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## **PRESS RELEASE**

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### **EUROPE'S MOST IMPORTANT EMERGING YOUNG ARCHITECTS AND DESIGNERS NAMED AS "EUROPE 40 UNDER 40" FOR 2009**

The European Centre for Architecture Art Design and Urban Studies and The Chicago Athenaeum: Museum of Architecture and Design are pleased to announce the selection of this year's most promising and emerging European design talent for 2009.

A total of 61 architects and industrial designers from architecture and industrial design and manufacturing firms across Europe were selected by a jury of architects that convened in Chicago June 2009.

Geographically, the selected recipients for 2009 "Europe 40 Under 40®" hail from across 19 European nations: Austria, Belgium, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Great Britain, Greece, Iceland, Italy, Latvia, The Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Serbia, Slovenia, Spain, and Switzerland—the best of the young best of Europe.

The "Europe 40 Under 40" program is sponsored by KONE Oyj.

An exhibition of work by the 2009 Laureates opens at Contemporary Space Athens (46-48 Megalou Vassiliou, Rouf-Athens, Greece) on Wednesday, September 16 and continues through November 1. A more formal exhibition and presentation takes place at the symposium, "The City and the World," in Florence, Italy the second week of November 2009.

The 2009 "Europe 40 Under 40" Laureates are:

#### **AUSTRIA**

- Josef Saller, Architect, heri & salli, Vienna, Austria
- Herbert Wolfmayr, Architect, heri & salli, Vienna, Austria



## BELGIUM

- Frederik Aerts, Industrial Designer, Berghoff Worldwide, Heusden-Zolder, Belgium
- Thomas Bercy, Architect, Bercy Chen Studio LP., Austin, Texas, USA
- Wim Goes, Architect, Wim Goes Architectuur, Gent, Belgium
- Pieterjan Deblauwe, Industrial Designer Pieterjan Deblauwe, Gent, Belgium

## DENMARK

- Thomas Brinch-Møller, Industrial Designer, DOK54, Jordup, Denmark
- Anders Lendager, Architect, MAPT., Nørrebro, Copenhagen, Denmark
- Jacob M. Lund, Industrial Designer, DOK54, Jordup, Denmark

## FINLAND

- Olli Komulaninen, Industrial Designer, Polar Electro Oy., Kempele, Finland
- Illka Suppanen, Architect and Industrial Designer, Studio Suppanen, Helsinki, Finland

## FRANCE

- Charles Bessard, Architect, Powerhouse Company, Copenhagen, Denmark

## GERMANY

- Alain Berteau, Architect and Industrial Designer, Alain Berteau Designworks, Brussels, Belgium
- Jens Bruenslow, Architect, Architecture Project, Valletta, Malta
- Kati Meyer-Brühl, Industrial Designer, Brühl & Sippold GmbH., Bad Steven, Germany
- Holger Kehne, Architect, Plasma Studio, London, Great Britain
- Tobias Kraus, Architect, Kraus Schönberg, Konstanz, Germany and London, Great Britain
- Claudia Schmidt, Architect, MIR Architekten, Amsterdam, The Netherlands
- Timm Schönberg, Architect, Kraus Schönberg, Konstanz, Germany and London, Great Britain
- Alexander Tränkle, Industrial Designer, Alexander Tränkle, Langenargen, Germany
- Constantine Wortmann, Industrial Designer, Büro für Form Designstudio, Munich, Germany

## GREAT BRITAIN

- Simon Frommenwiler, Architect, HHF Architects GmbH., Basel, Switzerland
- Morten Villiers Warren, Industrial Designer, Native Design Ltd., London

## GREECE

- Panos Parthenios, Architect, Parthenios Architects + Associates, Athens, Greece

## ICELAND

- Erla Dögg Ingjalbsdóttir, Architect, Minarc, Santa Monica, California, USA

## ITALY

- Federico Bargone, Architect, Sbarch Associates, Rome and Foligno, Umbria, Italy
- Francesco Bartolucci, Architect, Sbarch Associates, Rome and Foligno, Umbria, Italy
- Franco Cervi, Industrial Designer, 27\_9, Milan, Italy
- Alessandro Console, Architect, Console/Oliva Architects, Rome, Italy
- Francesco Iodice, Architect, IODICEARCHETTI, Aversa, Italy
- Daniele Lago, Industrial Designer, Lago SpA., San Giorgio in Bosco (Padova), Italy
- Orsola Pezone, Architect, IODICEARCHETTI, Aversa, Italy
- Marcello Silvestre, Architect, IODICEARCHETTI, Aversa, Italy

## LATVIA

- Juris Mitenbergs, Architect, AB3D Ltd., Riga, Latvia



## THE NETHERLANDS

- Nanne de Ru, Architect, Powerhouse Company, Rotterdam, The Netherlands
- Frederike Top, Industrial Designer, Frederike Top Ontwerp, Amsterdam, The Netherlands
- Ronald Schleurholts, Architect, Architectenbureau Cepezed, Delft, The Netherlands

