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Xavier Claramunt wins Contractworld 2007

Barcelona-based company has been awarded first prize for its Hotel Chic&Basic Born Project in Barcelona

The jury for the 2007 Contractworld awards has acknowledged the work the Barcelona-based company EQUIP Xavier Claramunt carried out on their Hotel ChicandBasic Born Project. The award was presented in Hannover last weekend in recognition of the project being "an outstanding example of how to deal with historic buildings in a way that is both bold and sensitive. The design vocabulary is both ultramodern and light of touch." The hotel is situated in Barcelona's Calle de la Princesa and features 31 rooms.

EQUIP was the only Spanish company to receive an award in this year's edition, where it competed with 480 teams of architects and designers from over 30 countries throughout the world. Hitting their seventh edition this year, the Contractworld Awards are amongst the most prestigious prizes in the architecture and interior design sector and serve to recognise the best projects in the industry every year.

The team

With offices in Barcelona and Hangzhou, EQUIP Xavier Claramunt is a multi-disciplinary architectural studio with three main lines of work - architecture and interior design, industrial design and jewellery. These three areas have recently been joined by a fourth, the Lab, a workshop where work is undertaken on projects or products before a specific client appears. Examples of projects include a space hotel prototype, the Galactic Suite, and initial studies for an underwater habitat, the Sea Suite.

Founded under the name ADD+Xavier Claramunt in Barcelona in 1990, the company is based in the Palo Alto Foundation complex, home to a number of architecture, image and design studios. It is currently undertaking projects for companies such as Hospes, Chic&Basic, BMW, Cosmic, Damm or Faces (Ferran Adrià). Its team comprises a group of thirty professionals with backgrounds in a variety of disciplines.

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