

## Press release

### Architecture Prize for Exemplary Commercial Buildings awarded

- Works by **Barkow Leibinger Architects (Berlin)**, **wulf & partner (Stuttgart)**, **Deppisch Architects (Freising)**, **Florian Nagler Architects (Munich)** and **03 Munich Garkisch Schmid Wimmer (Munich)** awarded
- **Young Architects` Prize** goes to students of the **University of Karlsruhe** and of the **BTU Cottbus**
- **Jury Chairman Eckhard Gerber: “Prizes illustrate the case for good, quality commercial architecture.”**

**Munich, 1 December 2008** – Under the patronage of the Association of German Architects and the Federal Ministry of Transport, Building and Urban Affairs, the **Hypo Real Estate Foundation** has awarded the **Hypo Real Estate Architecture Prize 2008** and the **Hypo Real Estate Young Architects` Prize 2008** for exemplary commercial buildings. The awards are among the few prizes in the industry, which deal exclusively with commercial buildings. Out of almost 100 projects submitted, the jury of well-known names made 5 awards. Total prize money of €20,000 was shared by **Barkow Leibinger Architects (Berlin)**, **wulf & partner (Stuttgart)**, **Deppisch Architects (Freising)**, **Florian Nagler Architects (Munich)** as well as **03 Munich Garkisch Schmid Wimmer (Munich)**. Two projects were awarded this year with the **Hypo Real Estate Young Architects` Prize**.



**Barkow Leibinger Architects** (Berlin) received the award for the **New Build of a Production and Administration Building** in Freiburg.

Unusually, this industrial construction removed the normal divide between the Production, Research and Administration areas: Strong links between the “bluecollar” and “whitecollar” areas as well as a high degree of flexibility in the function areas were regarded by the jury as the outstanding attributes of the concept.

As a large scale complex the “**New Conference Centre Stuttgart**” by **wulf & partner** convinced with its economic use of the valuable land, taking up 15 hectares less than envisaged, as well as by its “successful integration with the landscape, its practical amenities and its memorable appearance” - “a beacon in the landscape of European conference centres”.

The **Biohotel in the Apple Orchard** by **Deppisch Architects** receives one of this year's prizes for exemplary integration into the heart of the location, for example, by referencing the customary local barns in its building materials, for the "lovely ambience of the comfortable rooms", the consistency in the choice of building methods, construction and fit-out materials as well as the use of solar power and air-conditioning technology to optimise energy usage.

The reconstruction of Kraft Baustoffe GmbH's **commercial building** by **03 Munich Garkisch Schmid Wimmer (Munich)** is being awarded for its attractive city-style build and design quality: A semi-transparent cladding unites several composite buildings and the heterogeneous area into one "well-composed architectural unit".

In **Florian Nagler Architects'** concept for the **Cowshed** near Dietramszell-Thankirchen, functionality and economics had absolute priority. To minimise costs, timber from the owner's forest was used and the construction plan was such that it should be possible to undertake a self-build. The prize was awarded for the "high degree of aesthetic attractiveness", as well as the "basilica-like" interior, taking into account strict economical and functional guidelines.

#### **Further accolades awarded**

As well as the prizes, the jury awarded five accolades. These went to:

- **Regina Schineis Architects** (Augsburg) for the **Lab and Think-Tank** in Friedberg,
- **Ingenhoven Architects (Düsseldorf)** for the **Lufthansa Aviation Centre** in Frankfurt am Main,
- **MGF Architects GmbH (Stuttgart)** in cooperation with **Girndt + Wagner Architects (Coburg)** for the **Alex-Centre** in Regensburg,
- **Gehbauer Helten Architects BDA (Oppenheim)** for the **Newbuild of the Logistic and Service Centre for ExpoTechnology** in Taunusstein as well as
- **wulf & partner (Stuttgart)** for the **Senior Care Centre, Haus am Kappelberg** in Fellbach.

#### **The Hypo Real Estate Young Architects` Prize**

Two projects are being awarded the **Hypo Real Estate Young Architects` Prize** in 2008: The **Winery in Lavaux** by **Marc Nuding (University of Karlsruhe)** and the **Eberswalde Culinary Island** by **Konrad Scheffer (BTU Cottbus)**.

As a winery, both "convincing and amazing" is the jury's view of **Marc Nudings** idea, because of the valuable and limited land area, to raise the building tower-like towards the sky, thereby also keeping to the model of the vertically arranged traditional houses of the surrounding villages. The functions of the wine cellars are arranged vertically according to the production process, so that pumps, to a large extent, can be eliminated.

**Konrad Scheffer's** idea, the respectable use of a 120 year old abbatoir to combine the promotion of regional suppliers of food-stuffs with the strengthening of the cultural identity of the Finow district (for example the boosting of waterway-tourism on the Finow canal) convinced the jury to make an award.

The Young Architects` Prize was judged on the basis of the final-year projects submitted by, among others, students from the Universities of Cottbus, Karlsruhe and Munich. This year`s winners of the Young Architects` Prize also received €4,000 each.

### **The case for good, quality commercial architecture**

The projects submitted from all over Germany show the range of commercial construction and its significance. Large scale developments as well as smaller unusual projects went before the jury.

The projects are being awarded for their integrated and environment-oriented design. The objective of the awards is to direct more attention to the balance between economic purpose and architectural aesthetic.

"The prizes make a case for good, quality commercial architecture. They give recognition to role-model projects and strive to counteract the ghost-town character of the commercial district in thriving urban hinterlands", says **jury chairman Eckhard Gerber**. Increasingly, commercial districts in particular are leading to urban sprawl. "New signals must be sent to developers, investors and clients. Only by good quality architecture can city building projects be tackled in a sustainable manner in future", says **Michael Frielinghaus (President of the Association of German Architects, BDA)**.

### **The Jury**

Amongst the independent, top-class jury were the architects Eckhard Gerber (Gerber Architects, Dortmund), Ulrike Lauber (lauber + zottmann architects, Munich), Ludwig Wappner (Allmann Sattler Wappner, Munich), the Berlin architecture critic Falk Jaeger, Michael Frielinghaus, President of the Association of German Architects BDA, Ministerial Councillor Peter Fröhlich from the Federal Ministry of Transport, Building and Urban Affairs as well as Elisabeth Merk, Munich's City Building Councillor.

### **The Hypo Real Estate Foundation**

The Hypo Real Estate Foundation is a legal civic foundation, established in 1987 by the former Westphalian Hypothekenbank - one of the predecessor institutes of Hypo Real Estate Bank AG. It pursues exclusively non-profit activities and supports, in particular, competitions, concerts and exhibitions, in the process promoting outstanding artists and talented individuals.

The Foundation's Architecture Prize has been awarded since 1992 and was supplemented in 2006 with the Young Architects` Prize, to offer young architects an early platform. Commercial buildings with an exemplary aesthetic and ecological character are awarded the prize.

Both competitions come under the patronage of the Federal Ministry of Transport, Building and Urban Affairs and the Association of German Architects (BDA).

Due to the funding which has been in existence for many years, the work of the Architecture Prize is done exclusively using the foundation's own means. For further information please visit

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**Florian Holzherr**, München (Commercial Building of Kraft Baustoffe GmbH, München)

**Florian Nagler Architekten** (Cowshed, Dietramszell-Thankirchen)