

EDIDA ELLE DECORATION INTERNATIONAL DESIGN AWARDS

The hotly contested ELLE DECORATION International Design Awards (EDIDA) are nomination-led – and every year the DECO team has a furious debate about who to choose as the most worthy winners of the South African round of the competition. These nominations are then sent through to the final leg of judging, in which all 23 editors from our sister publications across the globe decide who has done the most outstanding work in the last year, in the various design categories. Finally, the overall global winners are announced at the EDIDA gala event at the Milan Fair in April. In past years, we've focused on only local winners, but this year we've widened the field to include international contenders. So, without further ado, here are our EDIDA nominations...

LOCAL WINNERS

DESIGNER OF THE YEAR PORKY HEFER OF ANIMAL FARM

Porky Hefer of Animal Farm has produced a range of fully recyclable lights called 'Lite'. The turned wooden bulbs in indigenous African hardwoods function as lampshades and house an eco-friendly CFL bulb. Also noteworthy is 'Nest', a cosy, secret bolt hole made from sustainable materials and woven by members of the Society for the Blind.

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YOUNG DESIGNERS OF THE YEAR DOKTER AND MISSES

A collaboration between industrial designer Adriaan Hugo and graphic designer Katy Taplin, Dokter and Misses is a label and a store by the same name at 44 Stanley Avenue in Joburg. The store acts as a base for Adriaan Hugo and Dokter and Misses products, including the 'Dog' lamp and the 'Ski' lamp.

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ARCHITECTURE THE MAPUNGBWE INTERPRETATION CENTRE BY PETER RICH ARCHITECTS

Situated in the Mapungubwe National Park in Limpopo, Peter Rich's Interpretation Centre for South African National Parks scooped top honours in the category of 'Culture (completed buildings)' at the 2009 World Architecture Festival. Built according to green principles and boasting a job creation project to boot, the centre consists of a series of linked domes and vaulted structures that are constructed from bricks made of local soil.

VISIT WWW.PETERRICHARCHITECTS.CO.ZA,
WWW.SANPARKS.ORG/PARKS/MAPUNGBWE



CRAFT THE KAIKAI WALL BY MEMBERS OF THE PORT NOLLOTH COMMUNITY AND DEVELOPER JIMMY DU TOIT

An astounding mosaic work project (featured in DECO issue 65, page 36) that has involved over 1 500 community members in Port Nolloth. The brightly coloured wall envelops a coastal estate but is architecturally interesting – it's not an impenetrable barrier, but a broken wall with variations in height. The beautiful images and designs depicted on the wall are inspired by the landscape, human interactions and dream imagery. It's a visionary achievement.



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INTERNATIONAL WINNERS

WALL COVERING CONTEMPO BY EIJFFINGER

This wallpaper epitomises pure romance!
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FURNITURE VOLANT BY PATRICIA URQUIOLA FOR MOROSO

A colourful reinvention of a design classic – proof that successful innovation needn't be a radical departure.
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TABLEWARE BLOW AWAY VASE

BY FRONT FOR MOOOI
A refreshing antidote to design that takes itself too seriously, this gravity-defying vase makes us smile.
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