



BLAKE WINS PRINCE PHILIP DESIGNERS PRIZE

Renowned illustrator beats stiff competition

Quentin Blake, one of Britain's best-loved illustrators and the creator of the world-famous images used in the classic Roald Dahl books, has been named the winner of the 2011 Prince Philip Designers Prize. Blake beat stiff competition from some big names to land this year's accolade. It was the last to be awarded by the prince, who is reducing his workload at the age of 91. The other people on the shortlist were industrial engineer and designer Cecil Balmond, IDEO's chief executive Tim Brown, environmental designer Dinah Casson, milliner Stephen Jones, fashion designer Sir Paul Smith, co-founder of onedotzero Shane Walter and co-founders of Wilkinson Eyre Architects Chris Wilkinson OBE and Jim Eyre OBE.

Prince Philip was given two gifts in recognition of his contribution to the 52-year-old award scheme. The first was a certificate featuring a cartoon of the prince drawn by Blake. The second was a unique book containing original artwork by previous prize winners, including Vivienne Westwood and Kenneth Grange. www.designcouncil.org.uk



YOO UNVEILS INDIAN DEVELOPMENT

Residential interior design practice yoo has completed yoopune, its first collaborative development with an Indian property developer, Panchshil Realty. Situated in Pune, India, it is the first time the London-based practice has worked on a housing development outside Europe. The site spans 17 acres and is located 5km from Pune's commercial centre. It comprises 216 homes in six towers and includes amenities such as swimming pools, basketball and tennis courts and a Six Senses spa. Yoo was founded by property entrepreneur John Hitchcox and designer Philippe Starck and the landscape architect on the yoopune project was Bill Bensley. Panchshil Realty is Pune's premium property development and project management company. Its projects under construction have a gross development value of \$2.5bn. According to Yoo, the project aims to 'redefine the way India looks at living'. www.yoopune.com



GA DESIGN INTERNATIONAL
In Practice Profile in the printed edition of our November issue, we highlighted the career of Martin Goddard and mentioned the Corinthia Hotel in London as one of the projects he has worked on. What was not made clear was that the project and the design of the Corinthia Hotel was that of GA Design International and that Martin Goddard worked for the company at that time. We are happy to clarify this and apologise for any misunderstanding that might have arisen from our article. www.ga-design.com

idfx subscribers win Muuto shelving
The winners of our subscriber competition are Colin Wright and Gary Herbert, who each receive shelving units from Muuto. Follow us on Twitter and Facebook for future competitions. @idfxmagazine

Furniture competition open for entries
The Furniture Makers' Company is calling for entries to the Design Guild Mark 2012, which rewards excellence in the design of furniture in volume production. The deadline for applications is 27 February and application forms can be found online. www.furnituremakers.org.uk



ACCOLADE FOR HAGE
Rabih Hage has been awarded the Andrew Martin International Interior Designer of the Year prize for 2011. Hage was selected from more than 600 entries. He was chosen in recognition of his contribution to the industry, particularly his design of the Rough Luxe hotel in London, which will be featured in the next Andrew Martin Interior Design Review. The judges said: 'His work shows great confidence, individuality and innovation.' Previous winners of the award include Kit Kemp, Tara Bernerd and Jamie Drake. www.andrewmartin.co.uk

LONDON PROPERTY DEAL
Leading property developer Londonnewcastle has formed a joint venture with UK & European Investments (UKEI) that aims to grow its operations significantly and increase its market share. UKEI, the property arm of the Lewis Trust Group, bought Lloyds Banking Group's interest in Londonnewcastle, paying £20m for five key development sites. These consist of up to 750 units with a gross development value in excess of £250m. The deal has the potential to expand Londonnewcastle's portfolio by enabling it to acquire more properties in London through outright purchase or co-investment, with or without planning permission. www.londonnewcastle.com



LUXURY BRANDS CELEBRATE TALENTED DESIGN STUDENTS
Savoir Beds and Veedon Fleece have announced the winners of their student design competitions, marking a surge in industry support for young designers. KLC graduate Louise Corser won the Savoir Beds International Design Grand Prix with her headboard inspired by Japanese plum blossom (pictured). Camilla Guy won Veedon Fleece's competition for students of the Inchbald School of Design with a rug concept inspired by Aboriginal dot paintings. All the shortlisted entries were made into one-off designs. www.savoirbeds.com, www.veedonfleece.com

