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DESIGN Excellence Awards

Meet the 2017 Winners

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We're excited to present the winners of the ASID NY Metro chapter's 2017 DESIGN Excellence Awards which celebrate stellar work in 15 categories that showcase a range of projects from restaurant design to outdoor residential design. First Place and Second Place winners were recognized during an awards ceremony in October at the NY Metro Chapter's Annual Meeting hosted by Theodore Alexander in their newly renovated showroom at the New York Design Center. The DESIGN Excellence Awards recognize the recipients for their creativity, outstanding attention to functionality as well as aesthetic design solutions and ultimately their commitment to demonstrating that Design Impacts Lives. Congratulations to all the winners!

First Place

RESTAURANT DESIGN

**BENTEL &
BENTEL
ARCHITECTS**

Project Name: Les Sablons / **Location:** Cambridge, MA

Les Sablons is the French inspired vision of Bentel & Bentel and their restaurateur client. Stationed in the Conductors' Building, a National Historical Landmark in the Harvard Square area of Cambridge, Bentel & Bentel's design is an astute calibration of historical elements and modern flair. Preserving what architectural features they could, brick walls and terrazzo floors are juxtaposed by eye grabbing modern art and bold colored furniture.



Photo by Peter Vandervatker

TRADE SHOWROOM DESIGN

**JOAN
BLUMENFELD,
PERKINS
AND WILL**

Project Name: Hafele New York Showroom / **Location:** New York, NY

As an international leader of functional hardware and specialty fittings, the Hafele showroom of New York serves as a "one stop shop" for architects, designers and their clients. Joan Blumenfeld, Principal and Global Interior Design Director of Perkins and Will, delivers on her client's vision to bring the brand to life. Grand display cases glide along a track to accommodate the plethora of functional hardware collections; an entire room is dedicated to displaying the various applications of their LED lighting; and a sprawling kitchen illustrates specialty features for organization.



Photo by Michael Moran

PROFESSIONAL OFFICE DESIGN

**TOM
POLUCCI,
HOK**

Project Name: Dentsu Aegis Network Office / **Location:** Los Angeles, CA

The conversion of what once was a parking garage into the office of Dentsu Aegis Network was led by Tom Polucci, Director of Interiors and the creative team at HOK. With no shortage of challenges, the HOK team worked closely with the construction crew to tackle issues like ceiling height and HVAC systems. The end result, however, was the thoughtful, nature-inspired workplace with a mid-century modern aesthetic. Neutral material palettes are accented with unique beaded curtain motifs made of natural walnut. Painted beads in various sizes are affixed to tension cables reaching from floor to ceiling, providing a visual partition without hindering the openness of the lower level.



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HOTEL AND SPA DESIGN

TOM POLUCCI, HOK

Project Name: InterContinental New York Barclay Hotel (IHG Barclay)

Location: New York, NY
Originally built in 1926 by the Vanderbilts as upscale residences, the property was later converted to the 704-room InterContinental New York Barclay Hotel. Last renovated in the 1980s, the IHG Barclay was long overdue for an interior make-over. The HOK team was tasked with the 16-floor, 420,000 square foot project that took more than 20 months to complete. In keeping with the exterior's Federal style, period specific motifs like stripes, eagles and arrows were incorporated into the interior design.



Photo by Eric Laignel

RESIDENTIAL KITCHEN DESIGN

ELENA FRAMPTON, FRAMPTON CO

Project Name: Private Residence

Location: Larchmont, NY
The renovation of the three-story Georgian-style home in Larchmont, NY designed by Elena Frampton includes eight bedrooms and an expansive kitchen, totaling 4,900 square feet. Paying careful attention to harmonizing the old with the new, Frampton's design connects the elegant embellishments of the Georgian style with the straight, clean lines that are reflective of modern design.



Photo by Joshua McHugh

RESIDENTIAL BATHROOM DESIGN

VANESSA DELEON ASSOCIATES

Project Name: Fifth Avenue Apartment / **Location:** New York, NY

This modern bathroom actualized by Vanessa Deleon Associates is imbued with a cool monochromatic palette that elicits a fresh, spa-like ambience. Soft patterns of chevron add subtle texture to the space, while sconces, pendant lighting, back-lit mirrors and cabinets add luxury and openness.



Photo by Alan Barry Photography

RESIDENTIAL BEDROOM DESIGN

MONICA KAHN DESIGN

Project Name: Scarsdale Modern Georgian—Master Bedroom / **Location:** Scarsdale, NY

Turning the interior of this Georgian Colonial new construction into a modern oasis is the product of Monica Kahn Design's creative ingenuity. Use of neutral, monochromatic color schemes evokes a relaxing feel, while subtle textures and lighting add interest and charm. At the focal point of the room is the elegant upholstered bed flanked by custom black and gold lacquered nightstands and show-stopping sculptural pendant lights hanging from the center of the tray ceiling.



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