



# P R I X   V E R S A I L L E S

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## Regulations for submissions

*Pursuant to the rules set out below, submissions will be accepted by the Secretariat of the Prix Versailles through midnight CET at the end of 14 April 2023.*

*Submissions are limited to shops and stores, shopping malls, hotels and restaurants with at least 100 m<sup>2</sup> of floor space accessible to customers, that opened or reopened (provided the work required the location's complete or partial closure to the public) between 1 January 2022 and 31 December 2022 inclusive.*

*Additional calls for submissions for certain types of projects with specific characteristics may be issued during the course of the process. They will be communicated to the applicants in due time.*

## ARTICLE 1 - Purpose

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The Prix Versailles 2023 (hereinafter referred to as the "Prix") is a series of awards honouring the most remarkable buildings from a perspective of their interior and exterior architecture.

The Prix is awarded in its four original categories: Shops & Stores, Shopping Malls, Hotels, and Restaurants (hereinafter the "Categories"). In each of these Categories, special Interior and Exterior prizes are also awarded.

## ARTICLE 2 - Eligibility

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Any shop or store, shopping mall, hotel or restaurant with at least 100 m<sup>2</sup> of floor space accessible to customers, that opened or reopened (provided the work required the location's complete or partial closure to the public) between 1 January 2022 and 31 December 2022 inclusive is eligible for the Prix. The project manager and/or the client may submit their project for consideration.

## ARTICLE 3 – Procedure

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There are four steps in the award selection process.

### **STEP 1 – SUBMISSION OF ENTRIES**

Entries can be freely filed, in French or in English, via the online form provided for that purpose (and available at [www.prix-versailles.com](http://www.prix-versailles.com)), between now and midnight CET at the end of 14 April 2023. Submissions must include the following in particular:

- a presentation of the entrant (100 words max.);
- a presentation of the project being submitted (with information about the relevant Category, the physical address, the floor space accessible to customers in m<sup>2</sup>, and the date of its opening or reopening to the public) (300 words max.);
- one or several plans for the project;
- five to ten real-life high resolution photographs, freely usable in communications relating to the Prix.

If an applicant submits more than one project, each one will require a separate entry.

## **STEP 2 - CONTINENTAL LAUREATES**

Six committees (hereinafter the “Continental Committees”) will examine the submissions and issue consultative decisions, depending on the projects’ locations, divided between six regions: Africa and West Asia; Central America, the South and the Caribbean; North America; Central Asia and the Northeast; South Asia and the Pacific; and Europe (hereinafter the “Regions”).

The geographic area covered by each of the Continental Committees is set out in the list of States provided in the Annexe.

For each submission whose eligibility is confirmed by the Secretariat of the Prix Versailles (hereinafter the “Secretariat”), each member of the relevant Continental Committee will assign, for each Category:

- one, then two, then three points respectively to the projects that they deem to be the third, second and most remarkable, with the interior and exterior architecture being considered as a whole;
- one, then two, then three points respectively to the projects that they deem to be the third, second and most remarkable in terms of interior architecture;
- one, then two, then three points respectively to the projects that they deem to be the third, second and most remarkable in terms of exterior architecture.

The Continental Committees will give special attention to projects that have taken a sustainable approach from an ecological, social, and cultural or aesthetic perspective.

The projects must also be exemplary: potential sources of inspiration for others.

For each Category in each Region, a Prix Versailles and special prizes for Interiors and Exteriors will be awarded to the projects receiving the most points from the judges, subject to the final decisions made by the Secretary General of the Prix Versailles.

These choices do not need to be explained.

## **STEP 3 - WORLD LAUREATES**

The world judges panel (hereinafter the “World Judges Panel”) examines the entries for the projects which are moving on to the World Finale.

The candidates for the world Prix Versailles and special prizes are those projects that received a continental Prix Versailles or special prize in 2023.

The World Judges Panel 2023 will have a maximum of nine members.

For each Category, each member of the World Judges Panel will assign one, then two, then three points respectively to the continental laureates that they find to be the third, second and first most remarkable.

Voting by the general public may also be counted, at the Secretariat's initiative. In that case, the public's votes will be equivalent to four additional World Judges Panel members.

