Cicare 8 Ultralight Helicopter by Indalecio Sabbioni Wins Platinum A' Design Award

Two-Seater Ultralight Helicopter Recognized for Carbon Fiber Cabin, Panoramic Visibility, and Aeronautical Heritage



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COMO, CO, ITALY, September 22, 2026 /EINPresswire.com/ -- The A' Design Awards has announced Cicare 8 by Indalecio Sabbioni as a Platinum winner in the Aerospace and Aircraft Design category. This recognition places the ultralight helicopter among works acknowledged for notable contributions to aircraft design. The A' Design Award is one of the world's highly respected and well-recognized accolades in the field of aircraft design, evaluated through a rigorous and impartial process. The distinction underscores the merit of a project that brings together a six-decade aeronautical legacy with contemporary industrial precision. For Indalecio Sabbioni and the broader aerospace community, the honor reflects measured achievement grounded in engineering and design discipline.

The recognition carries relevance beyond the studio, signaling directions of value to manufacturers, operators, and pilots within the ultralight aircraft sector. Cicare 8 responds to growing market demand for side-by-side seating arrangements while maintaining structural integrity and lightness. By integrating carbon fiber construction with a steel space frame, the design aligns with current industry priorities concerning strength-to-weight optimization and certification compliance. Panoramic glazing and ergonomic cabin volumes address practical needs for visibility and comfort in professional and training contexts. These features illustrate how thoughtful design can advance both usability and safety standards.

Cicare 8 is a two-seater ultralight helicopter featuring a carbon fiber semi-monocoque cabin with an organic morphology inspired by feline facial features, where the window frames recall the alert eyes of a predator. This profile communicates agility and establishes a distinct identity rooted in the engineering heritage of Augusto Cicare. The structural configuration combines a composite cockpit with a spatial reticulated airframe of aeronautical SAE 4130 steel, while the tail boom employs aluminum 2024 T6 struts designed to withstand high maneuvering stresses. The exposed tubular tail maintains an honest structural aesthetic that emphasizes lightness, and the expanded glazing offers panoramic visibility of the skid tips. A patented adjustable control system further distinguishes the aircraft within its category.

The Platinum A' Design Award recognition may inform future directions for Cicare and Sentidosdesign, supporting continued exploration in light aircraft development and certification. The research behind Cicare 8, which integrated qualitative interviews, iterative prototyping, advanced 3D modeling, and flight testing, proved fundamental in securing global certifications and expanding international sales. This achievement may serve as motivation for the design team to pursue further innovation while honoring the artisanal foundations of the brand. The honor reflects a commitment to bridging tradition with modern technical rigor.

Interested parties may learn more about the award-winning design at the dedicated page on the A' Design Awards website.
https://competition.adesignaward.com/ada-winner-design.php?ID=180882

About Indalecio Sabbioni
Indalecio Sabbioni is an Argentine industrial designer and founder of Sentidosdesign, a studio specializing in complex product development. For over two decades, he has collaborated with the inventor Augusto "Pirincho" Cicare, a pioneer in global ultralight aviation. As Lead Designer for Cicare S.A., Sabbioni translates the founder's mechanical genius into usable and attractive aeronautical solutions. His work bridges a 60-year artisanal legacy with modern technical rigor, focusing on functional simplicity across the aeronautical, naval, and urban mobility sectors.

About Cicare
Cicare S.A. is a pioneering aeronautical company based in Saladillo, Argentina, dedicated to the research, development, and production of light helicopters. Founded by the self-taught inventor Augusto "Pirincho" Cicare, who built his first helicopter in 1958, the company holds a legacy of over 60 years in the aerospace industry. Cicare is recognized globally within the ultralight category, having developed more than 15 different aircraft models and innovative flight simulation systems. The institution operates the first series production plant for helicopters in Latin America, with a presence in over 75 countries across five continents, supported by numerous international patents. Key milestones include the first turbine-propelled helicopter in Latin America and the German LTF-ULH certification for the Cicare 8, the world's first 600kg class ULM type-certified helicopter.

About Sentidosdesign

Sentidosdesign is an award-winning Argentinian design studio specializing in advanced mobility, aircraft design, and minimalist product concepts, recognized as the designer behind Cicare helicopters. As the official design consultant for Cicare S.A., the studio led the complete cabin and aerodynamic exterior development for the Cicare 14 and the Cicare 8 Ultralight Helicopter. Founded by industrial designer Indalecio Sabbioni, Sentidosdesign operates at the vanguard of aircraft engineering, sustainable urban mobility, and advanced visualization. Beyond light aircraft design, the studio is committed to ecological urban transport through open-source bicycle development and sustainable architectural design. Its disciplines include industrial design and product development, aircraft design, sustainable urban mobility design and innovation, and 3D visualization.

About the Platinum A' Design Award Recognition
The Platinum A' Design Award is the highest distinction bestowed by the A' Design Awards, granted to works that demonstrate notable innovation and meaningful societal contribution. Recipients are selected through evaluation against established criteria including innovative use of materials, aerodynamic efficiency, cabin comfort and design, safety measures, integration of technology, environmental impact, aircraft performance, design aesthetics, use of space, passenger experience, and manufacturing process. The recognition acknowledges designs that exhibit strong technical properties, considered artistic skill, and creative qualities that advance the fields of art, science, design, and technology. Platinum-designated works are regarded as highly accomplished projects that contribute to the progress of their disciplines and to the quality of life. The distinction reflects both rigorous assessment and sustained design excellence.

About A' Design Award
The A' Aerospace and Aircraft Design Award is a respected competition open to a diverse range of participants, from aircraft designers and design agencies to companies and brands operating within the aerospace and aircraft industries. Entries are evaluated through a blind peer-review process and assessed against pre-established criteria by an expert jury panel comprising design professionals, aircraft industry experts, journalists, and academics. Organized since 2008 and now in its 18th year, the A' Design Award is an international, juried design competition held across all industries with participation open to entries from all countries. The ultimate aim of the A' Design Award is to recognize and promote superior products and projects that advance and benefit society, driven by a philanthropic mission to enhance the world through the power of good design. 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://aircraftdesignawards.com

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