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PRESS RELEASE

Innovation Award Architecture+ Office 2020

For the eleventh time, the architecture journals AIT and XIA by AIT, in cooperation with the ORGATEC/Koelnmesse GmbH trade fair, announced the Architecture+ Office Innovation Award. The award is aimed at designers and manufacturers of innovative materials and products. It is intended to emphasize the importance of the architectural quality of as office furniture and accessories, lighting, floor coverings and other products for use in office buildings, because it is precisely this quality that forms the reliable basis for a promising result. Among the numerous products offered on the market, awards are given to those that meet the needs of interior designers and architects in particular. The award acknowledges conceptual solutions for selected products that are equally convincing in terms of design and functionality. Other important evaluation criteria are the authenticity of the material and the variety of possible applications.

On October 29, 2020, renowned jury members from the fields of architecture and interior design selected the winners from the 44 products submitted. A total of two Innovation Prizes, two Special Mentions and five Mentions were awarded.

The Jury

Carla Bayer, bki brandherm + krumrey interior architecture, DE-Köln, www.b-k-i.de

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Maike Schlick, Kadawittfeldarchitektur, DE-Aachen, www.kwa.ac

The participants

Boizenburg Fliesen GmbH, DE-Boizenburg, www.boizenburg-fliesen.de

Brunner GmbH, DE-Rheinau-Freistett, www.brunner-group.com

CAPAROL Farben Lacke Bautenschutz GmbH, DE-Ober-Ramstadt, www.caparol.de

carpetconcept Objekt-Teppichboden GmbH, DE-Bielefeld, www.carpet-concept.de

Dauphin HumanDesign® Group GmbH & Co. KG, DE-Offenhausen, www.dauphin-group.com

DURABLE Hunke & Jochheim GmbH & Co. KG, DE-Iserlohn, www.durable.de

ERGOTRADING GmbH / MOUNT DESIGN AB, DE-Haselau/Hamburg, www.ergotrading.com

Ergotron, NL-Amersfoort, www.ergotron.com

Fabromont AG, CH-Schmitten, www.fabromont.ch

Fleischer Büromöbelwerk GmbH & Co. KG, DE-Bochum, www.fleischer-bueromoebel.de

Gerflor Mipolam GmbH, DE-Troisdorf, www.gerflor.de

Girsberger GmbH, DE-Endingen, www.girsberger.com

Hera GmbH & Co. KG, DE-Enger, www.hera-shop.com

Informationstechnik Meng GmbH, DE-Birkenfeld, www.meng.de

Intek GmbH, DE-Oberriexingen, www.intek.de

Kusch+Co GmbH, DE-Hallenberg, www.kusch.com

OBJECT CARPET GmbH, DE-Denkendorf, www.object-carpet.com
ONGO® GmbH, DE-Stuttgart, www.ongo.eu
Palmberg Büroeinrichtungen + Service GmbH, DE-Schönberg, www.palmberg.de
Prostoria Ltd., HR-Sveti Križ Začretje, www.prostoria.eu
REC Bauelemente GmbH, DE-Berlin, www.rec-berlin.com
SMV Sitz- & Objektmöbel GmbH, DE-Löhne, www.smv-gmbh.de
Tarkett Holding GmbH, DE-Ludwigshafen, www.tarkett.de
Tobias Grau GmbH, DE-Rellingen, www.tobiasgrau.com
Vitruvan Textile Glass GmbH, DE-Marktschorgast, www.vitruvan.com
VolumeK by Kesseböhmer, DE-Bad Essen, Kesseböhmer, www.kesseboehmer.world
Walkolution GmbH, DE-Wiesenbronn, www.walkolution.com
Wilkhahn Wilkening+Hahne GmbH+Co.KG, DE-Bad Münden, www.wilkhahn.com
WOGG Furniture Ltd., CH-Baden Dättwil, www.wogg.ch

All submitted products will be published in a special section of AIT 1/2.2021.

The award winners

2x Innovation Award Architecture+ Office 2020

Product: CAPAROL SCHWARZ - Tiefe Nuancen für die Innenraumgestaltung

Company: CAPAROL Farben Lacke Bautenschutz GmbH

"30 shades of black" would certainly have been a more effective name for this colour range, which CAPAROL entitled with the very plain name "Black". Probably a surprise winner for many, but the jury quickly came to the conclusion that a successful office concept is hardly possible without a successful and well-thought-out choice of colours and materials. With this choice of colours, Caparol has succeeded in creating a finely nuanced selection that acknowledges the application and significance of dark shades and offers the differentiation needed to make the desired, often subconscious effect of black shades tangible.

