

# Participate in the iF DESIGN AWARD 2026

The iF DESIGN AWARD is one of the world's most prestigious design awards. Organized from Germany since 1954, the iF label is a reliable sign of good design for consumers, brands and the design community.

International design experts meet to select award-winning designs, basing their decision on strictly neutral evaluation standards.

#### Who can participate?

From international to local, from start-ups to famous brands, from designers to architects, from entry level to premium – if you produce or create products, projects or services you are welcome to take part in the iF DESIGN AWARD.

#### 9 Disciplines

Product Design, Packaging Design, Branding & Communication Design, User Experience (UX), User Interface (UI), Service, System & Process Design, Architecture, Interior Architecture, Concepts

# 93 Categories There is a category for every project – for yours too!

Lighting, Branding, Bicycles, Apps, Building Technology, Food Packaging, Furniture, Websites, Transportation, Computer, Audio, Office Interiors, Telecommunication, Retail Architecture, ...

#### **iF DESIGN AWARD in 2025**

- 10,651 entries from 66 countries
- 131 jurors from 23 countries



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We see the iF DESIGN AWARD as one of the world's most important design platforms where leading brands, start-ups, designers and creators can challenge themselves, be inspired and stand out from the competition.

The iF DESIGN AWARD provides customers with orientation when making a purchase.



### **About**

#### **Truly independent**

Owned by the certified nonprofit iF Design Foundation, which promotes design and its social significance.

#### **Highest integrity**

Equal chances of winning for every participant. Independent design experts ensure a transparent and fair jury process.

#### **International and diverse**

Worldwide network of iF subsidiaries to support you.

# 5 reasons why an iF DESIGN AWARD is a smart investment

#### 1. A very limited invest

For the cost of a short ad campaign, you get a permanent quality seal that works globally. Studies have shown that more than 75% of consumers trust products with recognized awards (Bitkom, 2019). One-time fee for a lifelong position as an "award-winning project" & unlimited use of the iF label in all marketing and sales channels.

#### 2. Increased sales through trust

Get a lasting marketing boost like no other tool for the same budget. Awarded products sell up to 25% more, even in B2B markets and signal innovation, quality, and reliability (Simon-Kucher & Partners, 2018).

#### 3. Global exposure for a minimum bugdet

Global exposure for a fraction of a typical international campaign costs. Winning the iF DESIGN AWARD means automatic listing on **ifdesign.com** (1.5+ million visitors/ year) and visibility through trade press coverage in winners countries, including key markets like China, the USA, and Europe.

#### 4. Higher pricing power

The iF label makes higher prices possible and quickly pays for itself. Consumers pay more for products recognized for design excellence and justify premium prices — especially in competitive markets (McKinsey, 2018).

#### 5. Boost for existing marketing

The iF DESIGN AWARD maximizes the impact of what you already have. Trusted seals can increase buying intention and make all existing marketing materials like brochures, website, trade shows, POS more effective.



#### Good to know - Media Data iF Design

#### iF Website ifdesign.com

(period from April 2024 to April 2025)

- Visits: 1.9 million
- Page views: 4.6 million

#### iF Magazine – Articles from the world of design

■ Ø 56,400 visits

#### **iF Newsletter**

■ monthly 58,300 subscribers

#### iF Design on Social Media

(status Mai 2025)

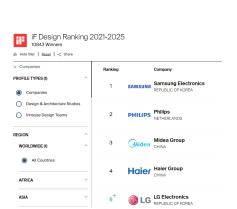
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- LinkedIn 57,200 Follower
- Facebook 41,100 Follower



### Winner Benefits: What's in it for me?

#### For you and your team

- Neutral validation of the design quality of your project.
- Your designers will be highlighted and awarded by a certificate.





#### For the global audience

- Your design is part of the iF Design Website and the international iF Winner Campaign.
- Improve your position in the international iF Design
   Ranking and use this as a competitive advantage for your company and design studio.

#### For your customers

- Use of the iF DESIGN AWARD logo as a seal of quality for the entire product life cycle as orientation for your customers.
- Communication of your design power on social media, website, PR, POS and on the product packaging.



## We trust in iF Design for decades:















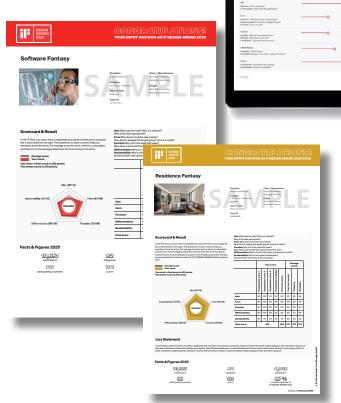




# How your project will be evaluated

The jury of the iF DESIGN AWARD 2026 will use criteria – Idea, Form, Function, Differentiation, Sustainability – developed with international design experts to evaluate the entries. Based on these criteria, the jurors will give scores for the individual aspects of each entry and provide the participants with informative feedback after each step with our official feedback chart.

Additionally we have established a Sustainability Working Group to help integrate core elements of environmental and social impact into the iF jury.



## **Transparent jury process**



All submissions



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**1. Jury Step** iF Online Preselection



TOP 50% Finalists





**2. Jury Step** iF Final Jury



Winners

### Fees and deadlines

Our fee model is simple and transparent. No hidden costs, no subscription models, no time limit on using the benefits. The fees enable us to deliver good service and powerful benefits to our participants. They also ensure the organization of a neutral and independent jury.

#### **Registration Fee**

Early bird deadline: 27 June 2025 Regular deadline: 26 Sept 2025 Late deadline: 5 Nov 2025 EUR 300 per entry EUR 400 per entry EUR 500 per entry

#### What you get

- Evaluation of your entry
- Detailed iF Jury Feedback Chart

#### **Jury Fee**

For all entries qualified for the iF Final Jury

EUR 300 per entry

#### What you get

- Second evaluation of your entry
- Points for the global iF Design Ranking
- Updated iF Jury Feedback Chart

#### **Winners Fee**

Product Design, Packaging Design For all other disciplines

EUR 3,300 per entry EUR 2,900 per entry

#### What you get

- Unlimited usage of iF DESIGN AWARD 2026 Logo
- iF Winner Certificate
- Presentation on ifdesign.com
- iF PR & Media service
- Points for the global iF Design Ranking
- Tickets for the iF DESIGN AWARD NIGHT 2026
- Priority access to the iF Design Trend Report 2026

## How to participate

Register your design for the iF DESIGN AWARD 2026: online, quick and easy.

- Create your free my iF account to get started.
- Enter your project's basic information in just two minutes.
- Follow our guidance, benefit from our personal service and become the next iF DESIGN AWARD winner.

Start now with your free my iF account here.



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