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ADAC & VERANDA ANNOUNCES WINNERS FOR THE 2020 SOUTHEAST DESIGNERS AND ARCHITECT OF THE YEAR AWARDS

ATLANTA – Last night, Thursday, Sept. 24, ADAC and VERANDA virtually presented the 2020 Southeast Designers and Architect of the Year Awards 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 18 finalists, the announcement of this year’s winners brings ADAC’s annual fall market, DISCOVER ADAC, to a celebratory close.

The 2020 Southeast Designers and Architect of the Year Winners include the following:

CATEGORY	FIRM
Architect	Summerour Architects <i>Atlanta, GA</i>
Contract Design	Blackberry Farm Design <i>Walland, TN</i>
Residential Design	Melanie Turner Interiors <i>Atlanta, GA</i>

“This year, we were honored to name 18 finalists from across the region. Each finalist beautifully showcased a broad range of design across the Southeast and our judges were certainly up for the challenge to narrow this incredible work down to our three winners,” said Katie Miner, general manager of ADAC. “This caliber of work is inspiring, and we are so thrilled to be able to name Summerour Architects, Blackberry Farm Design, and Melanie Turner Interiors as the winners.”



(Left to Right: Summerour Architects, Blackberry Farm Design, Melanie Turner Interiors)

Finalists and winners were selected by a panel of three esteemed judges including Editor in Chief of VERANDA **Steele Marcoux**, interior designer **Alessandra Branca** of Branca, and architect **Andrew Oyen** of Ferguson & Shamamian 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:

“This firm is not afraid of a challenge. They are able to create in a multitude of styles and settings. The ability for even the smallest of their projects to live grandly makes their work especially relevant during this particular point in time. Their solutions show an elevated level of complexity without overpowering the design,” said Alessandra Branca about Summerour Architects.

“It’s hard not to be impressed by the competence, timelessness of the work,” said Andrew Oyen on the work of Blackberry Farm Design.

“This work is tremendously beautiful. It feels at once historically sensitive and thoroughly modern – and the sophisticated design evokes a European sensibility yet feels right at home in a historic, southern city home,” said Steele Marcoux about Melanie Turner Interiors. “I also fell for the palette: Never before have neutrals felt so exciting, bringing such a range of emotion and style.”

Additional photos of projects and interviews with the 2020 winners are available upon request.

About Summerour Architects

Summerour Architects is a team of experienced design professionals led by Principal Keith Summerour. Raised in Alabama, trained at Auburn University, and enriched by wide travels throughout the United States, Europe, China, Japan and North Africa, Summerour has always endeavored to provide his clients with a work of art. Together they have delivered architecture of the highest quality for over twenty-seven years. The projects range from coast to coast, although the heart of their work is nestled in the Southeastern United States.

About Blackberry Farm Design

Inspired by years of requests and inquiries regarding Blackberry Farm's signature style, Blackberry Design grew naturally as yet another way to exceed guests' expectations. After beginning with on-property installations and occasional off-property design commissions by Blackberry Farm co-founder Kreis Beall, the firm has grown to include almost a dozen talented designers, project managers and experts. Although every interior project is different, all reflect the 'art of living' approach that makes Blackberry Design so distinctive.

These experts now add their own passions and skills with home furnishings, painting and lighting to Beall's extraordinary sense of style and vision for heartfelt homes. The result is a remarkably well-rounded team that delivers turn-key design in a wide range of styles and locations. From modern farmhouses to elegant coastal escapes, from custom furnishings to linens in closets, Blackberry Design coordinates every detail necessary to make clients' dreams of livable luxury a reality.

About Melanie Turner Interiors

Inspired by fashion and borrowing a palette from nature, Melanie Turner's curated interiors possess a timeless quality that celebrate architectural details and classic design. She is an advocate for not only surrounding yourself with beauty, but also living beautifully. Art and collections are signatures of her edited designs. Balance, scale, light and subtle color, or lack thereof, all factor into her residences, creating a timeless effect. Turner designs homes around the United States, many of which have been published in prestigious national magazines such as VERANDA, Traditional Home, and House Beautiful. Her firm has been awarded a Kitchen of the Year citation by Architectural Digest, and Turner has also twice been recognized as the Southeastern Designer of the Year honoree. Her book, "Inviting Interiors," with Rizzoli, will be released Spring 2021.

About ADAC

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. Follow along on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#), and [Instagram](#).

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