

ArchDaily Building of the Year 2009

ArchDaily (<http://www.archdaily.com>) is currently the most visited Architecture website in the world with more than 1,800,000 visits and 14,000,000 pageviews a month. It features the latest projects, awards, contests and architecture related news. It holds a growing database of the latest projects from all around the world and gives firms from all size, the chance to be featured and promoted via their platform.

Last month, ArchDaily partnered with Floornature to launch a unique award for the international architecture community (<http://www.archdaily.com/building-of-the-year/2009/>). In these awards their readers have the chance to nominate and vote for the best projects featured in ArchDaily during 2009.

The first round featured more than 900 projects from 600 different architecture firms. Architects and readers from all over the world decided on their favorites and today, after thousands of votes, the five finalists for each category were announced.

The awards are not only an interesting online architecture award, but they also give the chance to small firms from Portugal or Latvia to compete hand by hand with the most prestigious architectural practices like OMA, Diller Scofidio, REX or Tadao Ando.

From large campus facilities to a small library in Singapore, 65 projects remain in competition to win in one of the 13 categories. Social media has been an important online tool nowadays, and ArchDaily has integrated it, since readers may vote through their Facebook and Twitter account. The community has the final word, and after the competition ends next February 28th, winners will be announced.

The final nominees are:

Cultural



BTEK - Technology Interpretation Center / **ACXT**

Dee and Charles Wylly Theatre / **REX | OMA**

Alice Tully Hall Lincoln Center / **Diller Scofidio + Renfro Architects with FXFOWLE**

Winspear Opera House / **Foster + Partners**

Craig Thomas Discovery and Visitor Center / **Bohlin Cywinski Jackson**

Educational



Yapi Kredi Bank Academy / **TEGET**

UCSD Price Center East / **Yazdani Studio of Cannon Design**

Ecological Children Activity and Education Center / **24H > architecture**

The Cooper Union for the Advancement of Science and Art / **Morphosis Architects**

The Juilliard School / **Diller Scofidio + Renfro Architects**

Houses



Villa Vals / **SeARCH & CMA**

House of Ruins (Drupas) / **NRJA**

Y House / **Jorge Sousa Santos**

Treehouse / **RPA**

Hemeroscopium House / **Ensamble Studio**

Housing



Mountain Dwellings / **BIG**

Aqua Tower / **Studio Gang Architects**

Celosia Building / **MVRDV with Blanca Lleó**

Linked Hybrid / **Steven Holl Architects**

MacAllen Building Condominiums / **office dA**

Interiors



Honeycomb / **SAKO Architects**

The “Front and back” Apartment / **h2o architectes**

Fugas Lusas / **extrastudio**

Bastard Store / **studiometrico**

Mameg + Maison Martin Margiela / **Johnston Marklee & Associates**

Institutional



Huanacu Warehouse & Office / **tFPS**

Wender Police Station / **Studiobase Architects**

Saxo Bank / **3XN**

Serta International Center / **Epstein | Metter Studio**

Unilever Headquarters / **Behnisch Architekten**

Offices



Facebook Offices / **O+A Studio**

Selgas Cano Architecture Office / **Selgas Cano**

Sunone / **Department of Architecture**

Manitoba Hydro / **KPMB Architects**

Nestlé Application Group Querétaro / **Rojkind Arquitectos**

Public Facilities



National Tourist Route Trollstigen / **RRA**

Community centre Herstedlund / **Dorte Mandrup Arkitekter**

Emergency Terminal / **Produkcija 004**

Pavilion at Aventura Park / **PARATELIER**

Rouen Grand Mare / **Beckmann-N'Thépé architects**

Refurbishment



Tehama Grasshopper / **Fougeron Architecture**

55 Blair Road / **Ong & Ong**

House + / **Anne Menke**

Pullpo Advertising Agency / **Hania Stambuk**

Haus im Haus / **Behnisch Architekten**

Sports Architecture



City of Jaca Hockey Arena / **Coll-Barreu Arquitectos**

Sports and Leisure Center in Saint-Cloud / **KOZ Architectes**

Zamet Centre / **3LHD**

Wellness Sky / **4of7**

Gymnasium 46°09'N-16°50'E / **STUDIO UP**

Museums and Libraries



Safe Haven Library / **TYIN Tegnestue**

MAXXI Museum / **Zaha Hadid Architects**

CAM FRAMIS Museum / **Jordi Badia**

Chongqing Library / **Perkins Eastman**

Tama Art University Library / **Toyo Ito**

Hotels and Restaurants



The Yas Hotel / **Asymptote**

Ar de Rio Bar Esplanade / **Guedes + DeCampos**

Conduit / **Stanley Saitowitz | Natoma Architects**

Coffee Shop + Shading Surface / **ateliermob**

Yellow Treehouse Restaurant / **Pacific Environments**

Religious Architecture



The Prayer Chapel / **debartolo architects**

Farewell Chapel / **OFIS Arhitekti**

The Cathedral of Christ the Light / **SOM**

Rennes Métropole Crematorium / **PLAN 01**

New Church in Foligno / **Doriana e Massimiliano Fuksas**

About ArchDaily

ArchDaily (<http://www.archdaily.com>) was founded in March 2008 with the one mission of delivering the most complete information to architects around the world; every week, every day, every hour, every moment: as soon as it is happening. It is the online source of continuous information for a growing community of thousands of architects searching for the latest architectural news: projects, products, events, interviews and competitions among others.

The editorial staff works in a daily basis with the most prestigious and influential architectural practices around the world in order to deliver specific and valuable content to the international architecture community. In one year ArchDaily has quickly established itself as one of the leading architectural websites in the world due to their editorial staff's meticulous understanding of what the audience is really looking for: the best architecture around the world, as soon as possible.

About Floornature

Floornature is an international design and architecture portal with a focus on porcelain stoneware materials for contemporary architecture, exclusive interviews with great masters of international architecture and the most interesting new developments in the world of architecture.

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