

Horizon Shade by Kris Lin Wins Gold in A' Architecture Awards

Motorized Architectural Shading System with a Seamless 20 Meter Single Panel Earns International Recognition

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/EINPresswire.com/ -- The A' [Design Award](#) has announced Horizon Shade by [Kris Lin](#) as a recipient of the Gold A' Design Award in the [Architecture, Building and Structure Design](#) category. The A' Design Award is one of the world's most prestigious and highly respected recognitions in the field of architecture and design, evaluating entries through a rigorous, blind peer-review process. This distinction acknowledges Horizon Shade as an outstanding example of good design within the architecture industry.

Conceived as a motorized shading system for large facades, the work redefines shading as an integral part of the architectural system rather than an independent product. The recognition reflects the considerable engineering and design effort invested in addressing structural stability at architectural scales.



Horizon Shade

The A' Architecture, Building and Structure Design Award holds relevance for the broader industry by drawing attention to solutions that combine technical performance with refined spatial experience. Horizon Shade responds to a growing demand for shading systems that operate reliably across ultra-wide spans while supporting daylight regulation and energy efficiency. By transforming a conventional curtain into a responsive system that adapts to environmental changes, the design aligns with contemporary architectural priorities. For architects, developers, and building occupants, the work offers practical benefits in daylight control, spatial quality, and long-term durability. Its scalable approach demonstrates how shading can function as a structural interface between facade, light, and outdoor space.

Horizon Shade features a seamless 20 meter single panel, integrating ultra-scale operation, full blackout performance, and intelligent control. The system is built using precision-extruded aluminum profiles and high-strength coil tubes that resist bending and maintain stability across large spans. Core innovations include an automatic balancing system, a combined rail-down structure, a zipper guide track, and a hidden anti-wrinkle shading mechanism. Outdoor-grade fabrics with Grade 8 colorfastness are paired with modular aluminum cassette systems to enable efficient production, stable installation, and lasting performance. These features distinguish Horizon Shade through its functional reliability and minimal, architecturally integrated expression.

The recognition of Horizon Shade through the Gold A' Design Award may inform future directions for Kris Lin and the studio, encouraging continued exploration of large-scale shading and facade integration. The project addressed significant challenges, including a system weight of approximately 600 kilograms and the coordination required for precise on-site assembly. By balancing engineering performance, construction feasibility, and architectural expression, the work establishes a foundation for further innovation. This achievement serves as motivation for the studio to pursue refined, scalable solutions for contemporary architecture.

Interested parties may learn more about Horizon Shade at the dedicated page on the A' Design Award website, where additional details about the design and its creators are available. The page offers further insight into the project's development, features, and engineering approach.

<https://competition.adesignaward.com/ada-winner-design.php?ID=183369>

About Kris Lin

Kris Lin is a designer from China who came to Shanghai in 2001 and established KLID Design Office, focusing on interior design for architecture. With extensive experience across architectural and interior disciplines, Kris Lin has developed a body of work that integrates structural thinking with spatial refinement. The approach emphasizes creative insight and purposeful design across a range of project types.

About Kris Lin International Design Studio

Founded in Taiwan and rooted in Shanghai for over 25 years, the studio has long served China's Top 100 real estate developers, with projects spanning first-tier and major cities nationwide. Specializing in an integrated, four-in-one design approach encompassing architecture, interior design, FF&E, and landscape, the practice is driven by strong original creativity to deliver landmark projects with lasting market influence and distinctive brand value. Co-founded and led by Kris Lin and Anda Yang, the studio follows the design philosophy of Innovation through Insight, Design with Purpose, pursuing a precise balance between creativity and practicality. To date, the studio has received 1,680 international design awards, reflecting its global recognition and professional standing. Design is regarded not only as a means of shaping space, but as a strategic tool for empowering clients to achieve maximum brand value.

About Kris Lin International Design Company

The design tenet of KLID is to look at the world with open and generous eyes to bring new and creative designing ideas. Established at first in Taipei, Kris Lin International Design provides services that include architecture design, interior design, decoration, construction, and landscape design, offered from a professional position supported by rich work experience. Having passed its first ten years since establishment in Shanghai, the company has designed for many internationally recognized enterprises and developers, and continues to attract elite talent to strengthen its practice. Its products include architecture and interior design for villas, model houses, sales centers, business spaces, and office spaces.

About the Gold A' Design Award Recognition

The Gold A' Design Award is granted to designs that demonstrate a high level of innovation and a notable impact on their intended audience. Within the Architecture, Building and Structure Design category, entries are evaluated against criteria including innovative use of space, structural integrity, aesthetic appeal, environmental impact, functional efficiency, material selection, technological integration, and resilience to weather, among others such as energy efficiency, use of natural light, spatial harmony, and integration with surroundings. Recognized as a significant achievement by the A' Design Awards, Gold recipients reflect considered approaches and the technical skill of their creators. These designs serve as benchmarks for excellence, encouraging further innovation and contributing meaningful value to the field. The recognition highlights work that advances the boundaries of design, science, and technology while addressing practical needs.

About A' Design Award

The A' Architecture, Building and Structure Design Award is a highly regarded competition that welcomes a wide range of participants, including architects, engineering firms, construction companies, and established brands across the architecture and design industries. Entries are assessed through a blind peer-review process by an expert jury panel comprising design professionals, architecture industry experts, journalists, and academics, who evaluate submissions against pre-established criteria. The ultimate aim of the A' Design Award is to recognize and promote superior products and projects that advance and benefit society, guided by a philanthropic mission to enhance the world through the power of good design. Organized since 2008 and now in its 18th year, the A' Design Award is an international and juried competition open to entries from all countries and across all industries, celebrating remarkable achievements on an international stage. Interested parties may learn more about the A' Design Awards, explore jury members, view past laureates, and take part with their projects at the following url: <https://architecture-awards.com>

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