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Press release

Prix Versailles 2024: Celebration of the “World’s Most Beautiful” achievements and World Titles Announcement

The Prix Versailles World Ceremony was held on 2 December 2024 at UNESCO Headquarters, in the presence of the international community, who came out to support and congratulate this year’s laureates.

The ceremony was the occasion to officially celebrate the 70 “World’s Most Beautiful” achievements in each of the Prix Versailles categories (Museums, Hotels, Restaurants, Emporiums, Airports, Campuses, Passenger Stations, and Sports).

Chosen via the most exhaustive selection process possible, covering all new and recent openings, this year’s finalists were spread across 31 States.

At the ceremony, the 2024 World Jury – chaired by Benjamin Millepied – bestowed three World Titles in each category.

In the words of the Chairman of the Jury:

“Architecture has the ability to display creative and stylistic diversity with great force.

That diversity is the sign that the attention given to nature, togetherness and different forms of expertise can help an environment emerge, one that is both receptive to expression and capable of harmony. Such an assembly of actors from every background reminds us of culture’s unique talent for leading humankind into dialogue.”

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Quote - Opening remarks for the World Ceremony by Benjamin Millepied, Chairman of the Jury

"Ladies and Gentlemen,

It has been an honour for me to chair this year's Jury for the Prix Versailles, where art and architecture enter into a dialogue to reinvent the way we live together.

As a choreographer, I know how essential the use of time and space is to creating emotions, bonds and a sense of beauty. Similarly, architecture - through its design - shapes our lives, our interactions and even our dreams.

Each building and each space that we are memorialising today has the power to transform our society, make our lives more harmonious and connected, and inspire us to better inhabit the world.

Our thanks to all the architects and designers in the audience this evening, for continuing to dance with space and time in order to build a more humane future.

Thank you."

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Quote – Closing remarks for the World Ceremony by Jérôme Gouadain, Secretary General

“Your Excellencies, Ladies and Gentlemen, esteemed friends of the Prix Versailles,

It is my privilege to thank you, in the name of the Secretariat, for being with us here tonight. You came from across the globe for this 2024 Finale, representing projects of every size, located in 31 countries. All the world’s regions participated in this competition.

Numerically, you represent just a small proportion of the new projects created in recent years. In reality, thousands of projects are reviewed in the early stages, before we begin our selection process. In other words, you stand for excellence in your respective fields.

You are actors who drive beauty in the world.
And that beauty takes unknown forms, because it is a living thing.

Nowadays, its source and model are inspired by the intersection of innovation, creativity, the reflection of local heritage, ecological efficiency, and consideration for human beings. This beauty speaks to people, because it contains all that and more.

Our societies are headed towards a demand for sustainability that will be more delicate and more sophisticated, not to mention fully committed to connecting with the senses. Once we realise this, we understand there is an opportunity that the international community must seize. Ecological, social and cultural dimensions are advancing in tandem. We now need intelligent sustainability, meaning a version that incorporates all those different aspects. Which is precisely why cultural diversity should be considered its own component of sustainable development.

This year, the Prix Versailles is celebrating its 10th edition. Since its creation, the winning architectural projects have been located in over 80 countries.

With great humility in the face of the considerable, long-term work that has been carried out, we are proud and particularly pleased to extend our most heartfelt congratulations to you once again.

Until we meet again, thank you from all of us to all of you.”

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2024 WORLD JURY



BENJAMIN MILLEPIED
Dancer, Choreographer
Chairman of the World Jury (France)



BLANCA SUÁREZ
Actress (Spain)



DANIEL LIBESKIND
Architect (United States)



GUO PEI
Fashion designer (China)



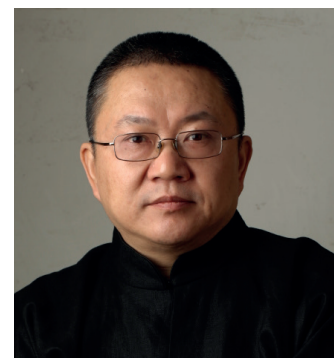
DAVID ADJAYE
Architect (Ghana - United Kingdom)



SOU FUJIMOTO
Architect (Japan)



JULIA FISCHER
Violinist (Germany)



WANG SHU
Architect (China)



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WORLD'S MOST BEAUTIFUL MUSEUMS LIST 2024

