



World Building of the Year 2016 shortlist announces

World Architecture Festival 2016: over 300 projects, including a Brazilian rainforest house, a spiralling university building in Tenerife and a bulbous blue drawing studio, have been shortlisted for awards at the World Architecture Festival in Berlin this November

The WAF 2016 shortlist includes entries from 58 countries, with buildings by well-known firms including Zaha Hadid Architects, BIG, Studio Gang and Rogers Stirk Harbour + Partners.

Other firms to make this year's list include Norwegian studio Reiulf Ramstad Architects, Istanbul-based Emre Arolat Architects, Brazilian office Studio MK27, London-based CRAB Studio and Shanghai studio Neri&Hu.

The UK has the largest number of projects this year – including a Maggie's Centre for cancer care by Foster + Partners and a treetop walkway by Glen Howells Architects – followed by Australia and Turkey.

Winners will be selected from across 32 categories and announced during the festival. One project will go on to win the coveted World Building of the Year title, and another will be named Future Project of the Year.

Judges this year include David Chipperfield, Ole Scheeren, Manuelle Gautrand, and BIG's Kai-Uwe Bergmann.

Last year the World Building of the Year award went to The Interlace, the "vertical village" designed by Buro Ole Scheeren.

Other past winners include a community centre in Vietnam, an art gallery in New Zealand and the Gardens by the Bay tropical park in Singapore.

After four years in Singapore, WAF returns to Europe for 2016. It will take place at Arena Berlin, Germany, from 16 to 18 November, in conjunction with the Inside Festival of interior design.

Dezeen is media partners for both events, and will be at the festival to interview the winners, as well as guests from the speaker programme.

"This is a very exciting year for us, with a record entry and a very high overall standard," said WAF programme director Paul Finch.

"Our move to Berlin, after four successful years in Singapore, has not deterred Asian and Australasian practices from entering the awards, and we have seen big increases from Europe and North America," he added.

See the full shortlist below:

Future Projects - Experimental

- » Edudrome, New University Building, London, United Kingdom, by Desitecture
- » Filling Station of the Future, Warsaw, Poland, by Kamiz
- » **Costa Rica Congress Hall, Brooklyn, USA, by Caza**
- » Berlin Walls, Hanoi, Vietnam, by Lequang-architect
- » Beach Hut, Singapore, by Spark
- » Osteen Cumulus, London, United Kingdom, by Desitecture
- » Water Based Digital Fabrication (for Architectural Design), Cambridge, United Kingdom, by Mediated Matter
- » Tree House, London, United Kingdom, by Rogers Stirk Harbour and Partners
- » Investigating the allure of the space between, The Emperor's Dress (Kaiserwarte), Bolzano, Italy, by Network of Architecture