For each Category, the Prix Versailles and the special Interior and Exterior prizes will be awarded to the projects receiving the most points.

In the event of a tie for the Prix Versailles or a special prize, the vote of the Chairman of the World Judges Panel will be counted twice over for the Prix Versailles or the special prize in question. The decisions do not need to be justified.

#### **STEP 4 - OFFICIAL ANNOUNCEMENT FOR THE PRIX VERSAILLES AND SPECIAL PRIZES**

The Prix Versailles and the special prizes will be awarded to the laureates during a World Titles Announcement which may be held at UNESCO Headquarters in Paris, France, or in any other host city chosen by the Secretariat.

#### ARTICLE 4 - Other official events

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Other events celebrating the award of the Prix Versailles or the special prizes may be organized at the initiative of the entrants or the official bodies to which they are attached, for example in the country or countries where the laureate sites are located.

Such events must first be approved in writing by the World Prix Versailles Organization, in advance and giving reasonable notice.

#### ARTICLE 5 - Interpretation and appeals

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The interpretation of these rules is the sole responsibility of the Secretariat. All award decisions are final and may not be appealed.



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## ANNEXE

### Geographic distribution of States by Region

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Afghanistan	Central Asia and the Northeast
Albania	Europe
Algeria	Africa and West Asia
Andorra	Europe
Angola	Africa and West Asia
Antigua and Barbuda	Central America, the South and the Caribbean
Argentina	Central America, the South and the Caribbean
Armenia	Africa and West Asia
Australia	South Asia and the Pacific
Austria	Europe
Azerbaijan	Africa and West Asia
Bahamas	Central America, the South and the Caribbean
Bahrain	Africa and West Asia
Bangladesh	South Asia and the Pacific
Barbados	Central America, the South and the Caribbean
Belarus	Europe
Belgium	Europe
Belize	Central America, the South and the Caribbean
Benin	Africa and West Asia
Bhutan	South Asia and the Pacific
Bolivia	Central America, the South and the Caribbean
Bosnia and Herzegovina	Europe
Botswana	Africa and West Asia
Brazil	Central America, the South and the Caribbean
Brunei	South Asia and the Pacific
Bulgaria	Europe
Burkina Faso	Africa and West Asia
Burundi	Africa and West Asia
Cape Verde	Africa and West Asia
Cambodia	South Asia and the Pacific
Cameroon	Africa and West Asia
Canada	North America
Central African Republic	Africa and West Asia
Chad	Africa and West Asia
Chile	Central America, the South and the Caribbean
China	Central Asia and the Northeast
Colombia	Central America, the South and the Caribbean
Comoros	Africa and West Asia
Congo	Africa and West Asia
Costa Rica	Central America, the South and the Caribbean
Côte d'Ivoire	Africa and West Asia
Croatia	Europe
Cuba	Central America, the South and the Caribbean
Cyprus	Europe
Czech Republic	Europe

Democratic Republic of the Congo	Africa and West Asia
Denmark	Europe
Djibouti	Africa and West Asia
Dominica	Central America, the South and the Caribbean
Dominican Republic	Central America, the South and the Caribbean
Ecuador	Central America, the South and the Caribbean
Egypt	Africa and West Asia
El Salvador	Central America, the South and the Caribbean
Equatorial Guinea	Africa and West Asia
Eritrea	Africa and West Asia
Estonia	Europe
Eswatini	Africa and West Asia
Ethiopia	Africa and West Asia
Fiji	South Asia and the Pacific
Finland	Europe
France	Europe
Gabon	Africa and West Asia
Gambia	Africa and West Asia
Georgia	Africa and West Asia
Germany	Europe
Ghana	Africa and West Asia
Greece	Europe
Grenada	Central America, the South and the Caribbean
Guatemala	Central America, the South and the Caribbean
Guinea	Africa and West Asia
Guinea-Bissau	Africa and West Asia
Guyana	Central America, the South and the Caribbean
Haiti	Central America, the South and the Caribbean
Honduras	Central America, the South and the Caribbean
Hungary	Europe
Iceland	Europe
India	South Asia and the Pacific
Indonesia	South Asia and the Pacific
Iran	Africa and West Asia
Iraq	Africa and West Asia
Ireland	Europe
Israel	Africa and West Asia
Italy	Europe
Jamaica	Central America, the South and the Caribbean
Japan	Central Asia and the Northeast
Jordan	Africa and West Asia
Kazakhstan	Central Asia and the Northeast
Kenya	Africa and West Asia
Kiribati	South Asia and the Pacific
Kuwait	Africa and West Asia
Kyrgyzstan	Central Asia and the Northeast
Laos	South Asia and the Pacific
Latvia	Europe
Lebanon	Africa and West Asia
Lesotho	Africa and West Asia
Liberia	Africa and West Asia
Libya	Africa and West Asia
Liechtenstein	Europe
Lithuania	Europe



