REGULATIONS OF THE StonebyPORTUGAL AWARDS

EDITION 2025

A | NAME AND PURPOSE

The StonebyPORTUGAL AWARDS, hereinafter also referred to as the Awards, are granted by ASSIMAGRA - Portuguese Association of the Mineral Resources Industry, headquartered at Largo do Rossio, Edifício S. Pedro, Escritório nº5, 2480-314 Porto de Mós.

1. The main goal of the awards is to promote and enhance the use of Portuguese Stone in architecture and design, while also aiming to:

   a. Encourage cohesion within the Portuguese Stone industrial and commercial sector by fostering collaboration between architects, designers, and extraction and processing companies.

   b. Recognize outstanding professional careers and innovative projects.

   c. Highlight contributions to the national and international promotion of Portuguese Stone.

   d. Reward initiatives that demonstrate sustainability in the use of natural resources.

2. The awards are granted by a Jury, whose composition and criteria are outlined in these regulations.
3. The awards will be presented to the author(s) of the winning architectural projects in different categories, as well as to the extraction and/or processing companies that supplied the stone used in the winning works.
4. The StonebyPORTUGAL/ASSIMAGRA Career Award is intended to honor a distinguished professional in the sector whose work, ideas, and boldness have contributed to the national and international recognition of Portuguese Stone.
5. The Career Award is chosen by the ASSIMAGRA Board of Directors.

B | APPLICATION AND ELIGIBILITY

1. Applications may be submitted by:
   - Natural Stone sector companies
   - Architects / Designers
   - Architecture / Design firms
2. Eligible projects or products must:

- Make significant use of Portuguese Stone.
- Have been completed between 2015 and 2024.

3. Applications must be submitted digitally via the following form: https://forms.gle/xG2DytywKJJjQxNUA

   The following information is required:

   - General details of the applicant
   - General details about the project
   - Project description (maximum 2,000 characters)
   - Visual elements: up to 8 images (photos, renderings, plans, or technical drawings)
   - Additional documents: links to videos, publications, or other relevant materials (optional)

4. The organization may request additional information if deemed necessary. The response must be provided within 5 business days. Failure to respond may result in disqualification or affect the evaluation.
5. Upon submission, an "Acknowledgment of Receipt" will be sent via email.

C | CATEGORIES AND AWARDS

The StonebyPORTUGAL AWARDS are granted based on the information provided by applicants and the evaluation of the jury, following the categories below:

1. Architecture
   - Architectural projects that aesthetically, functionally, and constructively enhance Portuguese Stone.
2. Innovation
   - Projects that showcase technical, technological, or conceptual innovations in the application of Portuguese Stone.
3. Public Space
   - Interventions in public spaces that integrate Portuguese Stone harmoniously into urban or natural environments.
4. Product Design
   - Products or objects that incorporate Portuguese Stone, standing out for creativity, functionality, and innovation.
5. StonebyPORTUGAL/ASSIMAGRA Career Award
   - Honors a distinguished professional whose contributions have been fundamental to the recognition of Portuguese Stone nationally and internationally.

D | JURY

1. The Jury is composed of five members:
    - Four experts in the fields of architecture, design, and innovation.
    - One member of the ASSIMAGRA Board of Directors, who presides over the Jury.
2. The Jury President, responsible for convening and leading the jury's deliberations, will vote only in case of a tie.
3. Decisions are made by majority vote.
4. The jury evaluates applications based on the criteria matrix described in Section E, using the application formas a reference.
5. The jury determines the winners for the following categories:
    - Architecture
    - Public Space
    - Innovation
    - Product Design
6. The Career Award winner is chosen exclusively by the ASSIMAGRA Board of Directors.
7. In all omitted cases, the jury has the final decision.

E | EVALUATION CRITERIA

Each category is assessed based on the following criteria:

Architecture

- Use of Natural Stone: Integration of stone in the architectural project.
- Sustainability: Sustainable practices in material selection and use.
- Aesthetics and Innovation: Originality, aesthetic balance, and innovation in stone use.
- Functionality: Practicality and usability of the project.
- Context and Harmony: Integration with the surrounding environment and respect for cultural heritage.

Public Space

- Enhancement of Public Space: Contribution to public space improvement.
- Social Integration: Creation of inclusive and community-oriented areas.
- Durability and Maintenance: Suitability of stone for long-term resilience.
- Sustainability and Ecology: Eco-friendly solutions and responsible use of materials.
- Aesthetic and Cultural Impact: Transformation of space into a visual and cultural landmark.

Innovation

- Technology and Processes: Use of innovative stone processing technologies.
- New Applications: Unconventional uses of stone.
- Sustainable Solutions: Innovations promoting circular economy and low environmental impact.
- Distinctive Aesthetics: Creative approaches challenging traditional stone design.
- Feasibility and Scalability: Potential for widespread application.

Product Design

- Creativity in Design: Original and distinctive product conception.
- Functionality and Ergonomics: Balance between aesthetics and practical usability.
- Material Innovation: Exploration of new techniques and stone finishes.
- Sustainability: Design minimizing waste and promoting conscious use of resources.
- Quality and Execution: Attention to detail and superior finishing.

Scoring System

The jury scores each criterion from 1 to 10, where:

- 1 = Does Not Meet Criteria
- 10 = Fully Meets Criteria

The winner in each category is determined based on the highest overall score.

F | NOMINATIONS AND RESULTS

1. The jury will nominate up to four finalists per category.
2. Winners will be announced at the StonebyPORTUGAL Gala.
3. Award-winning authors will be notified in writing.
4. Results will be published on ASSIMAGRA's social media and website (www.assimagra.pt).

G | TIMELINE

1. Application deadline: March 31, 2025.
2. Winners announcement and award ceremony: October 17, 2025.

H | StonebyPORTUGAL GALA

1. ASSIMAGRA will organize an annual gala to present the winners.

I | DATA PROTECTION

1. By applying, participants consent to the processing of their personal data.
2. Participants may request data correction or deletion at any time by contacting: public.relations@assimagra.pt.

J | CONTACT INFORMATION

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