



Macaël Awards 2023: shaping the future of sustainability in the stone and innovative surfaces industry

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- *One of the novelties will be the presence of participants from the 'Promotion Program for the Natural Stone and Innovative Surfaces Industry aimed at architecture students': 45 future architects from the universities of Seville, Granada, and Malaga, who will learn about the values of the Macael Brand.*

Macaël, October 20, 2023 - The Marble Region of Macaël is gearing up to dazzle the world with the thirty-sixth edition of the Macaël Awards, its annual event that defies expectations and celebrates innovation, excellence, and sustainability in the stone and innovative surfaces industry. They are organized by the Andalusian Marble Industry Association (AEMA by its initials in Spanish), and this year, a total of eleven awardees stand out for their outstanding contributions to the sector. In a challenging deliberation that brought together eighteen nominations, seven companies are highlighted as the executors of projects that demonstrate Macaël's status as a major national and international reference center for the extraction, development of special projects, and marketing of natural stone and innovative surfaces.

The awards ceremony, scheduled for November 10, not only emphasizes the international focus of the region but also its commitment to environmental protection. Just as in the previous edition, which marked a milestone by introducing the Sustainability Award category and hosting a carbon-neutral event, the gala reaffirms the sector's commitment to corporate social responsibility. "Macaël's companies are leading efforts to continuously transition to the use of renewable energy, environmentally friendly water management, renewal and recycling, and more efficient waste management, and the Macaël Awards are a testament to this," said Jesús Posadas, President of AEMA, who, as in every edition, mentioned "the invaluable role that sponsors play in this event, not only in making them possible but also for their continuous support and loyalty year after year."

As one of the new developments known so far, the event will feature the participation of students from the 'Promotion Program for the Natural Stone and Innovative Surfaces Industry aimed at architecture students,' celebrating its second edition. 45 future architects from the

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universities of Seville, Granada, and Malaga will learn about the values of the Macael Brand, its products, the culture of craftsmanship, and the importance of its applications in architecture through seminars and visits to quarries and companies. The students, who are pursuing postgraduate and master's degrees, will culminate the program by attending the awards ceremony, whose previous edition was presided over by Their Majesties of Spain. As tradition dictates, the event also coincides with the International Stone Meeting organized by TRADE. Both initiatives confirm Macael's role as a global epicenter of this industry.

The awardees of this XXXVI edition are as follows:

COMMUNICATION AWARD

ELLE DECOR, VERANDA, AND HOUSE BEAUTIFUL.

The Jury grants the Communication Award to the magazines Elle Decor, Veranda, and House Beautiful, belonging to the Hearst Corporation group and led by Jennifer Bruno, for their media contribution as a key partner in North America. Their consistent editorial excellence, quality of content, and commitment to innovation and sustainability are also an essential pillar in the dissemination of design, lifestyle, and architecture trends. The Elle Decor brand has a long-standing presence in the Spanish market, serving as a reference publication among the interior design community and showcasing leading home equipment brands, renovation, and architecture.

SUSTAINABILITY AWARD

ONE ONE ONE EAGLE STREET, BRISBANE, QUEENSLAND, AUSTRALIA.

The Jury grants the Sustainability Award to the One One One Eagle Street shopping center project, located in the city of Brisbane, Australia, a symbol of sustainable and innovative design by COX Architecture. The complex, which has a 6-star ecological rating and a carbon-neutral certification, required a renovation that would improve the columns and external facades with a product that met sustainability standards. The solution was the use of Dekton Zenith, a carbon-neutral product with excellent fire resistance (classified as A1 fire-rated), which has been installed using a ventilated facade system with mechanical anchoring.

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INTERNATIONAL NORTH AMERICA AWARD

RAOLJI HOUSE, FLORIDA, UNITED STATES.

The Jury grants the International North America Award to the Raolji House, a private mansion located in Florida, United States, which embodies the perfect fusion of craftsmanship and creative vision, creating a space where the beauty of natural stone shines. In its entirety, 1400 square meters of marble have been arranged, including prominent use of Blanco Macael marble, Crema Marfil, and Blue de Sabois in the flooring, with notable applications in mosaics, columns, kitchen and bathroom countertops, cladding, curved stairs, and balustrades. This architectural masterpiece is an impeccable execution and an inspiring example of design and construction.

INTERNATIONAL LATIN AMERICA AWARD

WANDERS AND YOO, PANAMA CITY, PANAMA.

The Jury grants the International Latin America Award to Wanders & Yoo, an innovative project conceived by the international brand Yoo in Panama City. The project takes the form of two magnificent apartment towers, and its use of natural stone finishes plays a significant starring role in the flooring, cladding, kitchen countertops, and bathrooms, both within the apartments and in the common areas. Durex Property Group, the project's developer, has strategic alliances with recognized brands in the market such as Fendi, Philippe Starck, and Marcel Wanders, the renowned Dutch designer who injects his disruptive and creative vision into this project. Wanders & Yoo is the birth of a utopian world, a fusion of design and elegance, where diverse ideas coexist in perfect harmony.