Luxembourg	Europe
Madagascar	Africa and West Asia
Malawi	Africa and West Asia
Malaysia	South Asia and the Pacific
Maldives	Africa and West Asia
Mali	Africa and West Asia
Malta	Europe
Marshall Islands	South Asia and the Pacific
Mauritania	Africa and West Asia
Mauritius	Africa and West Asia
Mexico	North America
Micronesia	South Asia and the Pacific
Moldova	Europe
Monaco	Europe
Mongolia	Central Asia and the Northeast
Montenegro	Europe
Morocco	Africa and West Asia
Mozambique	Africa and West Asia
Myanmar	South Asia and the Pacific
Namibia	Africa and West Asia
Nauru	South Asia and the Pacific
Nepal	South Asia and the Pacific
Netherlands	Europe
New Zealand	South Asia and the Pacific
Nicaragua	Central America, the South and the Caribbean
Niger	Africa and West Asia
Nigeria	Africa and West Asia
North Korea	Central Asia and the Northeast
North Macedonia	Europe
Norway	Europe
Oman	Africa and West Asia
Pakistan	South Asia and the Pacific
Palau	South Asia and the Pacific
Panama	Central America, the South and the Caribbean
Papua New Guinea	South Asia and the Pacific
Paraguay	Central America, the South and the Caribbean
Peru	Central America, the South and the Caribbean
Philippines	South Asia and the Pacific
Poland	Europe
Portugal	Europe
Qatar	Africa and West Asia
Romania	Europe
Russia	Europe
Rwanda	Africa and West Asia
Saint Kitts and Nevis	Central America, the South and the Caribbean
Saint Lucia	Central America, the South and the Caribbean
Saint Vincent and the Grenadines	Central America, the South and the Caribbean
Samoa	South Asia and the Pacific
San Marino	Europe
São Tomé and Príncipe	Africa and West Asia
Saudi Arabia	Africa and West Asia
Senegal	Africa and West Asia
Serbia	Europe
Seychelles	Africa and West Asia

Sierra Leone	Africa and West Asia
Singapore	South Asia and the Pacific
Slovakia	Europe
Slovenia	Europe
Solomon Islands	South Asia and the Pacific
Somalia	Africa and West Asia
South Africa	Africa and West Asia
South Korea	Central Asia and the Northeast
South Sudan	Africa and West Asia
Spain	Europe
Sri Lanka	South Asia and the Pacific
Sudan	Africa and West Asia
Suriname	Central America, the South and the Caribbean
Sweden	Europe
Switzerland	Europe
Syria	Africa and West Asia
Tajikistan	Central Asia and the Northeast
Tanzania	Africa and West Asia
Thailand	South Asia and the Pacific
Timor-Leste	South Asia and the Pacific
Togo	Africa and West Asia
Tonga	South Asia and the Pacific
Trinidad and Tobago	Central America, the South and the Caribbean
Tunisia	Africa and West Asia
Türkiye	Africa and West Asia
Turkmenistan	Central Asia and the Northeast
Tuvalu	South Asia and the Pacific
Uganda	Africa and West Asia
Ukraine	Europe
United Arab Emirates	Africa and West Asia
United Kingdom	Europe
United States of America	North America
Uruguay	Central America, the South and the Caribbean
Uzbekistan	Central Asia and the Northeast
Vanuatu	South Asia and the Pacific
Venezuela	Central America, the South and the Caribbean
Vietnam	South Asia and the Pacific
Yemen	Africa and West Asia
Zambia	Africa and West Asia
Zimbabwe	Africa and West Asia