

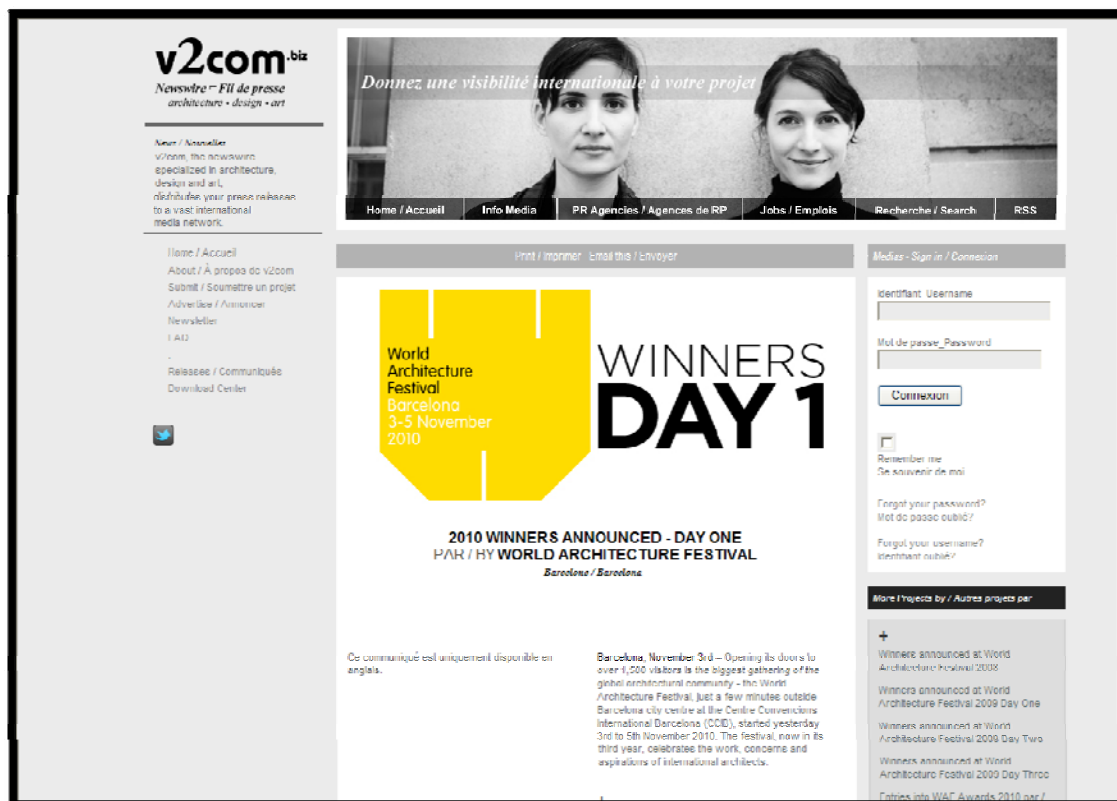


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Barcelona, November 3rd – Opening its doors to over 1,500 visitors is the biggest gathering of the global architectural community - the World Architecture Festival, just a few minutes outside Barcelona city centre at the Centre Convencions International Barcelona (CCIB), started yesterday 3rd to 5th November 2010. The festival, now in its third year, celebrates the work, concerns and aspirations of international architects.

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Running alongside the main seminars is the world's largest architectural awards programme - the World Architecture Festival Awards. Unlike other award schemes the WAF Awards give access to something more often reserved for a select few - to see shortlisted architects present their schemes live to international judging panels, as they compete for the



ultimate accolade of World Building of the Year 2010. Arata Isozaki is chair of the super-jury which will choose the winner from 15 finalists announced at a glittering awards ceremony at the end of the festival on Friday November 5th.

Speaking at the WAF Awards 2010 Paul Finch, WAF Programme Director, said: "World Architecture Festival brings international architecture to the forefront, against the backdrop of Barcelona's breathtaking architecture. Yet again we received a huge response to the fiercely contested WAF Awards, with over 500 entries from 61 different countries. The geographical range and quality of this year's designs were exceptionally high, with a great deal of entries from "new" economies, both by local architects and international practices. Our congratulations go to the winners for a project that is truly exceptional."

