



Press Release

Macael Awards 2017: the great commitment to the promotion of the Andalusian Marble Industry presents the winners of its XXXI edition

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Spain, October 25, 2017. The Macael Awards, "the most important event we perform at national and international level", in the words of Antonio Sánchez, president of AEMA, to be held on November 17, presents the winners of its XXXI edition. After the meeting of the Jury on October 17, the best works presented in each of the nominations were selected. Again, such selection does not disappoint. The Spanish Marble Awards will feature world-class awardees.

The Association of the Marble Industry in Andalusia (AEMA), organizer of the event, has registered a significant increase in the participation of companies for this 2017 edition, taking into account that, of the awarded works, six different marble companies have executed the projects.

In addition, the Jury, based on the great repercussion and growing importance of 'Blanco Macael' marble in international markets, has decided to establish a new category permanently: Awards for the work in 'Blanco Macael' marble, reaffirming, in this way, the great value that this material represents for the whole of the Sector, being the 'flag' of the Macael Marble Industry.

"This event continues to be for our companies a great element of communication, of helping to the loyalty of clients, who achieve a prestigious recognition at national and international level, and that, without a doubt, represents a bet by the capacity and commitment of our companies", the AEMA's President has pointed out.

The awardees for this 2017 edition are the following:



PERSON AWARD

ANTONIO LÓPEZ GARCÍA

The Jury grants the Person Award to **Mr. ANTONIO LÓPEZ GARCÍA**, prestigious painter and sculptor, icon of contemporary Spanish realism, involved for years in the cultural activity of the Macael Region through the Ibanez-Cosentino Art Foundation, author of the project known as 'Mujer del Almanzora' (Woman of the Almanzora), a large sculpture in the manner of the colossi of antiquity, 8 meters high, representing a woman's head that emerges from the earth, made with 'Blanco Macael' Marble (White Macael), visitable inside, for what have used eighty-six marble blocks with which more than a hundred cubic meters of this prestigious stone were made using the most advanced technology of the moment.

COMMUNICATION AWARD

GASPAR LLANES DÍAZ-SALAZAR

The Jury grants the Communication Award to **Mr. GASPAR LLANES DÍAZ-SALAZAR**, General Secretary of Economy of the Ministry of Economy and Knowledge of the Regional Government of Andalusia, and President of the Agency EXTENDA, promoter and collaborator in the most important international event for promotion of the 'Macael Brand', which took place last June in the Metropolitan Museum of Art of New York, where the Courtyard of Honor of the Castle of the Vélez, made with 'Blanco Macael' marble, is. It was attended by a hundred and twenty professionals from prestigious US Architecture and Design Studies who were presented the qualities of Macael's marble, their durability over the years and the professionalism and creativity that the companies have acquired over time.

INTERNATIONAL AWARD FOR NORTH AMERICA

CAESARS PALACE HOTEL. LAS VEGAS. UNITED STATES

The Jury grants the International Award for North America to the **CAESARS PALACE HOTEL**, Las Vegas, Nevada, United States, property of the Caesars Entertainment, famed hotel for innumerable movies and shows, built in 1966. In its last remodeling this summer of 2017, 72,000 square meters of Silestone in white Zeus has been used in the bathrooms of its luxurious rooms. The result is a perfect combination of this material with the decoration of the rest of the space, highlighting its intensity and elegance.

INTERNATIONAL AWARD FOR LATIN AMERICA/CARIBBEAN

KIMPTON SEAFIRE HOTEL. GRAND CAYMAN ISLAND

The Jury grants the International Award for Latin America/Caribbean to the **KIMPTON SEAFIRE HOTEL**, built on Grand Cayman Island, promoted by the EDSA Company, being the architect Mr. CRAIG STONER. Modern and elegant building adapted and integrated into the island's surroundings, where 1,200 tonnes of 'Blanche Ramage' marble, used in flooring, cladding, staircases and swimming pools, with Waterjet technology and perfect sandblasted, honed and textured finishes.



