

EQUIPHOTEL 2020

FOODSERVICE EQUIPMENT DESIGN AWARDS RULES by EquipHotel x FCSI France

Article 1 – Purpose

The Foodservice Equipment Design Awards by EquipHotel & FCSI France, held from 15 to 19 November 2020 by Reed Expositions France in partnership with FCSI, recognises the best-designed kitchen equipment in the hotel and catering sector. Said equipment shall be submitted to a panel of experts (jury) which shall select the winners.

Article 2 – Permitted entrants

Only companies listed as EquipHotel 2020 exhibitors (individually or on a group stand) and who have signed to pay the trade show registration fee, hold the relevant intellectual property rights and market under their own brand products, services or equipment exhibited at the EquipHotel trade show are permitted to take part in the Foodservice Equipment Design Awards by EquipHotel & FCSI France. Distributors may enter brands which they represent exclusively in France, or if the entry is submitted by the manufacturer.

Entry in the Foodservice Equipment Design Awards by EquipHotel & FCSI France is free.

Article 3 – Scope of the awards

Exhibitors may submit one or more entries (maximum of 6) in the following competition categories:

1. *Front Office*
2. *Back Office*

Each entry shall be automatically considered for the Judges' Choice award.

Article 4 – Admission conditions – Awards launch date

Only products launched or whose patent was filed after 1 January 2019 may be entered in the competition, except for special cases at the discretion of the Jury.

Article 5 – Entry documents

To enter the awards, exhibitors must complete the entry documents and send them to the address below. The following information is required:

- Product name
- Product category
- Target users
- Description in French and English
- Print photo (minimum 300 dpi)
- Photo
- Datasheet in French and English
- Name of designer (if applicable)
- Launch date

The deadline for award entries is 10 September 2020. EquipHotel reserves the right to modify the

competition closing date, in which case, it shall inform exhibitors.

Entrants shall bear in full all fees and costs associated with entering the awards, even in the event of cancellation or postponement of the competition. Reed Expositions France and its partner FCSI France may not be held liable for said fees and costs.

Article 6 – Entry conditions

Members of the Pre-selection Committee and the organiser may, after examination, exclude proposals that do not fall within the purpose of the competition, and remove entries that do not meet the required criteria (Article 7).

The experts and the organiser may also, at their discretion, decide to enter a proposal in an awards category other than the one initially chosen by the entrants.

The Pre-selection Committee and the organiser shall not be required to give reasons for their decisions.

Article 7 – Pre-selection criteria

Entries shall be pre-selected by the Pre-selection Committee in line with the following criteria:

Product/equipment/technology suited to the sector's needs, product packaging and design, sensory dimension. The opinion of this Pre-selection Committee is independent and final and its discussions are confidential.

Article 8 – Pre-selection Committee

Entries submitted to the Jury shall be subject to a pre-selection process by the Pre-selection Committee made up of professionals appointed for their reputation and technical expertise in restaurants, institutional catering, hotels and accommodation centres, and for their commitment to full independence with regard to the entries and users. These fields shall be represented in the Pre-selection Committee in line with a strict principle of parity, with one representative per field. Entries shall be examined by all members of the Pre-selection Committee.

Pre-selection Committee members shall then pre-select 6 products in each category (Article 3) for a total of 12 equipment items, which shall then be submitted to the Awards Jury.

The Awards Jury shall select the nominees and Judges' Choice award from these pre-selected entries, in line with the conditions set out in Article 10.

Article 9 – Confidentiality

Exhibitors are hereby informed and accept that any equipment they enter in the awards shall be published in some trade show communication tools (e.g. website), some of which will be published before the trade show opens. Exhibitors that wish to keep their equipment confidential before the trade show opens should not enter the Foodservice Equipment Design Awards.

The organisers may not be held liable in any way in this regard.

Article 10 – Prizes and announcement of results

The Awards Jury shall give each of the pre-selected entries a score, in order to determine the winner of each of the categories set out in Article 3.

The equipment with the highest score in each category shall be named winner of said category.

The Awards Jury shall also select the Judges' Choice award from the pre-selected innovations.

The results will be announced at the awards ceremony on 16 November 2020 at the FCSI France stand at EquipHotel, in Pavilion 7.2 of the Parc des Expositions, Porte de Versailles, Paris.

A prize will be awarded to each of the 3 winners during the awards ceremony on the FCSI stand at

EquipHotel.

The 3 winners shall have the right to use the Foodservice Equipment Design Awards label, but only for promoting their award-winning product.

Article 12 – Commitments of entrants

The entrants undertake to only provide information that is truthful and accurate, and in particular to avoid any omission or imprecision that could lead to an incorrect decision.

The entrants declare that they are the owners of the intellectual property rights associated with the product entered in the competition and/or the components of the product entered in the competition.

The entrants represent to the organisers of these awards that their product does not infringe on any third-party rights, or that they have obtained the necessary rights and authorisations from said third parties. Under no circumstances may the Jury be held liable for the accuracy of any information submitted. However, if it subsequently discovers a significant error in the information provided, deception (whether deliberate or not), or a proven irregularity, the Jury may officially and at any time withdraw a prize that has already been awarded and award it to another product entered. The awards have an international reach, and all equipment and products entered in the awards must comply with all relevant legislation. Any reference for sales or publicity purposes to a prize awarded in this competition must include its full title, the year it was awarded and the exact reference to the winning equipment or installation.

Article 13 – Communication

The entrants authorise Reed Expositions France and its partner FCSI France to publish their surname and first name, full contact details of their company, and the commercial description they provide for their product, as part of the information and communication related to the awards sent to the press and professionals; such use shall not give rise to any rights or remuneration of any nature. They authorise Reed Expositions France and its partner FCSI France to photograph their product free of charge and to reproduce these photographs free of charge in any sales documentation or publicity media.

Foodservice Equipment Design Awards entrants shall hold Reed Expositions France (the EquipHotel trade show) and its partner FCSI France harmless against any claims relating to the use of the photos and information submitted under these rules.

Article 14 - Modification or cancellation of the competition

The organiser shall remain free to cancel and/or modify the Awards without this giving rise to any compensation whatsoever for participants.

In the event of trade show cancellation or postponement or a low numbers of entries, the awards shall be cancelled as of right, and the organisers may not be held liable for said postponement and/or cancellation.

Article 15 - Application of the rules - Disputes – Acceptance of the rules

Entering this competition entails acceptance of these rules, without any entitlement to challenge their terms or results.

In the event of a dispute, entrants shall submit their claim to the organiser before initiating any legal action. Any action initiated within 15 days of said declaration shall be, by formal consent of the entrant, declared inadmissible. Any dispute shall be brought before the courts with jurisdiction over the organiser's registered office.