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## TZANNES' INTERNATIONAL HOUSE SYDNEY WINS PRESTIGIOUS 2017 ATHENAEUM & EUROPEAN CENTRE FOR DESIGN AWARD FOR INTERNATIONAL ARCHITECTURE



Australia's first engineered timber commercial building, International House Sydney, has received one of the world's most prestigious architecture awards for excellence in 2017. The International Architecture Awards, awarded by two leading design institutions The Chicago Athenaeum and The European Centre for Architecture, Art, Design and Urban Studies, celebrate the best architecture around the world. This is the sixth major international design award for Tzannes in the last two years.

International House Sydney explores a new form of beauty, one of unique and integral character, with outstanding green credentials. It expresses with aesthetic potency the fully exposed timber structure, stripped of additional layers of finishing materials.

Designed by Tzannes for Lendlease, it is a distinctive new element in Sydney's centre, establishing a warm and welcoming connection between the new precinct of Barangaroo and the historic heart of the city. Six above ground levels are constructed entirely from engineered or cross laminated timber, including floors, columns, walls, roof, lift shafts, egress stairs and bracing bays, supported by a single ground retail level of conventional concrete structure.

Tzannes' design turns the limitations of structural engineered mass timber and recycled hardwood to advantage, establishing a strong visual presence and legible load path through the building column and beam construction. The double height colonnade bracing columns made from recycled iron bark evoke memories of the forest origins of timber, these ancient trees respected in their new industrial use to further distinguish the architecture and its contribution to the design of the public domain.

Around 3,500 cubic metres of sustainably grown and recycled timber were used in construction. By not using concrete, thousands of tonnes of greenhouse gases were avoided.

International House Sydney is an exemplar of placemaking architecture that reduces negative environmental impacts in the built environment. It provides an ongoing store for carbon pointing towards the future of commercial building construction throughout the world.

Discover more about International House Sydney in this video- <https://vimeo.com/226106323>

Tzannes' Recent International Awards :

- 2017 Chicago Athenaeum International Architecture Award - International House Sydney
- 2016 UNESCO Heritage Award for New Design in Heritage Contexts - Irving Street Brewery
- 2016 Chicago Athenaeum International Architecture Award - Irving Street Brewery
- 2016 Red Dot Award: Product Design - City of Sydney Street Furniture
- 2016 Good Design Award: Furniture and Lighting - City of Sydney Street Furniture
- 2016 Good Design Award: Urban Design and Public Spaces - City of Sydney Street Furniture

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