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BEST OF YEAR AWARDS, 2008

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OF
YEAR AWARDS****HONORING THE YEAR'S BEST PROJECTS AND PRODUCTS.**

Thanks to everyone who entered the third annual Best of Year Awards, the preminent design competition recognizing superior interior design projects and products in more than 50 categories.

Best of Year: Designers' Choice finalists were selected by interior designers and architects via an online vote October 6–15, 2008, and winners were determined by a jury of leading architects and designers.

Best of Year / Project finalists were selected by Interior Design editor in chief Cindy Allen and a jury of design luminaries.

Interior Design Best of Year Awards Wrap Up at the Guggenheim

The evening's big winners included 3form, Clive Wilkinson Architects, Yabu Pushelberg, and Shelton, Mindel & Associates.

The Solomon R. Guggenheim Museum, poised to celebrate its 50th anniversary in 2009, rounded out its 49th year with the design industry's elite as *Interior Design* hosted the third installment of the annual Best of Year Awards sponsored by Edelman Leather. Akin to youth anxiously awaiting a present-packed tree on Christmas Day, 2008's most celebrated designers and architects filled the museum rotunda on the evening December 4 anticipating the announcement of the winners.

In order to create an even greater level of due diligence, and to address the close vote tallies experienced in the first two years of the program, the magazine launched a two-tiered voting system for 2008's nearly 1,300 entries. Online voting by the design community took place October 6 to 15; a subsequent judging by panel occurred the week following. This year's distinguished roundtable of Best of Year judges included Lee Mindel of Shelton, Mindel & Associates, Lauren Rottet of Rottet Studio, Calvin Tsao of Tsao & McKown, Keith Rosen and Ronette King of Gensler, Ali Tayar of Parallel Design, James Slade of Slade Architecture, and Brad Lynch of Brininstool + Lynch, who dutifully assumed the task of selecting their winning peers from a total of 240 finalists in 62 various categories.

Divided into two presentations, products and projects, publisher and vice president Mark Strauss joined always-gracious hostess editor-in-chief Cindy Allen on stage to present the awards to 64 talented designers and manufacturers, and to honor remaining finalists as Merit award winners. The ceremony was broadcast live in the atrium of the rotunda where patrons clinked glasses to celebrate their colleagues, and enjoyed an after-hours exploration of the museum's featured exhibition "theanyspacewhatever."

The event's big winners included 3form, taking home two awards for the Architectural Product and Innovation categories; Clive Wilkinson Architects, honored with two awards for the Education and Large Office (Funky) categories; Yabu Pushelberg, accepting two awards for the Hotel/North America and Retail/Fashion categories; and Shelton, Mindel & Associates, receiving two awards for the Freestanding Residence and Urban Apartment categories.

Best of Year: Designers' Choice Finalists [VIEW THE SLIDESHOW](#)[PHOTO GALLERY: 2008 Product Design Winners](#)**ACCESSORY**

Baccarat: Vice & Versa
Brite Objects: **Webble Active Footrest**
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**ARCHITECTURAL PRODUCT**

3form: **Wovin Wall**
Skyline Design: Suzanne Tick Glass

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