

**Pierre Yovanovitch named Designer of the Year  
and Milan wins Best City**

Wallpaper\*, the international design, fashion and lifestyle bible, has published its annual Design Awards issue. Now in their 15th year, the Wallpaper\* Design Awards laud and applaud the world's most pulse-raising and life-enhancing places, products, people and phenomena.

Sarah Douglas, editor-in-chief of Wallpaper\*, says, *'The past year has been a standout one for good design that behaves beautifully, that thinks about its impact in every sense. It's heartening to celebrate the people and brands that strive to make a difference, to innovate and design a better life.'*

The Design Awards issue is split into two parts: the first covers categories devised by Wallpaper\* and its extended global family of contributors, writers and curators, ranging from Best Rooftop to Best Repurpose and Best Future Vision. The second section comprises the most prestigious honours, 11 Judges' Awards selected by an esteemed international panel. This year, Paris-based designer Pierre Yovanovitch has been crowned Designer of the Year and Milan is saluted as Best City.

Hand-picked by the Wallpaper\* team, this year's six-strong jury featured **Paola Antonelli**, senior curator of architecture and design at MoMA, architect **Bjarke Ingels**, Wallpaper\* Designer of the Year 2018 **Philippe Malouin**, artist **Do Ho Suh**, set designer **David Korins**, and chanteuse and style icon **Neneh Cherry**.

This year's Best City, Milan has experienced an exciting renaissance. Enlightened fashion players such as Miuccia Prada and Giorgio Armani have left their mark with projects that are developing into key art and culture destinations: the OMA-designed Fondazione Prada tower was one of Europe's most anticipated recent openings, and Armani's empire includes the Armani/Silos museum and the Armani Hotel. New additions and developments over the past year have seen the cityscape evolve to combine its traditional grandeur with a contemporary architectural language.

Two of the judges expressed their reasons for choosing Milan as Best City:

*'The Milanese not only love design, but truly live by it. They use it, they talk about it, they critique it, they overdo it. Design is a pillar of popular culture, it is normal. Design Week in April is a citywide celebration; everyone is interested and participates in it.'* – Paola Antonelli

*'Ten years ago, Milan seemed quite dormant, and slightly forgotten. In the last decade, it seems to have transformed itself into a vibrant, yet classical destination, with improvements in infrastructure, residential projects and restaurants. I also love the manageable size of Milan. You can get anywhere in 20 minutes on a bicycle.'* – Philippe Malouin

**Winners of the Judges' Awards 2019**

**Best domestic design**

'Astro' fan, by Nichetto Studio, for Tubes

**Designer of the year**

Pierre Yovanovitch

**Best new restaurant**

Noma, Copenhagen

**Best new hotel**

Healing Stay Kosmos, Ulleungdo Island, South Korea

**Best new private house**

The Nest, Namib Desert, Namibia, by Porky Hefer

**Best new public building**

V&A Dundee, UK, by Kengo Kuma and Associates

**Best city**

Milan

**Best women's fashion collection A/W18**

Rick Owens

**Best men's fashion collection A/W18**

Salvatore Ferragamo

**Best new grooming product**

Plant-powered deodorant, by Myro

**Life-enhancer of the year**

'Gople' lamp, by BIG, for Artemide

A full list of all Wallpaper\* Design Award winners and full details are published in the February issue of Wallpaper\*, on sale from 10 January 2019.

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