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HUGO FERREIRA + NUNO MELO SOUSA WIN 2023 BIGMAT GRAND PRIZE FOR SMALL-SCALE RESIDENTIAL ARCHITECTURE, AND ESTUDIO ACTA WINS 2023 BIGMAT GRAND PRIZE FOR ARCHITECTURE

Seville, November 17th, 2023

Casa no Tâmega, completed in 2020 by the Portuguese architects, and Lonja de pescado y ordenación zona sur del puerto de Roquetas de Mar (Almería), completed in 2022 by the Spanish studio, follow the Melopee School by Xaveer De Geyter, the Power Plant for the "FOZ TUA" DAM by Souto de Moura, the FRAC Nord-Pas de Calais art center by Lacaton&Vassal, the office building by Alberto Campo Baeza and the kitchen tower by Xaveer De Geyter as Grand Prize of the biannual award. The sixth edition of the **BigMat International Architecture Award** rewards European architecture with two Grand Prizes (30.000€), fourteen National Prizes (1.500€ each prize), and one Special Mention for Young Architects (1.500€ prize).



BigMat International Architecture Award'23 ceremony at Hacienda San Miguel de Montelirio, Seville ©BigMat

The awards ceremony took place on November 17th, at the **Hacienda San Miguel de Montelirio in Seville**, Spain, in the presence of the architects competing for the Grand Prizes, the members of the international panel of judges and the companies making up the BigMat Group. The selected 15 finalists were chosen from the initial selection of 111 participating teams of architects disclosed last July.

Out of a list of more than 1000 projects from 7 European countries (Belgium, Czech Republic, France, Italy, Slovakia, Portugal and Spain), the panel of judges chaired by **Jesús Aparicio** and comprising **David Van Severen** (Belgium), **Petr Janda** (Czech Republic + Slovakia), **Gilles Delalex** (France), **Enrico Molteni** (Italy), **Nuno Brandão Costa** (Portugal), **Ángela García de Paredes** (Spain), and award secretary **Jesús Donaire**, decided to give the **BigMat International Small-Scale Residential Architecture Award'23** to Casa no Tâmega in Marco de Canaveses, by Portuguese architects **Hugo Ferreira + Nuno Melo Sousa**, and the **BigMat International Architecture Award'23** to Lonja de pescado y ordenación zona sur del puerto de Roquetas de Mar in Almería, by Spanish architecture studio **Estudio ACTA**.

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Jesús Aparicio, Francisco Javier López and Ramón Pico (Estudio ACTA), and Fabrice Maud. BigMat International Architecture Award'23 Ceremony © BigMat

