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## Kanye West to co-host Wallpaper's design Oscars

Wallpaper\*, the international design, fashion and lifestyle bible, is today publishing its annual Design Awards issue, the biggest-selling edition of the magazine. It is celebrating the issue and winners of the fifth Design Awards with a party in Paris, co-hosted by musician and Design Awards judge Kanye West.

Wallpaper\* has pulled out all the stops for this year's Design Awards with a formidable international judging panel, representing the diverse subjects covered in the magazine. In addition to hip hop star **Kanye West**, the other judges include:

- **Sir Ken Adam**, the legendary British production designer who built worlds for Stanley Kubrick and James Bond
- French architect and Pritzker prize-winner **Jean Nouvel**
- Australian industrial designer **Marc Newson**, whose Lockheed Lounge sold at Christie's for just shy of \$1m, the highest price achieved by a living designer
- **Stefano Pilati**, Yves Saint Laurent designer and fashion's rising force
- **Inès de la Fressange**, fashion icon and brand ambassador for Roger Vivier

This year's Design Awards include more than 70 categories with winners drawn from across the globe. Categories range from Best Business Jet, Best Sofa and Best Ceramics to Best Women's Shoes, Best Spa and we even threw in the Best Kitchen Sink.

The winners of the International Judges' Awards are featured in a 20-page winners' portfolio in the magazine, which includes the judges in cameo roles. Wallpaper.com will also include video interviews with all the judges.

Wallpaper\* editor-in-chief Tony Chambers says, 'The Design Awards are our annual pat on the back to the people and places that have made our year that extra bit special. And this year we've been helped out by a panel of judges which is arguably our most talented and eclectic yet. The Design Awards issue is our most eagerly anticipated edition and this year's certainly won't disappoint.'

The Wallpaper\* Design Awards party will be held on 22 January in Paris, voted City of the Year. The Design Awards issue of Wallpaper\* is on sale from 8 January and will be promoted with special displays in selected travel and retail outlets worldwide.

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## NOTES TO THE EDITORS

### The winners of the International Judges' Awards are:

Best City – Paris

Best Men's Fashion Collection – Junya Watanabe Man  
autumn/winter 2008

Best New Domestic Appliance – Joint winners: 'Ciussai'  
heater by G Di Tullio and S Ragaini; and hob and oven by  
Marc Newson for Smeg

Best New Grooming Product – Le 2 de Guerlain Mascara  
by Guerlain

Best New or Renovated Hotel – The Dolder Grand, Zurich,  
by Foster + Partners and United Designers

Best New Private House – Next Generation House,  
Japan, by Sou Fujimoto

Best New Public Building – BMW Welt, Munich, by  
Coop Himmelb(l)au

Best New Restaurant – Banq, Boston, by Office dA

Best Women's Fashion Collection – Yves Saint Laurent  
autumn/winter 2008

Furniture Designer of the Year – Patrick Norguet

Most Life-Enhancing Product – 'Bloomframe' window by  
Hofman Dujardin Architects for Hurks Geveltechniek