



HOSPITALITY Hotel of the Year

EMILIANO BY STUDIO ARTHUR CASAS



RIO DE JANEIRO – ‘Local’ is the word on everyone’s lips when it comes to today’s trail-blazing hospitality venues, so it’s no surprise that the winning hotel – Emiliano by Studio Arthur Casas with Oppenheim Architecture in Rio de Janeiro – plays to its Brazilian backdrop. What the jury described as a ‘strong Brazilian identity’ shines both outside and in, from the façade’s customized skinlike surface – a perforated motif that’s typical of the nation’s architecture – to an interior steeped in Brazilian modernism.

Jury members also complimented the ‘integration of architecture, interiors and furniture’. Studio Arthur Casas based Emiliano Hotel’s spaces on a work of art by Roberto Burle Marx that hangs in the lobby and furnished them with pieces by notable Brazilian designers from past and present; a Sergio Rodrigues sits alongside a Paola Lenti. Local materials – including cane, wood, white Paraná marble, granite and stone – complete the picture. – T1
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