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Shaping the Future of Hospitality - LIV Awards 2026 Now Open

A program showcasing the next generation of hospitality design — where innovation, sustainability, and experience come together.

[Switzerland] – The [LIV Hospitality Design Awards](#) are officially open for submissions, inviting architects, designers, hoteliers, and developers worldwide to present their most innovative projects shaping the future of hospitality. Now in its **seventh edition**, the program continues to celebrate architectural firms and interior design studios across the global hospitality industry. Early submissions benefit from a **10% Early Bird discount until June 30, 2026**.

Founded in 2020, the LIV Hospitality Design Awards have established themselves as a leading global platform recognizing outstanding design in Living and Eating spaces. With the aim of becoming one of the most comprehensive awards programs, the categories range from economy hotels to ultra-luxury residences, and from pop-up bars to private lounges. Each project must enhance the guest experience through creativity, innovation, and thoughtful design.

An international jury of architects, designers, hoteliers, and industry leaders carefully evaluates each submission, ensuring a high standard of expertise and recognition across all categories. With a strong focus on innovation, sustainability, and guest-centric design, the awards continue to spotlight projects that define how people experience hospitality today.

The **Living Space category** recognizes architectural and interior designs that create comfort, identity, and a sense of place — from private residences and co-living concepts to resorts and short-term accommodations. The **Eating Space category** celebrates the fusion of culinary experience and design, honoring projects that elevate dining through atmosphere, storytelling, and spatial creativity.

The **sixth edition of the LIV Hospitality Design Awards** marked another milestone for the program, attracting over **600 submissions from 64 countries** and showcasing the diversity and innovation driving contemporary hospitality design worldwide.

In the **architectural category**, ***YongLi Red Tile Banquet Hotel*** by Yuanhua Zhang and the team at *We&Arch* was awarded Architectural Design of the Year – Eating Space, reinterpreting traditional red tile architecture within a contemporary setting. The grand title of Architectural Design of the Year – Living Space was awarded to ***Mandarin Oriental Costa Navarino***, designed by Yiannis Romanos, Dimitris Karampatakis, Christina Fragkouli, and Christos Spetseris of *Alexandros N. Tombazis and Associates Architects S.A. and K-Studio* — a project that seamlessly integrates refined architecture within the natural Greek landscape.

For **interior design**, ***Gongu Izakaya*** by Liubov Tuzovska of *Tdot.Design* received the Interior Design of the Year – Eating Space prize, offering a contemporary take on Japanese dining culture through layered materials and atmospheric lighting. ***CLOUDSPA Sanctuary***, designed by Wenyuan Guo of *Ruize Design*, was awarded Interior Design of the Year – Living Space, transforming a traditional Chinese courtyard into a serene, immersive wellness experience.

Astrid Hébert, Founder of the LIV Hospitality Design Awards, shared: *“We’re excited to open the seventh edition of the LIV Hospitality Design Awards and continue celebrating the creativity shaping hospitality today. Each year, we see projects that go beyond aesthetics — creating meaningful, immersive experiences that redefine how people connect with spaces. We look forward to discovering this year’s submissions and the ideas driving the future of hospitality.”*

The annual winners, selected in both professional and student categories, receive the prestigious **LIV Awards trophy**, a **certificate**, the official winner’s seal, and are invited to the **bi-annual awards ceremony and conferences**. In addition, winning projects benefit from international visibility through publication in the annual **LIV Awards Book of Design**, inclusion in the online directory, and promotion to a global network of over 60,000 design professionals, media, and potential clients.

Entries are open to **professionals and students worldwide**. Submissions may include conceptual, in-progress, or completed projects. Submissions for the **LIV Hospitality Design Awards 2026 are now open**. Take advantage of the **Early Bird discount before June 30th, 2026**, and join a global community of designers shaping the future of hospitality.

For more information and to submit your project, visit www.livawards.com.

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About the LIV Hospitality Design Awards:

The LIV Hospitality Design Awards aims to celebrate the quality and diversity of architectural ventures and interior design projects shaping the hospitality industry today. Launched in 2020, the program is an inclusive platform that pursues and rewards exceptional projects within living and eating spaces—more information at livawards.com.

[LIV Hospitality Design Awards](#) is a program under the 3C Awards, a leading organization curating and promoting global design. The company represents today’s diversity and innovation in lighting design, furniture design, interior design, and architecture. Each brand symbolizes design excellence worldwide, showcasing professional and emerging designers’ work to over 100 expert jury members. Developed by Hossein Farmani and Astrid Hébert, BLT Built Design Awards is managed by the 3C Awards under a larger organization called 3C Group, specializing in awards, marketing, media, and events. 3C Group is a sister company to Farmani Group, founded by Hossein Farmani. Farmani Group, established in 1985, is a leading global organization that curates and promotes photography, design, and architecture.

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