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iF DESIGN AWARD NIGHT 2024 in Berlin – one of the world's largest design events

- At the completely sold-out iF DESIGN AWARD NIGHT on 29 April 2024 at the Friedrichstadt-Palast in Berlin, almost 2,000 guests from 42 nations celebrated the winners of the iF DESIGN AWARD 2024.
- For the 70th time, top achievements from all relevant design disciplines from product, communication, packaging and service design, architecture and interior design to UI, UX and professional concept were honored.
- The 75 most outstanding designs will receive the coveted gold trophy, the iF DESIGN AWARD 2024 Gold.
- Premiere: The iF Design Trend Conference 2024 at AXICA Berlin.
- Launch of the new iF DESIGN AWARD Metaverse Experience "Landmark of Design Excellence".
- Dieter Rams accepts the first iF Design Lifetime Achievement Award.

The "Who's Who" of the international design scene met at the Friedrichstadt-Palast in Berlin on 29 April to celebrate the winners of the iF DESIGN AWARD 2024. The world's largest theatre stage provided the glamorous setting for honoring the best international design achievements – this is where the 75 most outstanding products and projects were honored with the highest iF award, the iF DESIGN AWARD 2024 Gold.

iF Design CEO Uwe Cremering presented the coveted iF Gold trophy together with copresenter Yasmine Blair – and the almost 2,000 guests from the design scene, business, politics and media from 42 nations celebrated the award winners.

With 10,800 entries from 72 countries, the iF DESIGN AWARD 2024 is one of the largest and most prestigious design competitions in the world. A group of 132 independent, international and diverse design experts awarded the coveted design label in a two-stage jury process. A total of 2,294 participants from 52 nations were honored with the iF DESIGN AWARD 2024.

Uwe Cremering, CEO of iF International Forum Design GmbH, is more than satisfied with this award year: "The internationality and the record number of entries for the iF DESIGN AWARD 2024 speak for themselves. We have incredibly great Gold Award winners from all disciplines this year. The fact that the iF DESIGN AWARD Gala and the Trend Conference held the following day are fully booked clearly shows us that our events are regarded and recognized as a global networking event. The presentation of the iF Special Award to design icon Dieter Rams was a particularly emotional moment on stage."

The iF DESIGN AWARD 2024 has been presented in these nine disciplines:

- Product design
- Packaging design
- Architecture
- User experience (UX)
- Professional concept

- Communication design
- Service design
- Interior architecture
- User interface (UI)

>> To the overview of the iF DESIGN AWARD 2024 winners

The iF Design Trend Conference 2024

The premiere of the iF Design Trend Conference with over 500 guests the day after the iF DESIGN AWARD NIGHT was also a complete success. The AXICA, located directly at the Brandenburg Gate and designed by star architect Frank O. Gehry, provided the perfect setting. Designers and industry experts learnt about global and interdisciplinary design trends and their significance for the future during specialist presentations and discussion panels. The four international expert speakers Giulia Frittoli from the Bjarke Ingels Group in Copenhagen spoke on the topic of "Social nature – designing cities for people and the planet", Nadine Clarke and Richard Trigg from Tangent in London provided information on "The green interface: Digital design with sustainability in mind", Ziyuan 'Zoey' Zhu from IDEO in San Francisco presented the topic "Humanising AI in design" and Anne-Liese Prem from tomorrow stories in Salzburg/Austria gave a talk on "The future of brand management in the metaverse".

Brand new: The iF DESIGN AWARD Metaverse Experience 2024

During the iF DESIGN AWARD NIGHT, Uwe Cremering pressed the start button for the brand new iF DESIGN AWARD Metaverse Experience "The Landmark of Design Excellence": Design enthusiasts around the world are now invited to explore the new virtual world at <u>ifdesignmetaverse.com</u> and discover the best design achievements that have won the iF DESIGN AWARD 2024. "We want to offer our international iF DESIGN AWARD winners a modern stage. With the Metaverse platform, we want to initiate discussions around the topic of design and create a new level for the design community to network and discover outstanding examples of good design. The aim is to create a virtual place full of inspiration," says Uwe.

Premiere: iF Design Lifetime Achievement Award

A special highlight this year was the presentation of the first iF Design Lifetime Achievement Award. This was presented by iF Design CEO Uwe Cremering to the German design icon Dieter Rams. Vice chairman of the Board of the iF Design Foundation, Professor Fritz Frenkler, gave the laudatory speech. Rams' work has influenced the most famous industrial designs we know. He inspired Apple's former design guru, pioneer and influencer of today's smartphone design – British designer Jonathan Ive. Rams' ten principles of good design are still the guiding principles for designers today when it comes to organizing their own thinking about what makes good design. Dieter Rams first entered the world of design as a carpenter, then started out as an architect and has held the copyright on minimalism as a product designer for decades. Over the years, numerous Braun products designed by him have been honored with the iF DESIGN AWARD.

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All iF DESIGN AWARD winning products and projects can be viewed online on the iF Design Website <u>www.ifdesign.com</u>. More than 55,000 products, projects and services that have received an iF DESIGN AWARD since 1954 are documented here. Under the menu item <u>BRANDS & CREATIVES</u>, more than 8,500 companies, studios, design organizations and design museums present themselves with their individual profiles.

About the iF DESIGN AWARD

Since 1954, the iF DESIGN AWARD has been a globally recognized trademark when it comes to excellent design. The iF Design brand is internationally established as a symbol for outstanding design achievements. The iF DESIGN AWARD is one of the most important design prizes in the world. It honors design achievements in all disciplines: product, packaging, communication and service design, architecture and interior design as well as user experience (UX), user interface (UI) and professional concept. All award-winning entries are presented on the iF Design website www.ifdesign.com.

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