The WAF Awards see unsung local buildings take on internationally acclaimed projects in what is the world's biggest architecture contest. Unlike other architectural competitions, architects present their work in front of leading industry judges and a live public audience as they compete for the accolade of 'World Building of the Year'. This is the 3rd year the World Architecture Festival Awards have been presented. Previous winners include 'World Building of the Year 2008' - Luigi Bocconi University, Milan, designed by Irish practice Grafton Architects and 'World Building of the Year 2009' - Mapungubwe Interpretation Centre in South Africa, designed by Peter Rich Architects of Johannesburg.

You will find below the winners of Day One including a brief description of each project.

For more information:

[www.worldarchitecturefestival.com](http://www.worldarchitecturefestival.com)



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**UNSONG LOCAL BUILDINGS TAKE ON INTERNATIONALLY  
ACCLAIMED PROJECTS AS THE SHORTLIST IS ANNOUNCED FOR  
MAJOR ARCHITECTURAL AWARDS**



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### *Shortlist announced for the World Architecture Festival Awards*

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Barcelona, August 16, 2010 – Soccer City National Stadium in South Africa, A bamboo house in Costa Rica, The Apple Store on the Upper West Side, USA and The Medieval & Renaissance Galleries at the Victoria & Albert Museum, UK are among the 236 international projects to feature on this year's shortlist for the world's biggest architecture contest - the World Architecture Festival (WAF) Awards. Projects that range from a church in England to a prison in Norway, will go head to head at the Festival, which is designed to celebrate the aspirations and concerns of the international architectural community. Contested in front of a live public delegation as well as a 'super jury' of internationally celebrated architects, the projects are set to battle it out for the prestigious accolade of World Building of the Year 2010.

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Hallenging elitist perceptions of the architectural industry, an unknown practice holds as much chance of winning the top prize as a household name and this year's awards have attracted entries from 55 different countries, spanning the globe. Emerging markets such as Kazakhstan are represented alongside countries such as USA, UK, Australia, Germany, and Scandinavia, which all have significant presence on the shortlist.

Confirmed jurors at the 2010 World Architecture Festival include: Arata Isozaki, Enrique Norton, Manfredi Nicoletti, John Patkau, Sir Peter Cook, Isay Weinfeld and Michael Heenan as well as a number

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of design critics from the global media.

Buildings by internationally renowned architects such as Foster + Partners, Zaha Hadid Architects, Will Alsop at RMJM, and Terry Farrell & Partners (Farrells), as well as smaller practices are represented among the shortlisted projects. The 15 category winners in the Building of the Year Award will go forward to compete in front of a 'super-jury', who cast the deciding vote as to which project is crowned World Building of the Year 2010 on 5th November, the grand finale to the three day event.

Paul Finch, WAF programme director, said: "We are very pleased to have received over 500 entries from 61 different countries. It is also encouraging for the industry to see a great deal of entries from "new" economies, both by local architects and international practices. We look forward to welcoming over 1000 delegates to Barcelona in November."

The WAF Awards will be held during World Architecture Festival, which takes place in Barcelona at the Centre Convencions Internacional Barcelona (CCIB) from 3rd to 5th November 2010.

In addition to the 15 accolades presented for World Building of the Year, this year's Awards will feature three alternative categories - Interiors and Fit-out, Structural Design and Future Projects, which celebrates excellence in the early stages of the design process.

A series of keynote addresses, seminars, exhibitions and presentations will run alongside the main awards programme, and every shortlisted project will feature in a grand exhibition during the festival in Barcelona.

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WAF Award categories include:

#### Completed buildings

Civic and community  
Housing  
Learning  
Culture  
Landscaping  
New & old  
Display  
Office  
Production  
Health  
Shopping  
Sport  
Holiday  
Transport  
House

#### Interiors and fit out

Offices  
Hotels and casinos  
Health small  
Health large  
Bars and restaurants  
Culture and civic  
Retail small  
Retail large

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**Future projects**

Masterplanning

Landscape

Infrastructure

Competition entries

Residential

Commercial

Cultural

Experimental projects

**Structural Design**

Spans

Towers

Metal

Concrete

Timber

Glass

Tensile

Composites

Masonry

For more information and to purchase tickets for the  
Festival visit: [www.worldarchitecturefestival.com](http://www.worldarchitecturefestival.com)