## NORWAY

- Petter Knudsen, Industrial Designer, Petter Knudsen Design, Bergen, Norway
- Leif Steven Verdu-Isachsen, Industrial Designer, KODE Design AS., Oslo, Norway

## POLAND

- Beata Goczol, Architect, Goczolowie Architekti Studio, Zabrze, Poland
- Barbara Grabczewska, Ovo Grabczewscy Architekci, Katowice, Poland
- Oskar Grabczewski, Ovo Grabczewscy Architekci, Katowice, Poland
- Marcin Kościuch, Architect, Ultra Architects SC., Poznań, Poland
- Tomasz Osieglowski, Architect, Ultra Architects SC., Poznań, Poland
- Anna Siedlecka, Industrial Design, Studio Puff-Buff Design SC., Warsaw, Poland

## PORTUGAL

- Camilo Rebelo, Architect, Camilo Rebelo Arquitecto Uniperssoal Lta., Porto, Portugal

## SERBIA

- Branko Lukic, Industrial Designer, NONOBJECT, Palo Alto, California, USA

## SLOVENIA

- Aljosa Dekleva, Architect, Dekleva Gregoric Arhitekti, Ljubljana, Slovenia
- Tina Gregoric, Architect, Dekleva Gregoric Arhitekti, Ljubljana, Slovenia

## SPAIN

- Raul del Valle González, Architect, Maquinas Para Vivir, SL., Madrid, Spain
- Luis Suárez Mansilla, Architect, Suárez Santas Arquitectos, Bilbao, Spain
- Pablo Oriol, Architect, FRPO-Rodriguez y Oriol Arquitectos, Madrid, Spain
- Fernando Rodriguez, Architect, FRPO-Rodriguez y Oriol Arquitectos, Madrid, Spain
- Asier Santas Torres, Architect, Suárez Santas Arquitectos, Bilbao, Spain

## SWITZERLAND

- Simon Hartmann, Architect, HHF Architects GmbH., Basel, Switzerland
- Tilo Herlach, Architect, HHF Architects GmbH., Basel, Switzerland
- Pascal Müller, Architect, Müller Sigrist Architects, Zurich, Switzerland
- Tanya Ruegg, Architect, Camenzind Evolution Architects, Zurich, Switzerland
- Peter Sigrist, Architect, Müller Sigrist Architects, Zurich, Switzerland
- Claude Zelleweger, Industrial Designer, One & Company, San Francisco, California, USA

The “**Europe 40 Under 40**” program was initiated by The European Centre and The Chicago Athenaeum to spotlight and identify the next generation of European architects and design professionals who will impact future living and working environments, cities, and rural areas in Europe and around the world.

Presented annually, the program is open to all young European architects, landscape architects, urban planners, industrial designers, graphic designers, and fashion and textile designers who are under the age of 40 who are



working independently or in a firm or on a specific project where they are the lead designer.

In 2008, hundreds of architecture and design submissions for 2009 were received by The European Centre from across Europe (both Members States of the European Community and Accession States). “The jury selection and process was extremely difficult,” states Ioannis Karalias, Museum Vice President, The Chicago Athenaeum. “The jury was presented with hundreds of excellent projects and designs from skyscrapers and large-scale urban planning projects to the highest quality industrial design for commercial and consumer use. It was difficult to narrow the number down to simply 40 design firms (60 designers and partners of design firms in total).”

In the category of architecture, projects by the selected architects included corporate architecture, skyscrapers, institutional projects, religious buildings, civil and political structures, planning projects, urban renewal, restoration/renovation projects, sports and transportation centres, institutions, parks, monuments, and public environments.

In the category of industrial design, the latest products for furniture, lighting, household items, and bathroom and kitchen fixtures.


Projects were judged on the merit of design innovation with the emphasis on pushing the envelope on conventional methods and exploring new ideas, theories, and approaches to contemporary design.

The Chicago jury of distinguished architecture and design practitioners included:

- Brian Douglas Lee, Partner, Skidmore, Owings & Merrill, Chicago
- Mark P. Sexton, Principal, Krueck & Sexton Architects, Chicago
- Richard Tomlinson, Partner, Skidmore, Owings & Merrill, Chicago
- Christian K. Narkiewicz-Laine, President, The Chicago Athenaeum

The program is organized by Kieran Conlon, Director/COO, The European Centre and Lary L. Sommers, Director of Administration/Marketing, The Chicago Athenaeum.

“The success of this program, in identifying Europe’s most prominent emerging design talent, attests to the continuing strength of contemporary design in Europe today,” states Mr. Conlon. “The key,” he continues, “is to bring wider recognition to these 40 most promising architects and designers working in the European Union and other countries inside Europe, fostering and encouraging new talent and new creative thinking at the forefront of the profession today.”



Information about the winning architects and designers together with their works can be found at The European Centre's website: [www.europeanarch.eu](http://www.europeanarch.eu).

The deadline for submissions for the 2010 Architecture and Design "Europe 40 Under 40" program is November 1, 2009.

For more information, contact the European Centre at [info@europeanarch.eu](mailto:info@europeanarch.eu).

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