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## **European Architectural Awards Launch**

**The 2009 'European Copper in Architecture Awards' have just been launched at a special event celebrating the 75th anniversary of Copper Development Association in London. Architects involved with copper buildings are encouraged to enter and take advantage of this major opportunity to present their work to an international audience.**

These well-established Awards recognise architectural excellence and celebrate the use of copper in all its forms. The last two decades have seen their transformation from a UK-based programme highlighting craftsmanship, into a major, design-led Awards event for projects across Europe. Following the recent growth in entries – over 70 at the last event - from a wide range of countries, the 2009 Awards will, for the first time, consider all entries together to select the very best in contemporary European architecture. This continuing growth in interest in the Awards mirrors the increasing popularity of copper and its alloys as inspirational, as well as environmentally sustainable, architectural materials.

The design-led competition covers recently completed buildings in European countries participating in the European Copper in Architecture Campaign. To be eligible, all entries must incorporate cladding, roofing or other architectural elements of copper or copper alloys, such as bronze and brass. Any building type can be entered - from major landmark projects to more modest buildings. There is also a discretionary award for innovation in specific areas of relevance today, such as sustainable building, economical construction, prefabrication, conservation or new uses of copper.

All entries will be judged by a panel of practising architects at the forefront of design in Europe. These Awards are proving particularly important, not only to showcase the best and most innovative uses of copper in contemporary design, but also to discover and present to a wide international audience exciting and inspirational architecture that might otherwise be missed. Images and information on winning and shortlisted projects from recent European Copper in Architecture Awards have been featured in brochures which can be downloaded

from the websites: [www.copperinfo.co.uk/arch](http://www.copperinfo.co.uk/arch) or [www.copperconcept.org](http://www.copperconcept.org). All the Awards 13 entries can also be viewed on [www.copperconcept.org](http://www.copperconcept.org) at 'Awards' in the UK section.

Entry forms and details of the 2009 Awards are also available at these websites or via e-mail to: [helpline@copperdev.co.uk](mailto:helpline@copperdev.co.uk). Entries must be submitted by 31 May 2009 and the winners will be announced at a presentation in London, UK during Autumn 2009.

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