



## The International Highrise Award 2008

### Internationaler Hochhaus Preis 2008

#### The Award

In 2003, the City of Frankfurt am Main and the DekaBank jointly created the International Highrise Award. The International Highrise Award is financed by the DekaBank. The organisation of the award is being handled by Deutsches Architekturmuseum (DAM), which is an institution of the City of Frankfurt am Main.

As an idea, high-rises have been around since ancient times. From the building of the tower of Babel through to the present they have remained a fascinating symbol of mankind's technological and cultural achievements. The world over, high-rises are an indispensable and trailblazing element in urban planning. For developers, tall buildings have a strong representational status. For architects and engineers alike, they are a challenge to design innovative structures and designs.

The prize is being awarded by the City of Frankfurt am Main, which has a strong international image thanks to its renowned high-rise skyline, making it unique in Germany. Frankfurt am Main wishes to set a precedent with this prize and encourage architects, developers and investors to create high-rise buildings, which are tailored to the requirements of tomorrow.

The International Highrise Award is being bestowed for a building that stands out for its special aesthetics, pioneering design, integration into its urban context, sustainability, innovative technology and cost-effectiveness.

Financing for the International Highrise Award is being generously furnished by DekaBank. With its Deka Immobilien Investment GmbH investment company, DekaBank constitutes one of the largest international real-estate investors and providers of real-estate fund products.

#### Organisation of the award

1. The International Highrise Award will be bestowed every two years on a world-wide basis of nominations.
2. The International Highrise Award is bestowed jointly on the developer and the planner.
3. The International Highrise Award is bestowed in the form of a certificate. More over, the prize is accompanied by a monetary award of EUR 50,000 and a sculpture by renowned artist Thomas Demand, formed of thin slices of titanium with a height of 37 cm. The prize money is not to be divided. The jury is free to award up to four other recommendations of the prize, but these do not receive prize money. A maximum of five finalists will thus be defined.
4. The International Highrise Award is open to planners, planning groups and other legal entities directed by architects or engineers. The projects to participate in the competition are to be nominated by the jury and the DAM. The international high-rise database [emporis.com](http://emporis.com) is a consultant in this process.
5. Participants in the competition shall confirm on demand that the submitted project is their intellectual property. Documents handed in will not be returned, but become the property of the DAM.
6. Projects that have been nominated once may not be entered in the competition a second time.
7. Only high-rise buildings that are
  - 100 meters (328 foot) or more in height
  - and that have been completed after January 1, 2006and handed over to the owner/client before latest by April 1, 2008 will be accepted for participation in the competition. The nomination for the International Highrise Award starts in December 2006.

8. The jury consists of four internationally renowned architects / engineers / architectural critics as well as a representative of the DekaBank, the City of Frankfurt am Main and the DAM. A new jury will be assembled for each competition. The composition of the jury is decided on by the City of Frankfurt am Main together with DekaBank.

#### 9. Members of the 2008 jury:

- Alejandro Zaera Polo (jury chair) / Foreign Office Architects, London
- Layla Dawson / architect, author and critic, Hamburg
- Manfred Grohmann / Bollinger + Grohmann Ingenieure, Frankfurt am Main / Vienna
- Suzanne Stephens / Deputy Director, Architectural Record, New York
- Franz Lucien Mörsdorf / Head of Dekaimmobilien, Frankfurt am Main
- Felix Semmelroth, Cultural Mayor, City of Frankfurt am Main
- Peter Cachola Schmal / Director DAM, Frankfurt am Main

#### Substitutional members:

- Klaus Bollinger / Bollinger + Grohmann Ingenieure, Frankfurt am Main / Vienna
- Patricia Tratnik / Cultural Department, City of Frankfurt am Main

10. The jury will convene in June 2008. The finalists will be published soon thereafter, the winner will be made public in the prize winning ceremony.

11. The International Highrise Award prize-giving ceremony will be held on 14 November in the Paulskirche in Frankfurt.

12. In conjunction with the awards ceremony, an exhibition will be held from 15 November at DAM. A publication will also be produced coinciding with the exhibition.

#### 13. The office of the International Highrise Award is:

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