

## Media release

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*5<sup>th</sup> International LafargeHolcim Awards competition*

### **“Final call” in two million USD sustainable design competition**

**Entries in the 5<sup>th</sup> International LafargeHolcim Awards will close on March 21, 2017. The competition seeks projects at an advanced stage of design from the fields of architecture, building and civil engineering; landscape and urban design; as well as materials, products and construction technologies. The Awards also feature a Next Generation category for visions and ideas of young professionals and students.**

Organized by the LafargeHolcim Foundation for Sustainable Construction, the world’s most significant competition in sustainable design takes place in parallel across five geographic regions – each with its own jury of renowned and independent specialists. The juries are headed by Harry Gugger (Europe), Ray Cole (North America), Angelo Bucci (Latin America), Nagwa Sherif (Middle East Africa) and Donald Bates (Asia Pacific).

#### **Two categories with different requirements**

The main category of the competition is open to architects, planners, engineers, project owners, builders and construction firms showcasing sustainable responses within contemporary building and construction. Projects must have reached an advanced stage of design, have a high probability of execution, and may not have started construction before July 4, 2016.

In addition, students and professionals up to the age of 30 years may submit visionary concepts, bold ideas and “blue-sky” solutions in the Next Generation category of the competition, irrespective of the probability of implementation of the project.

Entry in the online competition is free: [www.lafargeholcim-awards.org/intro](http://www.lafargeholcim-awards.org/intro)

#### **“Target issues” for sustainable construction**

Submissions are evaluated against five “target issues” for sustainable construction. They take a holistic view at sustainability and cover innovation and transferability; ethical standards and social inclusion; resource and environmental performance; economic viability and compatibility; and contextual and aesthetic impact.

#### **Winners qualify for global LafargeHolcim Awards competition**

The winners will be announced in the second half of 2017 at Awards ceremonies in each region. The main winners automatically qualify for the global LafargeHolcim Awards competition in 2018. The total prize money of the 5<sup>th</sup> International LafargeHolcim Awards cycle amounts to USD 2 million.

### **LafargeHolcim Foundation for Sustainable Construction**

The Foundation advances the discourse on sustainable construction through its international Awards competitions, academic Forums, online knowledge turntable and publications since 2003. The Foundation is supported by LafargeHolcim, the world leader in the building materials industry, but remains independent of commercial interests.

### **Affiliated with leading technical universities on all continents**

The LafargeHolcim Awards is conducted in partnership with leading technical universities in all regions of the world: The Swiss Federal Institute of Technology (ETH Zurich and EPFL Lausanne) leads the Academic Committee of the LafargeHolcim Foundation for Sustainable Construction. Further affiliated universities are: The American University of Beirut, Lebanon; the American University in Cairo, Egypt; L'Ecole Supérieure d'Architecture de Casablanca, Morocco; the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Cambridge, USA; Tongji University, Shanghai, China; Tsinghua University, Beijing, China; Universidad Iberoamericana, Mexico City; Universidade de São Paulo, Brazil; the University of British Columbia, Vancouver, Canada; the University of Melbourne, Australia; and the University of the Witwatersrand, Johannesburg, South Africa.

### **Useful Links**

- Access the Awards competition online: [www.lafargeholcim-awards.org/intro](http://www.lafargeholcim-awards.org/intro)
- Download the Step-by-step guide on how to enter a project: [www.lafargeholcim-awards.org/guide](http://www.lafargeholcim-awards.org/guide)
- Enter the competition using the online entry form: [www.lafargeholcim-awards.org/enter](http://www.lafargeholcim-awards.org/enter)
- View full list of jury members: [www.lafargeholcim-awards.org/juries](http://www.lafargeholcim-awards.org/juries)
- See details of “target issues” for sustainable construction: [www.lafargeholcim-awards.org/target](http://www.lafargeholcim-awards.org/target)
- Browse through more than 200 former LafargeHolcim Awards prize winning projects: [www.lafargeholcim-foundation.org/projects](http://www.lafargeholcim-foundation.org/projects)

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