INTERNATIONAL ASIA AWARD

DALVEY HAUS, SINGAPORE.

The Jury grants the International Asia Award to the Dalvey Haus residential complex, located in Singapore. This high-end building, designed by the Eco ID architectural studio, has been recognized for its excellence in using cutting-edge surfaces. A total of 3500 square meters of innovative materials have been installed, including Dekton, Silestone, and Sensa in the Danae, Calypso, and Black Beauty shades, respectively. These materials have been used on its ventilated facade through panels, as well as in kitchen and bathroom countertops. Dalvey Haus stands out for its modern urban aesthetics and elegantly simple and thoughtful design.

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schemes, creating a widespread sense of craftsmanship and quality in every element of the building.

INTERNATIONAL AFRICA AWARD

MONUMENT REHABILITATION, FOR THE CATHEDRALS OF RIABA AND MALABO, EQUATORIAL GUINEA.

The Jury grants the International Africa Award to Monument Rehabilitation S.L. for the project of the cathedrals of Riaba and Malabo in Equatorial Guinea, where all the elements have been crafted in stone. In the Cathedral of Riaba, all the liturgical elements have been installed, including an altar made of White Carrara marble composed of eight Ionic columns with gold leaf capitals, featuring intricate reliefs and a molded altar table in a single piece. In the Cathedral of Malabo, the highlight is the base of the tabernacle, crafted in White Carrara and Indian Green marble, as well as the platform, also made from the same material.

INTERNATIONAL EUROPE AWARD

BUSINESSPARK OSNABRÜCK, GERMANY.

The Jury grants the International Europe Award to the Businesspark Osnabrück project in Germany, which has incorporated 3000 square meters of ultra-compact Dekton stone in its Aeris and Kreta colors for the development of its ventilated facade using large format panels. The project, designed by the architectural firm Mas Architecture Netherlands, posed the challenge of including a low-maintenance and sustainable Surface, without sacrificing its aesthetic beauty due to inclement weather and the passage of time. The response to these requirements was the choice of Dekton panels.

NATIONAL AWARD

SANTA ANA BUILDING, GRANADA, SPAIN.

The Jury grants the National Award to the Santa Ana Building, located in Plaza Nueva in the city of Granada, in recognition of its use of marbles from the Macael quarries. The building stands out for its masterful use of Blanco Macael marble, as well as the Zebrino Gold and Calacatta Luis Sánchez marbles in flooring, stairs, cladding, kitchen countertops, shower trays, and

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bathroom wall coverings. These materials elevate interior design to new heights in this complex, which also offers breathtaking views of the majestic Alhambra.

DESIGN AWARD

FRANCISCO SIMOES GOMES, SCULPTOR.

The Jury grants the Design Award to the renowned Portuguese sculptor Mr. Francisco Simoes Gomes for his work over 20 years, creating a series of sculptures in the Marble Region of Macael. These pieces were processed by scanning the artist's original model and machined using CNC technology. At times, some sculptures were crafted by hand under the guidance and supervision of Mr. Francisco Simoes. The sculptures were created using both local materials, such as Blanco Macael marble, Grey, Yellow, and Anasol Macael, as well as imported stone.

BLANCO MACAEL MARBLE AWARD

REMODELING OF ALMERÍA SQUARE.

The Jury grants the Award for the work in Blanco Macael marble to the remodeling project of Almería Square in the city of Macael, Almería. This renovation is a tribute to the Roman Empire and was entirely crafted using the precious 'white gold.' The design includes a set of solid steps leading to a magnificent space with six Corinthian columns, each nearly seven meters in height. It is followed by a Roman pool featuring the Chirivello, the first statue from the Roman Empire found in the area, which is currently housed in the Museum of Almería. Inside, a planetary mosaic is surrounded by 14 Tuscan-style columns, each three meters high. The main fountain, adorned with four Ionic columns, is presided over by Neptune—a massive, nearly three-meter-high sculpture- carved from a single piece of marble.

EXCELLENCE AWARD

PEDRO PEÑA INTERIOR DESIGN.

The Jury grants the Excellence Award to Mr. Pedro Peña, a well-established interior designer, for his significant contributions to the fields of architecture, craftsmanship, and design, and his strong commitment to natural stone as the essence of his projects. With over forty years of experience in the industry, Peña is synonymous with exclusivity, innovation, and design excellence. His studio, with a wide range of prominent projects both nationally and

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internationally, represents a commitment to quality and sustainability and serves as an example of dedication and passion for design.

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