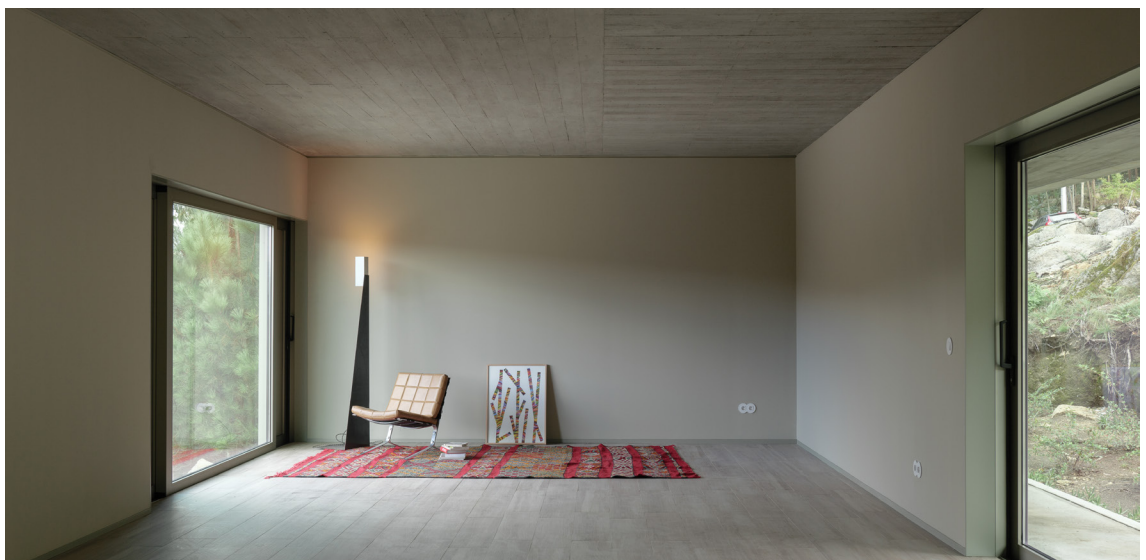


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The project by the small-scale residential architecture award-winning architect has “a simple order: a house with four bedrooms, living room, kitchen, swimming pool and a barbecue. The terrain was complex [...]. A concrete volume sculpted with fine and thick patterns hides the river, imposing its opaque horizontality. Open from the inside to each different dimension of a rugged topography: the river, the hill, the quarry. A concrete base made from local stone is a staircase and structural base – the support that divides the private and public spaces of the house [...]. Materiality is a return to this same place; the pieces that make up the facade: the stereotomy veins are Stone veins created on site, together with sand, water and mortar on pine wood boards [...].”



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The project by the architecture award-winning architect aims “to mediate between both worlds, greenhouses and boats. One of the goals of the project is to improve the Port-City relationship and for this the first decision is to free the area of old buildings to create new synergies with the city, grouping different uses in a single volume [...]. The building aims to be very open and receptive to outside gazes but at the same time controlled in its circulations [...]. At the constructive level, the building presents a triple ascending reading: the ground floor is made of reinforced concrete [...]. On the post-tensioned slab that covers it, rests the graceful and light upper floor, with metal structure boxes and light slabs. The whole is topped by the curved metal structure that supports the textile envelope [...]. For the city, the new building aims to be a tribute to the world of the sea in the soft curves, tension and texture of its envelope: sails, nets, ropes,... provide silhouettes, colors and even materials for the building. [...].”



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The whole of the winning projects are listed below:

**BigMat International Small-Scale Residential Architecture Award
Grand Prize'23 (30,000 euros)**

Casa no Tâmega in Marco de Canaveses, Portugal, by **Hugo Ferreira + Nuno Melo Sousa**



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BigMat National and Special Mention Small Scale Residential Architecture Prize in Slovakia'23 (1,500 euros)

Pernek Family House in Pernek, Slovakia, by **ksa _ studeny**



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BigMat National Prize Small-Scale Residential Architecture in Belgium'23 (1,500 euros)

jtB House in Blanden, Belgium, by **BLAF Architecten**



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BigMat National Prize Small-Scale Residential Architecture in the Czech Republic'23 (1,500 euros)

Suburban Villa in Prague, Czech Republic, by **Nacházel Architekti**



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BigMat National Prize Small-Scale Residential Architecture in France'23 (1,500 euros)

M26 in Toulouse, France, by **BAST**



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BigMat National Prize Small-Scale Residential Architecture in Italy'23 (1,500 euros)

Bivouac Fanton in Auronzo di Cadore, Italy, by **DEMOGO studio di architettura**



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BigMat National Prize Small-Scale Residential Architecture in Spain'23 (1,500 euros)

Ca na Catalina I en Joan in Mallorca, Spain, by **Ted'A arquitectes**



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BigMat National and Special Mention Architecture Prize in the Czech Republic'23 (1,500 euros)

PLATO Contemporary Art Gallery in Ostrava, Czech Republic, by **KWK Promes**



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BigMat National Prize Architecture in Belgium'23 (1,500 euros)

ECAM (Ecole Centrale des Arts et Métiers) in Bruxelles, Belgium, by **AgwA**



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BigMat National Prize Architecture in France'23 (1,500 euros)

Transformation of an office building into 52 apartments units (social housing) and RATP offices in Paris, France, by **DATA Architectes**



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BigMat National Prize Architecture in Italy'23 (1,500 euros)

Bicocca SUPERLAB in Milan, Italy, by **BALANCE ARCHITETTURA**



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BigMat National Prize Architecture in Portugal'23 (1,500 euros)
Azores Wine Company Winery in Ilha do Pico, Açores, Portugal, by
SAMI-arquitectos + DRDH-architects



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BigMat National Prize Architecture in Slovakia'23 (1,500 euros)
Jelšava Cabins in Jelšava, Slovakia, by **2021 Architekti**



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BigMat Special Mention Young Architect'23 (1,500 euros)

Underground Patio – Renovation of an ordinary house in Rovagnate, Italy, by **Stefano Larotonda**



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