



Wienerberger Brick Award 16

23 dwellings

Country: FRANCE



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ARCHITECTS

KENK architecten + FRES architectes

BUILDING'S PURPOSE

Multi-storey residential building

LOCATION

Béthune, France

FLOOR AREA

1,756 m²

COMPLETION DATE

2012

BRICK TYPE

Facing brick

This project comprises 23 semi-cooperative building units, which aim to combine a sustainable lifestyle and a whole bunch of individual housing typologies: ground floor units including a private garden, a "duplex-penthouse" with shared terrace or apartments including the use of green areas to name but a few. The building is situated at the interface of two prominent streets. Recesses in the façades create private and public terraces, whilst simultaneously adding a certain rhythm to the cityscape.

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Welcome!

Almost everyone knows that **brick** is one of mankind's oldest and most durable building materials. Maybe that is the reason why it is sometimes overlooked in 'modern' architecture, despite its **countless creative design possibilities** and **excellent energy efficiency**. That's why Wienerberger initiated the Wienerberger Brick Award and accompanying biannual architecture book in 2004, in order to promote the aesthetic and functional assets that **facing bricks, clay blocks and roof tiles** have to offer for contemporary architecture.



Grand Prize Winner 2014

In 2014 the Wienerberger Brick Award celebrated its **tenth anniversary**. The established international award is organised every two years, with a changing jury of renowned architects agreeing on the winning projects in various categories.

The project entry to the competition 2016 will start soon! Find all information about the competition 2016 and the winners of the 2014 award as well as past awards on this website.



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Competition

The Wienerberger Brick Award is an international award acknowledging outstanding brick architecture. The competition puts a building material into the spotlight that has been tried and tested for thousands of years, demonstrating how exciting, exceptional and modern architecture using brick can be.

For the Brick Award 2016 for the first time also architects can enter their own projects, in addition to international architecture critics and journalists.

Submissions will be done online, via this website from 1st of November 2014 until 31st of March 2015.

The spectrum of applications ranges from building solutions using classic clay blocks and facing bricks to the creative application of clay roof tiles and clay pavers. Special attention is thereby directed at the natural integration into the surroundings, the geometry, character as well as the quality of the building and its lighting conditions.

Submission Categories:

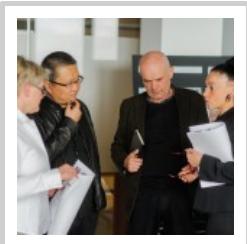
- Residential Use
- Public Use
- Re-Use
- Urban Infill
- Sustainable Integration



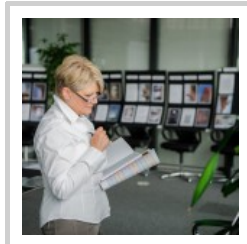
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The Jury 14

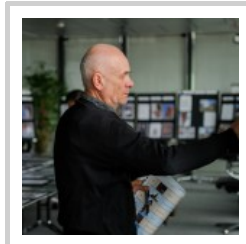
The jury for the Wienerberger Brick Award 14 consisted of four prominent members: **Chinese architect and Pritzker Prize winner 2012, Wang Shu**, architects **Vera Yanovshtchinsky (Netherlands)** and **Ewa Kuryłowicz (Poland)** as well as Wienerberger Brick Award winner in 2012, **Pavol Paňák (Slovakia)**. The jury had the task to select five prize winners including a grand prize from 50 nominated projects.



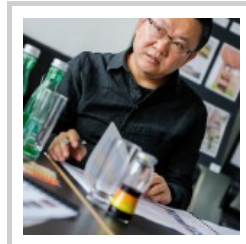
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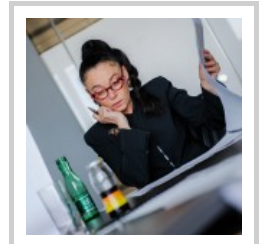
Ewa Kuryłowicz



Pavol Paňák



Wang Shu



*Vera
Yanovshtchinsky*

Wang Shu commented on the building material taking centre stage as follows: “When we talk about brick, people think that we talk about tradition. But in this competition, you can find many works with an innovative approach, giving the brick a new meaning and a new appearance. I think this is very important.”