

Press release

Issuing of an invitation to submit applications for awarding the Hypo Real Estate Architecture Prize for Exemplary Commercial Buildings 2008

Munich, 31 March 2008: For the ninth time, the Hypo Real Estate Foundation is issuing an invitation to submit applications for awarding the Architecture Prize for Exemplary Commercial Buildings which is endowed with a total of EUR 20,000; the prize is awarded under the patronage of the Federal Ministry of Transport, Building and Urban Affairs and the Bund Deutscher Architekten (BDA). The renowned prize is one of the very few prizes which are awarded for commercial buildings on a nationwide basis. The purpose of this prize is to create awareness for observing the aesthetic design of commercial buildings. A further aim is to enhance the focus of planning on urban development and ecological aspects.

Since 2006, the Hypo Real Estate Architecture Prize has also been associated with an award of EUR 10,000 for the Hypo Real Estate Junior Architecture Prize. The prize is awarded for degree projects in the field of commercial buildings submitted at German universities.

"With the award of these two prizes, we wish to encourage commercial building culture which is frequently to be found outside representative locations and which usually only aims to satisfy organisational functionalities. As a financial service provider in the commercial sector, we consider that we have a particular responsibility in this respect," says **Manuela Better, Chairperson of the Hypo Real Estate Foundation and Member of the Management Board of Hypo Real Estate Bank International AG.**

Applications for both prizes can be submitted by 16 June 2008 to the Hypo Real Estate Foundation (see: www.hyporealestate.com > Sustainability > Architecture Prize 2008).

The prizes will be awarded in July on the basis of a decision taken by an independent jury consisting of the following prominent experts:

- Director General Michael Halstenberg, Federal Ministry of Transport, Building and Urban Affairs, Berlin
- Dipl.-Ing. Michael Frielinghaus, President of the Bund Deutscher Architekten (BDA), Cologne
- Prof. Dipl.-Ing. Eckhard Gerber, architect BDA, DWB, Dortmund
- Prof. Dipl.-Ing. Ulrike Lauber, Munich, Berlin
- Dipl.-Ing. Ludwig Wappner, architect BDA, Munich
- Prof. Dr.-Ing. Falk Jaeger, architect critic, Berlin
- Dr. (I). Dipl.-Ing. (FH) arch. Elisabeth Merk, Head of the Department of Urban Planning, Munich.

The Hypo Real Estate Foundation

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The Architecture Prize in 2006 was awarded to the teams of architects: Allmann Sattler Wappner (Munich), a.ml und partner (Nuremberg), b&k+ Arno Brandhuber (Cologne) und Florian Nagler Architekten (Munich). Various acknowledgements and distinctions were awarded, including: Ingenhoven Architekten (Düsseldorf), Bothe Richter Teherani Architekten (Hamburg), Léon Wohlhage Wernik Architekten (Berlin). The first winner of the Junior Architecture Prize was Thomas Lieschke from BTU Cottbus, with his design of the biomass power station Welzow.

Further information

Further information concerning the architecture prizes of the Hypo Real Estate Foundation and the formal conditions for submitting work can be found at:
www.hyporealestate.com > Sustainability > Architecture Prize

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