Product: ONGO®Spark & Free

Company: ONGO® GmbH

ONGO®Spark & Free is an all-rounder with a reserved, almost modest appearance in terms of design. And this is exactly what makes ONGO®Spark & Free so likeable. It can be used in a variety of ways: as a temporary workstation in the office, as furniture for seminars or even as a student workstation at home — it can be put to use quickly and effectively anywhere. What's great is that it can also be easily used as a high table or lectern. The immobile ONGO®Free stool goes well with the attitude of the ONGO®Spark table, but can alternatively be replaced by other seating furniture. Should it become possible to fold the tabletop vertically in the future, this would be very helpful for use in the area of "training, seminars, meetings, ...", as this would reduce storage space. Overall, ONGO®Spark & Free is a smart product that is open to changing office environments.

2x Special Mention

Product: Trifidae chair

Company: Prostoria Ltd.

Design: Numen/ForUse

The Trifidae chair from Prostoria impresses in this version with its clear and expressive, graphic contours and yet appears reduced and elegant. The monochrome colour scheme dissolves the usual separation between seat shell and base frame and creates a successful entity. The star base hovers only a few centimetres above the floor and gives the chair a touch of lightness. It also offers good seating quality with a successful balance between comfort and agile sitting posture.

Product: iQ Natural

Company: Tarkett Holding GmbH

The idea of sustainability has been taken a step further with iQ Natural! It is a new floor covering that is more ecological than comparable products thanks to the use of bio-attributed vinyl and natural plasticisers from castor oil. It causes 50% less greenhouse gas emissions, is therefore one of the resilient floor coverings with the lowest CO2 footprint in the world and, last but not least, is fully recyclable.

5x Mention

Product: PARA VERT

Company: Brunner GmbH

Design: Ippolito Fleitz Group

PARA VERT is a room divider that can be used for a variety of purposes. It supports the trend towards more atmosphere in office environments. Especially the topic "green" in public areas of buildings and also in open space layouts is important to optimise the balance between "work" and "life". With PARA VERT, Brunner and Ippolito Fleitz Group have created a product with which "rooms in a room" can be created. Individual zones can thus be defined which generate identities for the users.

Product: HILO CUBIC ACOUSTICS

Company: MOUNT DESIGN AB

Design: Patrick Karlsson

HILO CUBIC ACOUSTICS is an acoustically effective, fabric upholstered piece of furniture, which, on the one hand, surrounds and protects the personal workplace and, on the other hand, can be used to support spatial zoning in open space environments. The compact HILO CUBIC ACOUSTICS can be used both in the central zone of open office spaces and in the private living area to create an undisturbed home office. The possibility of infinitely variable height adjustment enables both quiet working and cross-workplace collaboration. HILO CUBIC ACOUSTICS provides sufficient space to be able to hold meetings with two people.

Product: CLEANEO SYSTEXX System

Company: Vitrolan Textile Glass GmbH

Project participants: Knauf Gips KG

CLEANEO SYSTEXX is a new system of perforated acoustic panels with applied sound-absorbing wallpaper, which makes it possible to create even, homogeneous ceiling surfaces and at the same time achieve the

desired acoustic effect. This innovative development offers the possibility of implementing wider scope for modern room concepts in the future, while simultaneously meeting high demands on good room acoustics. The wallpaper with a smooth glass fleece surface is applied in a dry gluing process and can be renovated.

Product: Rider, Programm 205

Company: Wilkhahn Wilkening+Hahne GmbH+Co.KG

Design: ID AID, Sven von Boetticher

With Rider, Wilkhahn is taking up one of its great classics, Stitz, and giving it a new design. Visually reminiscent of a saddle, the easily transportable, one-legged, dynamically moving stool impresses with its modern, integrative design and simple usability. The design vocabulary is reduced; the choice of colours is clear. An out-and-out successful product.

Product: WOGG 75 – Schiebefront-System

Company: WOGG Furniture Ltd.

Invention: Willi Glaeser

Project participants: Christoph Marchand

The sliding element WOGG 75 is a very successful reinterpretation of the roller shutter cabinet. Although this hardware technology is also available with furniture products from other manufacturers, it is implemented differently here: The novelty is the invisible hardware technology, which is concealed so that sliding rails are not visible even when the cabinet is open. Thanks to the use of extruded aluminium profiles, the product is robust and is thus suitable for applications in all areas from office to home. This structure would also be desirable for larger, higher door elements.

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