

## WINNERS ANNOUNCED FOR ADAC AND VERANDA'S 2018 SOUTHEAST DESIGNERS AND ARCHITECT OF THE YEAR AWARDS

**ATLANTA** – Last night, the 2018 Southeast Designers and Architect of the Year Awards were presented by ADAC and *VERANDA* to the region's most creative minds. Judged by top industry professionals, the awards were presented at a gala held at the Southeastern Designer Showhouse & Gardens in Buckhead. The announcement of the three winners, selected from 14 finalists, marked the culmination of three days of annual industry events known as DESIGN ADAC.

The 2018 Southeast Designers and Architect of the Year Winners include the following:

CATEGORY	FIRM
Architect	D. Stanley Dixon Architect   <i>Atlanta, GA</i>
Contract Design	Elizabeth Ingram Studio   <i>Atlanta, GA</i>
Residential Design	Robert Brown Interior Design   <i>Atlanta, GA</i>

"ADAC is fortunate enough to receive award submissions from amazingly talented firms every year," stated Katie Miner, ADAC's General Manager. "It's inspiring to see the innovative design work that's happening in the southeast, and to also celebrate and recognize this sense of community."



(Left to Right: Elizabeth Ingram Studio, D. Stanley Dixon Architect, Robert Brown Interior Design)

Finalists and winners were selected from nearly 100 entries by a panel of three esteemed judges including *VERANDA* Editor in Chief Clinton Smith; interior designer Victoria Hagan of Victoria Hagan Interiors; and architect Thomas Kligerman of Ike Kligerman Barkley, 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 was struck by our selection for Contract because of the wonderful, inviting characters of this restaurant: a tavern that I want to spend time in, tucked away on one of the sofas," said Thomas Kligerman on Elizabeth Ingram's project. "This is a space that you know won't echo every voice into an intolerable cacophony. The materials are all in harmony without feeling contrived – a place that could be anywhere but always says, "Welcome in." The designer has considered all the senses here: this project brings the traditional watering hole to a new level. Where's my invitation?"

"These winning projects honor the past, but are designed with 21<sup>st</sup>-century lifestyle in mind. Each home evokes a real sense of place – one embraces its surroundings; the other is reflective of its legacy. An unerring eye for scale, proportion and appropriateness is evident," said Clinton Smith commenting on the work of D. Stanley Dixon Architect.

"Beautifully detailed, beautifully proportioned and beautifully livable. My favorite kind of home!" Victoria Hagan explains the work of Robert Brown Interior Design.

**Additional photos of projects and interviews with the 2018 winners are available upon request.**

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