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Press release: Continental selections for the 2017 Prix Versailles, 35 countries in the running to compete in the World Final

Actively promoted by UNESCO and the International Union of Architects, the Prix Versailles has become the World Architecture Award for stores, hotels and restaurants.

Celebrating its third year, the Prix welcomes to the 2017 World Judges Panel: François de Mazières (Chairman), Manuelle Gautrand, Guo Pei, Toyō Itō (Pritzker 2013), Gilles Lipovetsky, Guy Savoy, Wang Shu (Pritzker 2012) and Minja Yang.

Following a wide-ranging call for submissions and a selection made by six independent panels, 18 stores, 16 shopping malls, 18 hotels and 18 restaurants around the world have received Continental Prix Versailles or special prizes.

These 70 winners from six major regions (Africa and West Asia – North America – Central America, the South and the Caribbean – Central Asia and the Northeast – South Asia and the Pacific – Europe) are testament to the diversity of the aesthetics in play.

They are now called upon to compete in the final, which will take place on 12 May 2017 at UNESCO Headquarters. During the Ceremony, and in the presence of numerous delegations, the World Judges Panel will reveal the stores, shopping malls, hotels and restaurants awarded the 2017 Prix Versailles.

The Prix Versailles is an original initiative with the very clear aim of fostering better interaction between the economy and culture. It underlines the role economic agents can play, in all sectors, to enhance, embellish and improve living environments.

This everyday architecture can be a lever for sustainable development where ecological, social and cultural dimensions intersect.



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Hotels

Prix Versailles Central Asia and the Northeast 2017

Change Vacation Hotel in Dali Ancient City
Dali, China

Co-Direction Interior Design
Shenzhen, China



Special prize Interior

Prince Gallery Tokyo Kioicho
Tokyo, Japan

David Rockwell, Rockwell Group
New York, NY, USA



Special prize Exterior

Guesthouse in Karuizawa
Karuizawa, Japan

Satoshi Okada architects
Tokyo, Japan

