

FBC 2024 ÉPINAL/NANCY: 6TH EDITION OF THE INTERNATIONAL AWARD FOR WOOD ARCHITECTURE

FIVE PARTICIPATING COUNTRIES – SEVEN SHORTLISTED PROJECTS

For the 6th time since it was launched in 2018, an international jury made up of editors from magazines specialising in timber construction met to determine the project most representative of European timber architecture in the year 2024. The five editors of the magazines Lignum (Switzerland), Mikado (Germany), PUU Info (Finland), Trä (Sweden) and Séquences Bois (France) each submitted three projects accompanied by images, plans and detailed documents, for a total of 15 projects in the running. As always, the range of destinations was vast, with 6 residential projects (2 R+12 projects), a school, a museum, a swimming pool, a therapeutic centre, a head office, a maintenance facility, a market facility, a nature park house and an airship shelter. There are also three non-new projects, with an elevation above a car park, a refurbishment (swimming pool) and an extension (museum).

After consulting the applications by the jurors, an initial vote was held to select the nominees. Each magazine votes for three projects, which are not, of course, the ones it proposed. The favourite project receives three points, the second two points and the third one point. A total of 30 points are therefore distributed, and more often than not, a certain number of projects receive no points at all, which means that they can be eliminated and we can concentrate on analysing the shortlisted projects. This year, 8 projects did not make it past the first round.

This time, housing is represented only once. Note that the secondary school in Tuusula, winner of the Finnish Timber Construction Award, is the perfect extension of the Martta Wendelin kindergarten, winner of the 5th edition of the Award, also located in Tuusula.

The winning project will be announced on 4 April 2024 at the Centre Prouvé in Nancy, during the plenary Tributes and Awards of the 13th International Wood Construction Forum.

ABOUT THE INTERNATIONAL AWARD FOR WOOD ARCHITECTURE

Created in 2018, the International Award for Wood Architecture is an annual award which aims to reward the achievement of excellence carried out in the wood architecture industry. The award aims to stimulate the development of innovative architectural thinking using wood, whilst establishing links between countries where wood construction will play an increasingly important role. The Award ceremony coincides with the International Wood Construction Forum. The participating media, who constitute the jury, agree to publish the winner of the year in their respective magazines, thus ensuring the international notoriety of the project.

OVERVIEW OF THE SEVEN SHORTLISTED PROJECTS

The list of the shortlisted projects includes 2 Finnish projects, 2 Swedish projects, 2 French projects and one Swiss project.



CEDERHUSEN

245 flats in 2 blocks of 2 plots, Stockholm (Sweden)

12-storey red cedar façade

Project Owner: Folkhem Contractors: Veidekke - Byggpartner

Architect: General Architecture

Wood engineer team: Bjerking's Byggnadstekniska byrån (Sitowise)
Limträteknik

Place: Stockholm, Sweden



ARBÈRES STADIUM

Maintenance room for the Arbères stadium in Meyrin (Switzerland)
Exposed cork oak façade

Project Owner: City of Meyrin

Architect: FAZ architectes

Wood engineer team: Ingeani Genève

Place: Meyrin, Switzerland

HOUSE CAUSSES DU QUERCY

House for the Causses du Quercy Regional Nature Park (France): a wood-straw structure by Atelier du Rouget

Project Owner: Causses du Quercy Natural Regional Park

Architect: Atelier du Rouget Simon Teyssou & associés

Wood engineer team: IGETEC

Place: Labastide Murat, France



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MONIO SECONDARY SCHOOL

Secondary school, cultural centre in Tuusula (Finland): a reinterpretation of the log house so dear to Finland

Project Owner: City of Tuusula, Lujatalo Oy

Architect: AOR Architects

Wood engineer team: AINS Group

Place: Tuusula, Finland



TURKU MARKET PAVILION

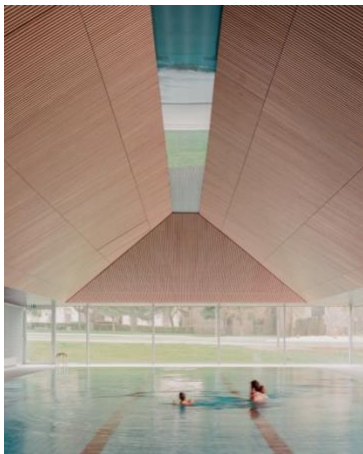
Turku market Pavilion (Finland): a hybrid building in which glued wood becomes the decorative element

Project Owner: Kiinteistö Oy Turun Toripaviljongit

Architect: Schauman & Nordgren Architects & Arco Architecture Company

Wood engineer team: Sweco Rakennetekniikka Oy

Place: Turku, Finland



ST-MÉEN-LE-GRAND SWIMMING POOL

Swimming pool in St Méen-le-Grand (France): a renovation carried out by the powerful project management team of RAUM and Leicht

Project Owner: Saint-Méen-Le-Grand's Municipality

Architect: RAUM

Wood engineer team: Leicht

Place: Saint-Méen-Le-Grand, France

WISDOME SWEDISH NATIONAL MUSEUM OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

Extension of the Swedish National Museum of Science and Technology (Sweden): an extremely complex design that also bears the Blumer Lehmann signature

Project Owner: Tekniska museet

Architect: Elding Oscarson / DIFK (general structural engineer)

Wood engineer team: Blumer Lehmann - Hermann Blumer/Creation Holz - SJB Kempter Fitze - Design to Production

Place: Stockholm, Sweden

