

WAN AWARD 2015

Extract from the shortlist editorial

Extrait du rapport de jury

Auszug aus dem Jury-Bericht

[...] A project that was commended by the jury for its concept outside of the shortlist was Europaplatz Multipurpose Center | House of Religions by Bauart Architects and Planners Ltd in collaboration with Urban Office - Amsterdam. This entry brought about some lively discussion surrounding its idea of bringing together five different religions within a building for commercial, residential and office space. The jury were amazed at the rarity of this particular mix, having never seen this type of combination before. Grant Brooker, Senior Executive Partner at Foster and Partners said fervently, «You are unlikely to ever come across a multi-storey, residential and multi-chapel facility, it's an extraordinary mix. I have never seen anything like this tackled before». Teresa Borsuk, Senior Partner at Pollard Thomas Edwards supported this by saying, «It's very unusual and I think the idea is wonderful. The mix of uses is fantastic here. They seem to have purposely created this screen so that one religion does not have more importance than the other and that it unifies them.»

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