catalyst for a better mix of economics and culture in our cities and our societies.

The Prix Versailles will continue to grow this autumn, when six new “continental” competitions will be launched.

Before the global finale at UNESCO in Paris, slated for 12 May 2017, Prix Versailles awards will first be discerned in six super-regions in April 2017: Africa and West Asia – Central America, the South and the Caribbean – North America – Central Asia and the Northeast – South Asia and the Pacific – Europe.

In addition to the three existing categories – Shops & Stores, Hotels and Restaurants – a fourth will open up to Shopping Malls (including shopping arcades), which will be able to throw their hats in for the 2017 Prix Versailles.

2016 Awards

Shops & Stores

Prix Versailles 2016

Alexander McQueen
Paris, France
David Collins Studio

Special prize Interior

Ganjam
Bangalore, India
RDAI

Special prize Exterior

TOG - Philippe Starck
Sao Paulo, Brazil
Triptyque

Hotels

Prix Versailles 2016

Phum Baitang
Siem Reap, Cambodia
AW²

Special prize Interior

Les Bains
Paris, France
Tristan Auer

Special prize Exterior

Dasavatara Hotel
Tirupati, India
SJK Architects

Restaurants

Prix Versailles 2016

Lotus Cafe
Tirupati, India
SJK Architects

Special prize Interior

L'Amico
New York, USA
CRÈME - Jun Aizaki A&D

Special prize Exterior

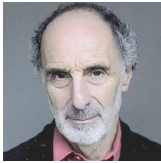
Hanoi Cà Phê
Paris, France
Officine Architecture

2016 Jury



FRANÇOIS DE MAZIÈRES

Mayor of Versailles (France)
Chairman of the Jury



PAUL ANDREU

Architect (France)



GUO PEI

Fashion designer (China)



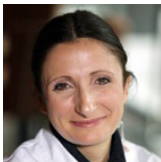
TOYŌ ITŌ

Architect (Japan)
Pritzker 2013



GILLES LIPOVETSKY

Philosopher (France)



ANNE-SOPHIE PIC

Chef (France)



RUDY RICCIOTTI

Architect (France)



MINJA YANG

Former Deputy Director
of the World Heritage Centre (Japan)