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Dezeen Awards 2022 announces world's best buildings across architecture categories

In the first of a series of daily announcements of category winners, Dezeen announces the winners of the architecture categories in this year's Dezeen Awards, which celebrates the best architecture, interiors and design around the globe.



Above: The Richard Rogers' Drawing Gallery, Le Puy-Sainte-Réparate, France, by RSHP. Image courtesy of RSHP

The 11 architecture winners include the Drawing Gallery in Le Puy-Sainte-Reparate, France, designed by the late Richard Rogers at RSHP, which wins **Small building of the year**. Judges called it "magical in its simplicity of thought and the complexity of its execution."



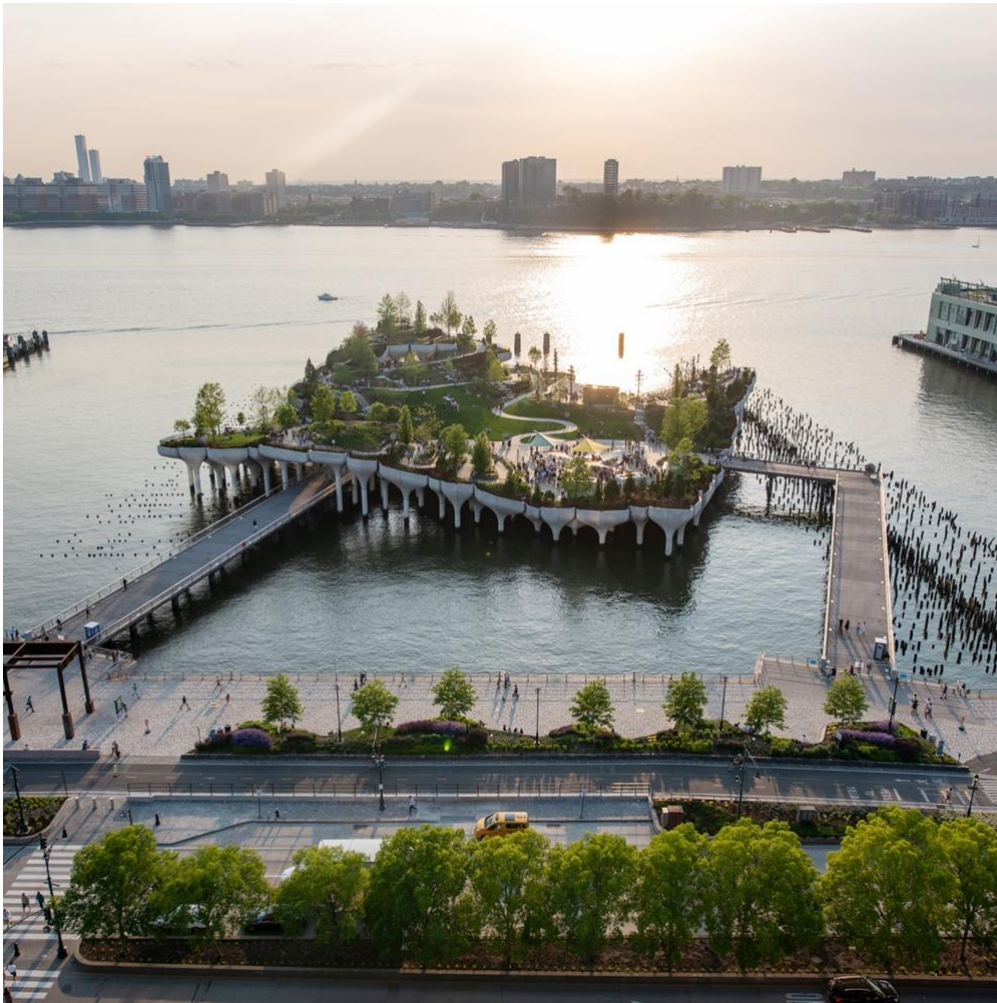
Above: Argo Contemporary Art Museum & Cultural Centre, Tehran, Iran, by Ahmadreza Schricker Architecture North. Image courtesy of Ahmadreza Schricker Architecture North

Argo Contemporary Art Museum and Cultural Centre in Tehran, Iran, by Ahmadreza Schricker Architecture North wins **Cultural building of the year** for its transformation of a 1920s brewery in downtown Tehran into a contemporary art museum. "It is a bold adaptive reuse of an historic structure in the centre of Tehran and proposes a purposeful future use, which is inclusive, which respects the past while being forward-looking," the judges said.



