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WT Awards 2014 winners announced



WT SmartCityAward 2014, international urban & architecture ideas competition, part of an annual program of prestigious Awards and Events. The aim of this competition is to reward the most visionary and sustainable ideas and projects to transform in a positive way the urban landscape. The winning projects will be exhibited six days with a prestigious event during Milan

Design Week



First Pize Mario Cucinella - Nuova Sede dell'ARPT

The project is inspired by the desert landscape where the dunes appear as 'natural' buildings, constructed by wind and sand. The proximity to the new urban park offers the opportunity to create a highly visible and symbolic building. The project proposes a highly iconic building far from the predominant aesthetics of the area, exploiting its direct contact with the new park. It emerges from the desire to create a building that works according to the principles of bioclimatic architecture, and in particular by the natural cooling techniques of the past, such as the tu'rat has suggested an aerodynamic shape, convex on the North to divert hot winds at midday, and concave to capture the cool breezes at night, and thus promoting the natural ventilation of the building. Form, energy and tradition are transformed into a new building that will become a symbol of the development of landscape.



Second Pize

Jessica Hernandez, Edgar Garcia & Bing Bai - Biotic City

A floating linear structure composed of biodegradable materials grown and collected on-site. The project proposes a new post-industrial urbanism that forges relationships with the natural environment and its complex ecologies, while simultaneously engaging the needs and desires of human activity. This achievement is accomplished through the application of new advances in construction technology and material science. In terms of programming, Biotic City proposes a new unconventional urban form, it is based on a complex large-scale platform that supports scientific research of complex marine ecologies while providing a livable city for human beings and the local flora and fauna alike. The proposal suggest a new way for humans to live and interact with their environment. Once the city is not needed the immediate environment will make it disappear because of it is built with biodegradable materials.



Third Pize BAT and ACHAZABALLA arquitectos - Baltic Sea Park

Linked element between the banks of Perona and Embecke, central axis to entrance in the city of Pärnu. The main building consists of an ondulated form that "embraces" the bridge, creating an iconic entrance arch and gate to the city. The building includes several functions: the art pavilion illuminated with natural light leaning on the park, art-park accompanying sinuously the building, in synergy with the river; central building flexible and adaptable to any public function, accompanied by a superior poly-functional hall. The study of water and green are designed for flexibility with active and passive recreation areas accessible to all. The artistic experience understands the concern of protecting natural resources and thus improve the combined approach of nature and culture. Special Mentions WT SmartCityAward 2014



Aprilli Studio - Urban Skyfarm

Vertical farm prototype which would mainly support food production and distribution and improve the urban environmental quality through water, air filtration and renewable energy production



Armarada "Design the Future" - Avis Magica Organic architecture, a Vertical Nature that integrates in the building's structure mesophyll cells that produce oxygen, similar with those from plants



Arthur Azoulai and Melody Rees - Praxis of Flow Dynamically simulating self-organizing biological systems. Selective decision-making is used to sculpt innate yet deliberate spatial relationships and formal qualities



Castelli Design - Mediastone

Concept for large multimedia wall covered with panels of pattern that imitates the sedimentary rocks of seabeds. Conceived as the electrophoretic E-lnk imaging technology, the panels produce dynamic signs with slightly corroded edges



Corfone and Partners - EcoDynamic Nozon Valley

The masterplan improves the existing environment at different levels: it creates a useful water network serving the whole valley; it strengthens ecological diversity and biopermeability through green corridors; it allows to produce sustainable energy



Picernocerasolab - Synapse Eco Link

The skyscraper will also provide a link to the new port village and it is a green building providing a home for the exploration of marine ecologies and future bio technologies, with a focus on Algae production



Richard Moreta (RA+D/UJED) - The City as a "Mega Power Plant"

Revolutionary use of the structure of the vertical master planning for their chimneys of the convention air exchange wind turbine system located at the bases of the building, in the underground parking lots acting as a huge chamber of negative pression to the top intake air entrance located at the top of the building



Stephan Sobl - Vertical Strip "A Hanging Tower"

Interplay of opaque massive surfaces capable of incorporating poché and lightweight, fragile structure. The resulting environments developed by these distinct architectural languages are exploited and distributed vertically to create extreme spatial sequences

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