**News Release**

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**FESPA Awards 2020 winners announced**

FESPA has announced the winners of this year’s FESPA Awards, its annual celebration of excellence in the global speciality print and visual communications community.

The Awards are open to print service providers (PSPs) and sign-makers looking to highlight outstanding projects. This year’s programme received entries from 27 countries across the 18 categories. The winners were announced during an online ceremony hosted by FESPA’s Technical Support Manager, Graeme Richardson-Locke, in lieu of the live Gala Awards event which would have taken place during this year’s Global Print Expo in Madrid.

The Gold winners in the 17 application-specific categories are:

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| Category | Company | Country |
| Display and POP on Paper and Board | Ability Diseño Gráfico, SL | Spain |
| Packaging on Paper and Board | Perfect Packaging | India |
| Display and POP on Plastic | Screenline | South Africa |
| Packaging on Plastics | TOPdesign Topolcany s.r.o. | Slovakia |
| Posters | GRAFISER,S.A | Spain |
| Serigraphy and Fine Art | Christian M. Walter – Taller de Serigrafía- Edición | Spain |
| Decals and Printed Labels | Classic Stripes PVT. LTD | India |
| Wrapping | Vermeulen & Vermeulen Reclame | Netherlands |
| Creative Special Effect - Paper, Board and Plastics | Sakawa Printing Co., Ltd. | Japan |
| Special Effect on T-Shirts, Garments and Other Textiles | Elixir Unlimited | India |
| Printed Garments | iMaika | Russia |
| Roll-to-roll Printed Textiles | The Look Company | Qatar |
| Glass, Ceramic, Metal and Wood Products | Schitterend.eu | Netherlands |
| Direct Printing on Three Dimensional Products | HAAS Die Werbemanufaktur | Switzerland |
| Non-printed Signage | HNS Signs | United Kingdom |
| Functional Printing | Protolab Electrotechnologies PVT. LTD | India |
| Printeriors | BOBO1325 | United Kingdom |

The categories ‘Packaging on Paper and Board’, ‘Packaging on Plastics’, ‘Wrapping’ and ‘Printeriors’ were new to this year’s Awards scheme, recognising four important growth applications for speciality print and signage businesses.

Among this year’s entries, the judges selected two to receive **Best in Show** Awards for truly outstanding examples of print. These are **Christian M. Walter – Taller de Serigrafía- Edición from Spain**, for the entry “New York de Sergio García Sánchez” in the Serigraphy and Fine Art category, and **The** **Look Company from Qatar** for its Roll-to-Roll Printed Textiles entry “Anoc World Beach Games”.

Members of the FESPA community selected the **People’s Choice Award** from the shortlisted entries, with **Sakawa Printing Company from** **Japan** taking this honour for its Japanese Fishes Calendar in the Creative Special Effect – Paper, Board and Plastics category.

New to the 2020 Awards is the **Judges’ Award for Innovation** which was handed to **HAAS Die Werbemanufaktur from Switzerland** for its 3D Printed Beer Bottle Breaks Through Glass entry in the Direct Printing on Three-Dimensional Products category. Graeme Richardson-Locke, FESPA Awards Judge, commented: “This entry was selected as winner of the Judges’ Award for Innovation for being a brilliantly executed and creative concept using a combination of 3D printing, vinyl wrapping and detail fabrication”.

Entries were also invited for the **Young Star** category, for junior print industry employees, trainees or students aged between 16 and 25. The 2020 Young Star winner is **PVG's Maharashtra Institute of Printing Technology in India** for their entry, “Save Tigers Before They are Silenced Forever”. “This student’s work shows ambition in reproduction and design, using four colour processes and special effect varnishes.” Graeme explains why this entry was awarded Gold.

Christian Duyckaerts, FESPA President comments: “Championing print excellence and promoting the unique power of print is central to FESPA’s mission. With the FESPA Awards, we want to inspire our global community to keep developing fresh ideas and using advances in technology and materials to add new dimensions to the work they produce for customers, as a foundation for continued growth. Judging this work is a privilege because it reminds us that print – in all its many forms and applications – is creative, beautiful and, above all, effective. We extend our congratulations to all our 2020 winners.”

For a full list of the FESPA Award winners and runners up, visit: [www.fespaawards.com](http://www.fespaawards.com).

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**About FESPA**

Founded in 1962, FESPA is a global federation of Associations for the screen printing, digital printing and textile printing community. FESPA’s dual aim is to promote screen printing and digital imaging and to share knowledge about screen and digital printing with its members across the world, helping them to grow their businesses and learn about the latest developments in their fast growing industries.

**FESPA Profit for Purpose**   
The shareholders are the industry. FESPA has invested millions of Euros into the global printing community over the last seven years, supporting the growth of the market. For more information visit [www.fespa.com](http://www.fespa.com)

**FESPA Print Census**

The FESPA Print Census is a global research project to understand the wide format, screen and digital print community. It is the largest data gathering project of its kind.

**Forthcoming FESPA events include:**

* FESPA Global Print Expo, 9 – 12 March 2021, RAI, Amsterdam, Netherlands
* European Sign Expo, 9 – 12 March 2021, RAI, Amsterdam, Netherlands
* Sportswear Pro, 9 – 12 March 2021, RAI, Amsterdam, Netherlands

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