

Press Release

Hypo Real Estate Foundation: Architecture Prize for Exemplary Commercial Buildings awarded for the eighth time. The winners are:

- **Allmann Sattler Wappner Architects, Munich**
- **a.ml und partner, Nuremberg**
- **b&k+ brandlhuber&co, Cologne**
- **Florian Nagler Architects, Munich**
- **Junior Architect Prize for Thomas Lieschke, BTU Cottbus**

Munich, 24 July 2006: For the eighth time, Hypo Real Estate Foundation has awarded the Architecture Prize for Exemplary Commercial Buildings. Four winners were selected by an expert jury of renowned architects and building experts from just under 90 submissions received from across Germany. Three distinctions were awarded for projects, and the first Hypo Real Estate Junior Architect Award was also bestowed.

Allmann Sattler Wappner Architects (Munich) received one of the prizes endowed with 5,000 euros (and a plaque) for the rehabilitation and extension of a protected monument in Munich. The character of the old brick building was revived and newly accentuated. The jury regarded the project as a successful example of sensitive renewal and high-quality upgrading in an inner-city environment.

The exhibition and sales centre of the company Baufritz in Erkheim (Allgäu) by architects **a.ml und partner**, Nuremberg, also convinced the jury. The building reflects the company's business – production of ecological detached homes in wood – in a simple yet impressive form. The ecological building technology concept, clear construction and well appointed details underpin the special quality of this property.

A further prize was awarded to **b&k+ brandlhuber&co** for the office and factory building „standard+“ (2nd/3rd construction stage) in Cologne. The architects successfully inserted three buildings in an existing commercial district under difficult spatial conditions. The selection of materials and

façade design give the edifice a unique identity that refers to its use and endows the building ensemble with formal coherence.

Florian Nagler Architects, Munich, received this year's award for the design of the headquarters of the company Bass GmbH in Niederstetten. This large manufacturing plant with administrative areas situated on the town's perimeter is well structured and ordered. The open and transparent facility displays an outstanding mix of simple principles, good proportions and skilful use of materials.

Three distinctions awarded

In addition to the four main prizes, the jury awarded three distinctions to:

- BRT Architects, Hamburg, for the Dockland office building, Hamburg
- Heinle, Wischer & Partners for the administrative building of the German Medical Association in the KPM Quarter, Berlin
- Ingenhofen Architects, Düsseldorf, /Prof. Kahlen Planungsgesellschaft, Potsdam, for the retail building Peek & Cloppenburg in Lübeck.

New Junior Architect Prize for the design of a biomass plant

The first Junior Architect Prize of the Hypo Real Estate Foundation was awarded to **Thomas Lieschke** at **Brandenburg Technical University Cottbus** for his design of the Biomass Power Plant in Welzow. In his degree project entitled „Energy Farm – Architectural Models for an Energy Landscape in the Lausitz“, Lieschke explores the use of the former open-cast lignite coal mining region as an area for cultivation of renewable primary energetic products. His design therefore concerns a power plant for biomass gas generation. Lieschke succeeded in converting an energy economy theme into an architectural model on the basis of a well structured design.

The chairman of the jury, Prof. Dipl.-Ing. Eckhard Gerber, emphasized the high architectural quality of the projects submitted this year, adding that it reflected the positive influence the prize had taken on commercial architecture in Germany for a long time.

Manuela Better, Chairperson of the Hypo Real Estate Foundation, said: „This year, too, all projects submitted convinced by their exceptional creativity and skilful execution. Overall, it is noticeable that attention is increasingly focused on achieving the right balance between commercial utility and architectural beauty. I am especially pleased by the award of the first junior prize, by which we aim to promote dialogue between experienced and young architects, contractors and investors and intensify the contacts between our foundation and the universities.“

Note for editors:

The jury of the Architecture Prize 2006

- Ministerial Councillor Peter Fröhlich, Federal Ministry of Transport, Construction and Urban Affairs, Berlin
- Dipl.-Ing. Kaspar Kraemer, President of the Association of German Architects (BDA), Cologne
- Prof. Kees Christiaanse, ETH Zurich, KCAP architects & planners, Rotterdam
- Prof. Dipl.-Ing. Eckhard Gerber, architect BDA, DWB, Dortmund (chairman)
- Prof. Dipl.-Ing. Ulrike Lauber, Munich, Berlin
- Prof. Dipl.-Ing. Helmut C. Schulitz, architect BDA, Braunschweig
- Prof. Dipl.-Ing. Christiane Thalgott, City Building Councillor, Munich

Hypo Real Estate Foundation

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artists and talents. The foundation's Architecture Prize has been awarded since 1992 and has been supplemented this year by the Junior Architect Prize, which is to provide a platform for young architects. The Architecture Prize is awarded for aesthetically and ecologically outstanding buildings. Both the main and junior competitions are arranged under the auspices of the Federal Ministry of Transport, Construction and Urban Affairs and the Association of German Architects (BDA).

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