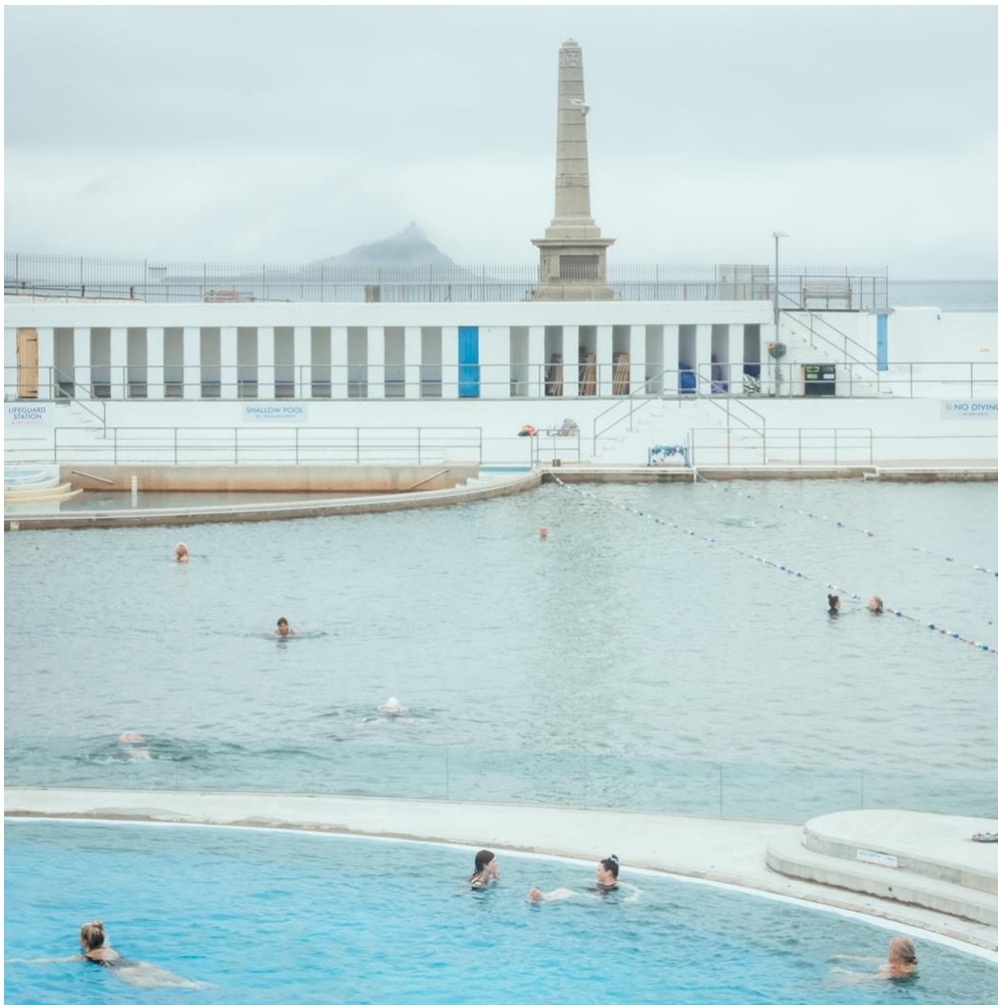
*Above: Pingtan Book House, Pingtan, China, by Condition_Lab.
Image courtesy of Condition_Lab*

Pingtan Book House by Condition_Lab in China's Hunan province, which features a double-helix staircase designed to provide space for children to read and play, was awarded highly commended in the **Cultural building of the year** category.



*Above: Little Island, New York City, USA, by Heatherwick Studio.
Image courtesy of Heatherwick Studio*

Little Island by Heatherwick Studio, Arup and MNLA, a 2.4-acre public park and outdoor performance space standing on 132 concrete columns on Manhattan's southwest riverside, wins **Landscape project of the year**. The judges described it as "a striking and imaginative addition to New York, which adds to the social value of the city by creating a new gathering space for families to enjoy."