INTERNATIONAL AWARD FOR ASIA

LE MERIDIAN HOTEL. YILAN. TAIWAN

The Jury grants the International Award for Asia to **LE MERIDIAN HOTEL**, located in Yilan County, Taiwan, owned by Trans Globe Company, which has chosen the ultra compact surface Dekton Aura and Dekton Kelya for the facade cladding, using a total of 3,800 square meters, perfectly fitting these materials with the aesthetics and design of the Hotel. The natural character of Dekton, its advanced technology, its easy maintenance and its sustainable condition, were key elements for its choice.

INTERNATIONAL AWARD FOR AFRICA

PRIVATE HOUSE IN KENYA

The Jury grants the International awards for Africa to the **PARTICULAR HOUSE IN KENYA** located in Nairobi, whose architect is ÍÑIGO TORRENS, used various limestones and travertines for its construction. The building is inspired by the Château style, based on the French Renaissance architecture of the monumental country houses, blending both the exterior and the interior with the colonial style of the area. Their discreet aristocratic lines stand out and its facade concentrates numerous and sober windows dressings. In the interior impresses the gallery of arches with vaults and the central fountain of the patio.

INTERNATIONAL AWARD FOR EUROPE

ESTUDIO DE ARQUITECTURA RIJNBOUTT

The Jury grants the International Award for Europe to the Rijnboutt Architecture Study for the prescription of Sierra Elvira marble in the GELDERLANDPLEINN shopping malls, in the financial center of Amsterdam and DE BARONES, in the historic center of Breda (Netherlands), where more than 11,000 m² in pavements, claddings, curves and curved staircases, being able to emphasize a contemporary aesthetic, as well as functional, in all the passable zones of both commercial centers.

NATIONAL AWARD

HIPOTELS COMPLEX. MAJORCA

The Jury grants the National Award to the HIPOTELS COMPLEX, located in Playa de Palma, Majorca, consisting of two hotels, category 4 and 5 stars, connected to each other by a convention center, being the HOTEL SAID, the Architecture MORRO & SERRA and the Designer GUILLERMO CONTÉ BARCELÓ the promoters. In its construction, more than 5,000 square meters of 'Blanco Macael' marble (White Macael), more than 72,000 square meters of Dekton and more than 1,600 square meters of Silestone have been used. The result achieved is an impressive aesthetics and careful design in all its elements.

DESIGN AWARD

VILLA RICOTTA. MARBELLA. MÁLAGA



The Jury grants the Design Award to **VILLA RICOTTA**, a private residence whose promoter is Mr. Joe Ricotta, located in Marbella, Málaga, executed mainly with the material 'Piedra Paloma'. The façade under the direction of the Architect Mr. Jesús del Valle follows a Renaissance order both in columns and coffered ceilings. The interiors integrate different materials and colors using the waterjet technology for ceilings and valances in lobbies and bathrooms. 4,600 square meters of 2 and 3 centimeter squares and pavements have been used, and 390 cubic meters of solid sculptured material for columns, bases, cornices and other decorative elements. It emphasizes the majesty of its 18 columns of more than 7 meters in height, the 6-meter long stems made in one piece, with their corresponding capitals, and the fountain of the main entrance, which integrates a sculptural group of three horses modeled in 3D.

'BLANCO MACAEL' AWARD

VINE STREET BUILDING. LOS ANGELES. UNITED STATES

The Jury grants the Award for the 'Blanco Macael' marble work to the **VINE STREET BUILDING**, which is located in Los Angeles, USA, in the so-called Hollywood stars street, for the use of our 'Blanco Macael' Marble (White Macael) in both the exterior facade as in its interiors, using pieces of large dimensions of 3 cm. of thickness, emphasizing the stone the elegance of the building and contributing to achieve a select environment, besides serving as a showcase in this important street.

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