

## PRESS RELEASE

### The „Prize for Innovation in Architecture Window and Facade “ has been decided

The winners of this year's „Prize for Innovation in Architecture window and Facade“ have been elected. For the second time, the architectural journals **xia IntelligenteArchitektur** and **AIT** have initiated this competition in cooperation with NürnbergMesse at the fensterbau/frontale trade fair. It addresses designers and manufacturers of all kinds of innovative products used in the window and facade sector. The architectural and design competition was initiated with the intention of awarding a prize to those products, which to some special degree meet the requirements of architects, thereby making a selection from the numerous building solutions on the market. Important criteria for judgement are functional and design quality, material authenticity and variety of possible uses.

The response to the innovation award was good and came from various industries: The **23** submitted products included facade systems, solar shading and windows. A jury of five renowned architects had to decide upon the architectural quality of the submissions. The jury members were **Philipp Auer** (Auer+Weber+Assoziierte, Munich), **Ruth Berkold** (YES Architecture, Munich), **Titus Bernhard** (Titus Bernhard Architekten, Augsburg), **Jürgen Hübsch** (Hübsch & Ramsauer Architekten, Nürnberg) und **Stefan Maisch** (Maisch Wolf Architekten, Munich). They awarded a total of **5 prizes** in the category products for high architectural quality.

The **Innovation Award Architecture Window and Facade** was awarded as **1<sup>st</sup> prize** to

**Fiberline Composites**, Middelfart, Denmark for „**Fiberline Fassadenelement**“

Further an **Innovation Award** as **Special Mention** was given to:

**Eckelt Glas GmbH**, Steyr, Austria for “**DLS Ecklite Evolution**“

Three **Innovation Awards** as **Mentions** were awarded to the companies:

- **Glas Marte**, Bregenz, Austria for “**GM RAILING<sup>®</sup> Plan**“
- **RAICO Bautechnik GmbH**, Pfaffenhausen, Germany for “**FRAME+ Aluminium-Fenstersystem in Modulbauweise mit optimierter variabler Wärmedämmung**“
- **Steinzeit Natursteine GmbH**, Bonn, Germany for “**LOTUSPRO<sup>®</sup> Fassade**“

During the **presentation of awards on Thursday, April 3rd, 2008, at 5 p.m. (Foyer CCN Ost, of the NürnbergMesse)** the public could gather information on the quality of the submitted products. Additionally, all participating products were presented in a special exhibition over the duration of the fensterbau/frontale trade fair and will subsequently be published in a special publication of the xia IntelligenteArchitektur and AIT journals.

In the meantime, the Innovation Award Architecture Window and Facade is the 41th Prize for Innovation of this kind initiated by the AIT and xia IntelligenteArchitektur journals. Innovation competitions for the lighting, flooring, office furniture, sanitation system and HVAC industry as well as the building and construction industry have previously taken place - on the respective trade fairs Light & Building, ISH and Heimtextil in Frankfurt, Domotex in Hanover, Orgatec in Cologne, Deubau in Essen, BAU in Munich, Bautec in Berlin, EuroShop in Düsseldorf, Alten- und Propflege in Hanover and Nuremberg.