A4 Art Museum

Chengdu, China

Grand Egyptian Museum

Giza, Egypt

Special prize for an Interior Smritivan Earthquake Museum

Bhuj, India

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Simose Art Museum

Otake, Japan

Paleis Het Loo

Apeldoorn, Netherlands

Special prize for an Exterior Oman Across Ages Museum

Manah, Oman

Polish History Museum

Warsaw, Poland

*The Laureates are listed in the alphabetical order of the countries they represent
(based on their two-letter ISO 3166 country codes).*



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WORLD'S MOST BEAUTIFUL EMPORIUMS LIST 2024

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Dior

Geneva, Switzerland

Special prize for an Interior

SKP

Chengdu, China

Special prize for an Exterior

Nouvelles Galeries

Annecy, France

Sabyasachi

Mumbai, India

Bookshops at the Colosseum

Rome, Italy

Boucheron Ginza

Tokyo, Japan

Parqal

Parañaque, Philippines

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WORLD'S MOST BEAUTIFUL HOTELS LIST 2024

Manly Pacific

Sydney, Australia

Raffles Al Areen Palace Bahrain

Zallaq, Bahrain

Pulso Hotel

São Paulo, Brazil

W Macau – Studio City

Macau, China

Nobis Hotel Palma

Palma, Spain

Cap d'Antibes Beach Hotel

Antibes, France

La Fantaisie

Paris, France

Mondrian Bordeaux Les Carmes

Bordeaux, France

Special prize for an Exterior

The Dolli

Athens, Greece

Lasserhaus

Brixen, Italy

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The Hanok Heritage House

Yeongwol, Republic of Korea

Maroma, A Belmond Hotel

Playa del Carmen, Mexico

Vermelho

Melides, Portugal

Special prize for an Interior

The Ned Doha

Doha, Qatar

Pan Pacific Orchard

Singapore, Singapore

The Hazendal

Stellenbosch, South Africa

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WORLD'S MOST BEAUTIFUL RESTAURANTS LIST 2024

Special prize for an Interior

Ariana's Persian Kitchen

Dubai, United Arab Emirates

Reine & La Rue

Melbourne, Australia

Tuju

São Paulo, Brazil

Cristal Room by Anne-Sophie Pic

Hong Kong, China

Tomacado

Hong Kong, China

Virador Beach Club

Papagayo Peninsula, Costa Rica

Blanc

Paris, France

Ladurée Champs-Élysées

Paris, France

Riviera Fuga

Paris, France

Beefbar

Milan, Italy

The Oreum

Goyang, Republic of Korea

Auyl

Almaty, Kazakhstan

Special prize for an Exterior

Madi Hiya

North Malé Atoll, Maldives

Harudot

Chonburi, Thailand

Nusara

Bangkok, Thailand

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Ilis

New York, United States

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WORLD'S MOST BEAUTIFUL AIRPORTS LIST 2024

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Zayed International Airport

Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates

Felipe Ángeles International Airport

Zumpango, Mexico

Special prize for an Interior

Changi Airport

Terminal 2

Changi, Singapore

Special prize for an Exterior

Suvarnabhumi Airport

Midfield Satellite 1

Bangkok, Thailand

Logan International Airport

Terminal E

Boston, United States

Kansas City International Airport

Kansas City, United States

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WORLD'S MOST BEAUTIFUL CAMPUSES LIST 2024

Wenzhou-Kean University

Student Learning and Activity Center

Wenzhou, China

Special prize for an Exterior

Paris-Saclay University

Henri Moissan Centre

Orsay, France

Special prize for an Interior

University of Edinburgh

Edinburgh Futures Institute

Edinburgh, United Kingdom

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Nanyang Technological University

Gaia

Singapore, Singapore

Johns Hopkins University

Bloomberg Center

Washington D.C., United States

New York University

John A. Paulson Center

New York, United States

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WORLD'S MOST BEAUTIFUL PASSENGER STATIONS LIST 2024

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Schafbergbahn Station

St. Wolfgang, Austria

Bell Station

Melbourne, Australia

Beijing Station

Beijing, China

Special prize for an Exterior

Toulouse Matabiau Station

Toulouse, France

Chiaia Metro Station

Naples, Italy

Special prize for an Interior

Grand Central Madison

New York, United States

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WORLD'S MOST BEAUTIFUL SPORTS VENUES LIST 2024

Special prize for an Interior

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New Westminster, Canada

Workers' Stadium

Beijing, China

Hybrid Stadium

Hangzhou, China

Special prize for an Exterior

Olympic Aquatic Centre

Saint-Denis, France

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CityPark

St. Louis, United States

Gillette Stadium

Foxborough, United States

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