Above: Jubilee Pool, Penzance, United Kingdom, by Scott Whitby Studio. Image courtesy of Scott Whitby Studio

Scott Whitby Studio wins **Rebirth project of the year** for its renovation of the 1930s Jubilee Pool in Penzance, Cornwall, one of only five remaining seawater lidos in the UK. "This project represents a holistic idea of rebirth and sustainability," said the jury. "It sensitively reflects the guardianship of the community of this civic asset and the desire to preserve and elevate its use so that it continues to be used and well-loved for future generations."



*Above: Hlöduberg Artist Studio, Dalabyggð, Iceland, by Studio Bua.
Image courtesy of Studio Bua*

Studio Bua wins **Residential rebirth project of the year** for its renewal of a run-down concrete barn overlooking the Breiðafjörður Nature Reserve in western Iceland. "The engineering feat to enable this project is quite remarkable but the finished building is subtle and appropriate for its context," the judges said.



Above: 8 Yard House, Melbourne, Australia, by Studio Bright. Image courtesy of Studio Bright

Studio Bright's 8 Yard House in Melbourne wins **Urban house of the year**. "It is a beautiful and striking home but what particularly stood out is the way that it sits in its existing context in Melbourne," said the judges.



*Above: Marfa Ranch, Lake Flato Architects, Live Oak, United States.
Image courtesy of Lake Flato Architects*

Marfa Ranch in the Chihuahuan Desert, USA, by Lake Flato Architects wins **Rural house of the year**. "This house is such a respectful addition to the landscape," said the judges. "It's simple, considered and very well-executed in terms of the materials, with the use of rammed earth a particular highlight that roots the house in its landscape. At the end of its life, much of this house will disappear – dust to dust."



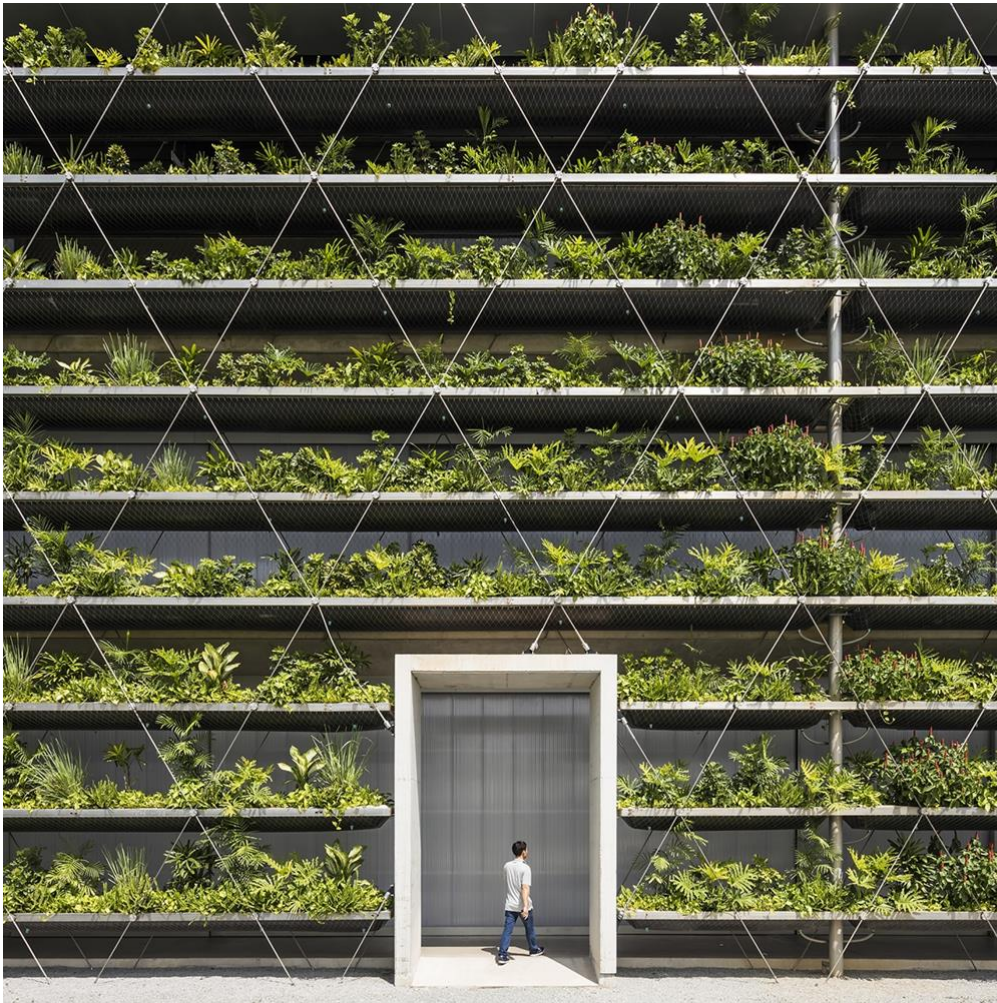
Above: Stories, Amsterdam, The Netherlands, by Olaf Gisper Architects. Image courtesy of Olaf Gisper Architects

