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Record Products 2017

Architectural Record's annual competition for best new products of the year attracted more than 250 entries. Our independent jury of designers selected 57 innovative winners, of which the Best in Category received the top numerical rankings. In addition, Record editors scrutinized the winners through the lens of their own reporting and highlighted other favorites. Turn the pages ahead to find the latest, and best, building products.

**Best in
Category**

OUR GOLD
BADGE denotes
winners with
the highest total
score in a group.

**Editors'
Choice**

BLUE-RIBBON
BEST reflects the
Record staff's
picks in each
category.

Written by **Leslie Clagett, Sheila Kim, Linda Lentz, and Rita Orrell**
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Jurors

Jamison Guest

Since joining Heintges & Associates in 2007, Guest has contributed to the innovative facades of more than 20 global projects. He's a licensed architect with a master's in architecture from Columbia University.

Anne Fletcher, AIA, LEED AP

Managing principal of HOK's L.A. office, Fletcher rose through the firm's ranks, leading high-stakes projects such as the new LaGuardia Airport master plan.

Erin Dreyfous, IALD

As a principal for Tillotson Design Associates, Dreyfous oversees several large-scale projects around the world. She recently received a 2017 IES Illumination Award for the Vagelos Education Center in New York.

D.B. Kim

An architect by training, Kim has developed entire global brands as VP of design for Wanda Group in Beijing and Starwood Hotels & Resorts. He was also a principal for Daroff Design and Pierre-Yves Rochon.

Carrie Moore, AIA

A director for Skidmore, Owings & Merrill, Moore's expertise is in complex institutional projects, including the first net zero energy school in the Northeast (RECORD, January 2016, page 122).

Sheila Bridges

Founder of her eponymous 23-year-old firm, Bridges (a Brown University and Parsons alum) has designed products and interiors, including the Harlem office of former President Bill Clinton.



Standing, left to right: Jamison Guest, D.B. Kim, and Carrie Moore. Seated, from left: Anne Fletcher, Erin Dreyfous, and Sheila Bridges.

Kitchen & Bath

Fittings | Fixtures | Hardware | Appliances



Verge with WashBar

This completely touchless all-in-one washing system integrates the Verge natural composite basin with the WashBar, a chrome-plated stainless-steel fixture that houses soap, water, and dryer in a single component. The integrated ADA-compliant design uses LED lights and icons to guide users through handwashing, while the dryer and bowl were designed to work together to eliminate spraying onto users or the floor.

bradleycorp.com



Kingsbridge Series

Inspired by English harbor towns and villages, the Kingsbridge decorative hardware series in Top Knobs' Devon Collection features smooth, flat tops and slightly rounded edges. The base of each solid zinc alloy piece includes an extra layer of detailing with two parallel bands, while the T-shaped knobs mimic the shape of the pulls, with the same wide, flat surface area.

topknobs.com



MilanoSlim

Designed by the Milan-based architect Franco Sargiani, the Milano collection now includes MilanoSlim, a multifunctional in-wall shower panel with thermostatic mixer, three-way diverter, rainfall showerhead, hand shower, and the option of either body spray or waterfall. Available in polished or brushed stainless steel.

fantiniusa.com

Zera Food Recycler

Every year, an average family produces over 400 pounds of food waste, most of which ends up in landfills. The Zera Food Recycler by Whirlpool can break down a week's worth of the average family's food waste within 24 hours into ready-to-use fertilizer. The 11"-wide, 22"-high, and 33¾"-deep stainless-steel appliance utilizes oxygen, moisture, heat, a plant-based additive, and an agitator to expedite the decomposition of food scraps.

zera.com



**Best in
Category**



Spectra+ Touch and eTouch Showerheads

These oversized showerheads feature an industry first: capacitive touch technology that allows users to change spray patterns with the touch of a finger on the outside ring of the fixture itself. In addition, the Spectra+ eTouch showerhead comes with a first-of-its-kind remote that can be mounted on nearly any shower wall to offer easy control of the spray patterns for bathers with limitations of height or mobility.

americanstandard-us.com

"I like the fact that the **Zera Food Recycler** enables consumers to reduce food waste. It is innovative and environmentally conscious."

Sheila Bridges



Editors' Choice

Jenn-Air Induction Wok Module

This special induction module features a concave design to cradle the round bottom of a wok. By melding cookware with the heat source, induction technology offers fast, efficient cooking power—a sensor detects cookware before enabling the induction element, and, when the vessel is removed, it switches off after 30 seconds. The 15" module also features glass-touch electronic controls that provide a minimal look and near-flush installation with countertops.

jennair.com



Zaha Stone

With Zaha Stone, Neolith has created the look of Iranian Gray marble in sintered stone. Paying tribute to the late Zaha Hadid, Zaha incorporates a richer industrial-gray tone with white veins etched onto the backdrop in contrasting directions. Available in a silk finish in thicknesses of .24" and .47", the Persian-inspired stone can be used indoors or outdoors for countertops, flooring, walls, and facades in residential or commercial settings.

neolith.com/en



ASA-D2

Cosentino partnered with architect Daniel Germani on this contemporary freestanding outdoor kitchen. ASA-D2 features Dekton by Cosentino countertops, Brown Jordan Outdoor Kitchens stainless-steel cabinetry, and a grill by Caliber Appliances. A modular design allows access to storage on both sides of the unit. Finishes include an aged and oxidized steel, solid-black Calacatta-marble replica, and high-gloss white.

brownjordanoutdoorkitchens.com