The results are finally here: the best of the best and the very highly commended of the rest, as chosen by our esteemed panel of judges. For images and more details on our runners-up, go to www.wallpaper.com





**BEST NEW RESTAURANT** p142 Winner

Banq, Boston, by Office dA

### Second place

# Katsuya, Los Angeles

Katsuya Uechi and Philippe Starck's creation is like a Japanese fairy tale. Images of a geisha's red kimono on the bar's ceiling contrast with suspended sushi knives in clear resin blocks.

#### Runners-up

# Zepra, Tel Aviv

This stunning new restaurant, from Israeli chef Conforti and designers Baranowitz Kronenberg, is inspired by Asian street markets, with its river-stone floors and Pan-Asian foodie delights.

# L'Anima, London

L'Anima, Claudio Silvestrin's first London restaurant, is a triumph. The stand-out feature is the curved limestone passage, which leads to a wine-tasting room and a private dining room.

# Megu, Hong Kong

A Japanese import in Kowloon, Megu features design by Osaka's Yasumichi Morita. A circular sushi bar anchors the main dining room; carvedup spaces lend an urbane and sensual intimacy.







**BEST NEW OR RENOVATED HOTEL** p140

# **BEST NEW DOMESTIC APPLIANCE**

#### Joint winners

'Ciussai' heater by G Di Tullio and S Ragaini p128 Hob and oven by Marc Newson for Smeg p134

#### Runners-up

# 'Coffee.It' espresso maker by Wiel Arets for Alessi

Dutch architect Wiel Arets' sturdy but stylish espresso coffee-maker comes in glossy stainless steel with a black plastic lid and an ergonomic handle. It's simple, elegant and practical.

#### 'In-Sink' dishwasher by Kitchenaid

This top-loading dishwasher is a real boon. A draining board lifts up on concealed hinges to reveal a recess that holds - and washes - pots and utensils. Folded down, it's a chopping board.

# 'Freddy' chiller and freezer by Irinox

'Freddy' is just the toy for the enthusiastic home cook. The blast chiller cools raw or cooked foods to 3°C, while the shock-freeze mode chills food to minus 18°C in seconds to lock in flavour.

# by Foster + Partners and United Designers

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#### Second place Le Meurice, Paris

The Dolder Grand, Zurich,

While the rooms are decorated in Louis XVI style, Philippe Starck's makeover of the public areas is inspired by former guest Salvador Dalí. Le Bar 228, for instance, has a Dalí-inspired cabinet.

#### Runners-up

#### Witt Suites, Istanbul

Located in Cihangir district, Tuncel Toprak's Witt Suites is the work of local designers Autoban and features the firm's 'Ladder' bookcases, 'Kahve' chairs and 'Pumpkin' coffee tables.

#### **Eme Fusion, Seville**

Situated in the centre of Seville, this 6o-room boutique hotel with amazing city views is covered with Arabian-inspired grey motifs by designers Sandra Tarruella and Isabel López.

# The Royalton, New York

The makeover of Royalton was the hotel talk of 2008. Roman and Williams created the public spaces, while interior designer Charlotte Macaux gave old-world glamour to its rooms.



# **FURNITURE DESIGNER OF THE YEAR p130**

#### Winner

**Patrick Norguet** 

# **BEST NEW PRIVATE HOUSE** p128

Next Generation House, Japan, by Sou Fujimoto

# Second place

#### Vincenzo de Cotiis

Vincenzo de Cotiis's work with Ceccotti Collezioni aims to create 'antiques of tomorrow'. Stand-outs are his 'Skyline' shelving unit and 'After Glow', an elegant floor lamp.

#### Runners-up

# **Industrial Facility**

Industrial Facility has won accolades and three consecutive IF Gold Awards. In 2008, the studio created a sleek two-tiered table for Herman Miller and a clever travel clock for Idea.

#### Naoto Fukasawa

Naoto Fukasawa's work is indebted to Dieter Rams, but the student could exceed the master. Fukasawa's dining chair for Maruni's 2008 collection is a sublime distillation of craftwork.

# **Barber Osgerby**

Edward Barber and Jay Osgerby's work is marked by architectural shapes and bold colours, as seen in designs such as the 'Delta' and 'Iris' tables for Established & Sons.

### Second place

# Casa 11 Mujeres, Chile, by Mathias Klotz

Klotz's vacation house for a family with 11 daughters is set atop a steep cliff above . the Pacific Ocean. All three levels of the concrete-built holiday home enjoy sea views.

#### Runners-up

#### Haus Holzinger, Austria, by Wolfgang **Tschapeller**

Part modernist, part deconstructivist, this house is a rectangle on steel legs. Inside, faceted walls create rooms that jut out into the box's volume.

# **Dutchess Guest House, US, by Allied Works**

This guest house is located on a creek edge in New York State, part of the Dutchess County Residence. The house features floor-to-ceiling glass walls and wooden interiors.

# Villa Nurbs, Spain, by Enric Ruiz-Geli

Ruiz-Geli, of Barcelona's Cloud g studio, treated this unconventional oval house as art. It sits on a raised platform, with white Corian and inflatable plastic roof panels upstairs.