

## ADAC AND VERANDA ANNOUNCE WINNERS FOR THE 2019 SOUTHEAST DESIGNERS AND ARCHITECT OF THE YEAR AWARDS

**ATLANTA** – Last night, Thursday, April 25, the 2019 Southeast Designers and Architect of the Year Awards were presented by ADAC and *VERANDA* to the region’s most innovative minds in the categories of residential design, contract design, and architecture. Judged by top industry professionals and narrowed down from 15 finalists, the awards were presented at a gala held at The Estate in Buckhead. The gala and announcement of this year’s winners bring ADAC’s annual spring market, DESIGN ADAC, to a triumphant close.

The 2019 Southeast Designers and Architect of the Year Winners include the following:

CATEGORY	FIRM
Architect	Summerour Architects   <i>Atlanta, GA</i>
Contract Design	Michael Habachy of Habachy Designs   <i>Atlanta, GA</i>
Residential Design	Karen Ferguson of Harrison Design   <i>Atlanta, GA</i>

“At this year’s DESIGN ADAC, we honored the legacy of past Southeast Designers and Architect of the Year Award winners with a commemorative display called The Winner’s Circle. It seems fitting to welcome these three incredibly talented winners to the circle,” said Katie Miner, General Manager of ADAC. “It’s inspiring to see the unique, beautiful work happening in the southeast, and continue to celebrate and recognize this sense of community.”



*(Left to Right: Summerour Architects, Habachy Designs, Harrison Design)*

Finalists and winners were selected by a panel of three esteemed judges including Editor in Chief of *VERANDA* **Steele Marcoux**; interior designer **Bunny Williams**; and architect **Roger Seifter** of Robert A.M. Stern Architects, each of whom brought an invaluable perspective on each category to the judging process. Remarks from the judges on each winner’s work included:

“I love the way this architect demonstrated a real mastery of materials, proportion, and scale. There’s a clear respect for the vernacular combined with some original thinking here,” said Steele Marcoux about Summerour Architects.

“This company in the contract category produced one of the most exciting interiors for an apartment building I have seen. Fresh and modern, but warm and rich with unique details and fabulous art, one wanted to linger – not just pass through,” said Bunny Williams on the work of Michael Habachy. “Each area was meticulously designed, combining simplicity and rich details at the same time.”

“The stylistic differences between these two projects highlight the designer’s skilled versatility; common to both, however, is a quietly elegant sense of scale and proportion that grows out of and enriches their surrounding architecture,” said Roger Seifter about Karen Ferguson.

**Additional photos of projects and interviews with the 2019 winners are available upon request.**

Built over 50 years ago by renowned architect and developer John Portman in the prestigious Buckhead community of Atlanta, ADAC is a community-focused, nationally-recognized leader in the world of interior design and home fashion, serving as the essential one-stop shopping resource for interior designers, architects, and builders. In November 2018, ADAC was acquired by International Market Centers (IMC), the world's largest operator of premier showroom space for the furnishings, home décor and gift industries. The ADAC campus consists of ADAC and ADAC WEST with more than 550,000 square feet with over 65 showrooms offering 1,200 of the industry's finest product lines including furniture, fabric, rugs, lighting, accessories, floor and wall coverings, antiques, fine art and framing, kitchens, bath, tile and stone, and home theater products. Likewise, ADAC's extensive services include custom designs such as framing, electronic systems, faux-finishing, and draperies. To learn more, visit [www.adacatlanta.com](http://www.adacatlanta.com). Follow along on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#), and [Instagram](#).

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