Olaf Gisper Architects, working with the BSH20A housing cooperative, wins **Housing project of the year** for its 47-metre-high residential complex in the Netherlands, mostly built from cross-laminated timber that addresses the challenge of communal, high-density, sustainable and healthy urban living. "The project achieves these aims admirably," said the judges. "These are principles that are desperately needed to address sustainable urban development in the future."



Above: Yong'an Village Community Hub, Liuyang City, China, by Tongji University and Archi-union Architects. Image courtesy of Tongji University and Archi-union Architects

Yong'an Village Community Hub in Yunlong County, China, by Tongji University and Archi-Union Architects wins **Civic building of the year**. The rammed-earth building forms part of an ongoing social welfare programme. "This is a generous piece of civic architecture that celebrates and elevates both people and place. It is a fantastic example of how to use traditional materials in a modern way," commended the judges.



Above: Jakob Factory Saigon, Vietnam, by G8A Architects and Rollimarchini Architekten. Image courtesy of G8A Architects and Rollimarchini Architekten

Jakob Factory Saigon by G8A Architects and Rollimarchini Architekten wins **Business building of the year** for its factory designed for a specialist stainless-steel-rope producer in Vietnam. The building is wrapped in a suspended structure of geotextile planters, which act as a second skin by filtering the rain and sun. "It's rare to see a factory building created with such care," said the judges. "This feels like a space that is designed to support the wellbeing of the workers by bringing nature to the factory floor. This is all-too rare and should be celebrated."



Above: Valle San Nicolás Clubhouse, Valle de Bravo, Mexico, by Sordo Madaleno Arquitectos

Valle San Nicolás Clubhouse by Sordo Madaleno Arquitectos is a cross-laminated timber and volcanic stone-clad building situated on the outskirts of Valle de Bravo in Mexico that wins **Hospitality building of the year**. "This project has a beautiful play of architecture and line of sight and is very well balanced within the landscape," said the architecture master jury.

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Winners were judged by an international panel of judges that included some of the best-known names in the global design community, including Japanese architect Sou Fujimoto, Sharjah Architecture Triennial curator Tosin Oshinowo, British-Nigerian architect Annette Fisher, multi-disciplinary studio Assemble co-founder Paloma Strelitz, green architecture pioneer Stefano Boeri and Pakistan's first female architect Yasmeen Lari.

The winning projects have been selected from more than 5,400 entries from more than 90 countries. In total, 57 projects were shortlisted in the 11 architecture categories.

The winners of the interiors categories will be announced on 15 November, design winners on 16 November and sustainability and media winners on 17 November.

All category winners will now compete against each other to win the overall accolade for best building, best interior and best design, which will be revealed at a live awards event on 29 November in London.

Head of Dezeen Awards, Claire Barrett, commented: "It has been a record-breaking year for Dezeen Awards with our highest number of entries ever. These winners give a snapshot of the truly boundary-pushing work being created by architects around the world and we look forward to announcing which one of them will win the ultimate accolade of architecture project of the year on 29 November at our live event".

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Created by Dezeen, Dezeen Awards has grown rapidly to become one of the most-entered awards programmes globally with the highest credibility and attracting the highest-profile judges.

Dezeen Awards celebrates the world's best architecture, interiors and design, as well as the studios producing the most outstanding work. Now in its fifth year, it has become the ultimate accolade for architects and designers across the globe.

This year's awards have received a record-breaking 5,400 entries from 90 countries, reflecting Dezeen's international reach.

Judges in previous years have included world-leading architects Norman Foster and Amanda Levete as well as artist and designer Es Devlin.

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