



COMPETITION RULES

Article 1. Organiser

Elite, founded in 1895 with its company headquarters in Aubonne (Switzerland), launches its international “Elite Design Awards“ which will reward the best creations on the theme « **Arts & Crafts** » as of **2024 September 1st**.

Elite wishes to support creation and to innovate through design by offering creative people the opportunity to reflect on the function of the bed as the centrepiece of everyday life. Aesthetics and design must be combined with comfort.

Article 2. Participation conditions

The “Elite Design Awards“ is open to any natural person belonging to one of the following categories :

- » Graduates from schools of design, architecture, interior design or engineering
- » Practitioners without qualifications, who can provide evidence of having worked in the areas of design, architecture or interior design
- » Graduates of schools of design, architecture, interior design or engineering
- » Any person wishing to innovate in bedding.

Participants may compete individually or in teams of maximum 2 persons. Teams may be interdisciplinary and comprise complementary profiles: product designer, architect, interior designer, engineer, graphic artist, etc.





Disqualification criterias :

- If the evaluation criteria, technical characteristics or constraints are not met.
- If more than one project is sent by team or individually.
- If the project contains more than 3 pages or less than 3 pages.
- If the team contains more than 2 persons.
- If multiple registrations.

Participants must declare that they are the authors of their project and that it has been presented as part of the “Elite Design Awards“ for the first time. Projects must be original and must not, to the knowledge of participants, have already appeared on the market or in the history of design.

Article 3. Registration procedure and submission of proposals

REGISTRATION FOR THE COMPETITION

Registration for the “Elite Design Award “ is open **from September 1st to November 1st 2024 at midnight** (00:00 UTC+2) exclusively via the registration form available on the website www.elitedesignawards.ch

To obtain a registration number, candidates must complete the registration form and provide 1 biography of approx. 300 words in English and/or French. Please refer to the biographies of previous winners.





SUBMISSION GUIDELINES

3 pages (A4 landscape) in PDF format (maximum 4 Mb) for the project presentation:

- » The first page should describe the overall concept through visuals and text outlining the uses, environment and experience offered (300 words maximum).
- » The second page should contain descriptive elements with 1 plan and 1 elevation, both dimensioned, the key detail or details, materials and colours used.
- » The third page should show the project design world via a moodboard.

All text contained in the file must be written in English. All pages must be anonymous, with only the registration number appearing in all documents in the bottom right.

ARTICLE 4. EXAMINATION OF SUBMISSIONS AND SELECTION BY THE JURY

When the projects have been submitted, **the jury will meet in January 2025** to select the prize winners.

Article 5. Prize-giving ceremony

The prizes will be awarded to the three winners in Milan, at a ceremony organised at the Elite Gallery Milan during the Design Week 2025.





Article 6. Schedule

- » **September 1st 2024** Opening of registrations
- » **November 1st 2024** Deadline for registrations
- » **December 16th 2024** Submitting projects using the personal link sent after your online registration (00:00 UTC+2)
- » **January 2025** Selection of the projects by the jury
- » **February 2025** Announcement of the 3 winners*
- » **7-13 April 2025** Presentation of the projects and awards ceremony at the Elite Gallery Milan during the Milan Design Week 2025.

The winners will be informed by email. Non-winning participants will be informed of the results **only via social networks.*

Article 7. The jury

The jury's decision is final. The jury is not required to justify its decisions and may decide not to award all prizes. Its decisions cannot be appealed.

Article 8. Selection criterias

Applications which do not comply with these regulations will not be considered. The jury will examine the submissions and assess the projects according to the following criterias:

- » Consistency with the positioning of the company (craftsmanship, luxury, well-being)
- » Quality of the presentation and narration (clarity)





- » Aesthetic merits of the project
- » Functional merits of the project (use and experience)
- » Technical and functional feasibility
- » Creativity and originality of the response to the competition theme and specifications

Article 9. Prize

The prize pool is distributed among the winners as follows :

- » 1st prize **5'000 CHF**
- » 2nd prize **3'000 CHF**
- » 3rd prize **2'000 CHF**

In case of a project submitted by a team, the prize will be given to the person designated by the candidates as candidate No. 1 on the registration form. This candidate will be responsible for sharing the award with his partner or pooling it with him.

Article 10. Anonymity

All proposals presented to the jury must be anonymous. All computer files will be handled by people other than members of the jury who will be responsible for checking the validity of the applications. Any mention of names or distinguishing features which appear when the project is presented to the jury may result in the disqualification of that application.





Article 11. Liability

Elite cannot be held liable for any delays, modification or cancellation of the “Elite Design Award” that occur for reasons beyond its control. It cannot be held liable for any event or case of force majeure which might prevent or impede access to the website. Insofar as participation in the “Elite Design Awards” is dependent on connection to the Internet, Elite cannot be held liable in the event of an Internet malfunction, bug, virus, or the intervention of an unauthorised third party which prevents the smooth running of the “Elite Design Awards”.

Article 12. Intellectual property right

Each participant retains ownership of their project and consequently of all related rights. It is their responsibility to best protect their designs, particularly by means of evidence of their date of creation and, where necessary, by applying for an industrial property right such as a patent or utility model. In this respect, Elite accepts no liability for any injury caused to the participant due to insufficient, irregular or invalid protection.

By registering, participants acknowledge :

- » That they themselves have created the project that they have submitted.
- » That no rights of third parties (particularly personality rights and copyright) will be violated by their publication by Elite SA, and that they release Elite SA from any liability in the event of third-party claims in this respect. Participants undertake to respond immediately to any third-party claims arising from any infringement of rights (particularly personality rights and copyright) and to bear all costs, including any compensation for damages, that might arise for Elite SA.





All participants whose application is selected for the awards acknowledge :

- » That Elite SA and its media partners are entitled to publish their project, name and image, on whatever medium, this competition, without this giving them any right to remuneration or benefit other than the prize which they may ultimately be awarded. In particular, they agree to their project being published in particular on Elite SA's official website and on social networks (such as Facebook, Instagram, etc.).

They authorise Elite SA and its media partners to use their names and images for this purpose.

Participants who are authors of the winning projects attest that:

- » In the event of nomination, they fully and exclusively assigns all their property rights to Elite SA, in particular their intellectual property rights, including those set out in Articles 10 and 11 al. 1 CopA (Swiss Federal Act on Copyright and Related Rights), with a view to potential commercialisation in return for the remuneration governed by this agreement. In particular, Elite SA have the right to make copies of the project, offer, transfer or otherwise distribute copies of the project to the public, sell them and modify them (including their name). The rights assigned to Elite SA may be exercised without any limit, in particular temporal and/or territorial. Following the transfer of all property rights to Elite SA, the Author cannot claim any partial rights (art. 16 al. 2 CopA).

Article 13. Royalties

- » In the event of nomination and commercialization of a project, the participant who is the author of the project is granted royalties amounting to 4% of the sales price set by Elite SA (excluding taxes, fabric, mattresses, delivery charges, and accessories), for each fully paid sale representing the Author's project, in return for the full and exclusive transfer of the property's rights thereto.





- » The right to royalties begins to take effect at the time of the first commercialisation and ends after 10 years. At the end of this period, all rights to the project are acquired by Elite SA without the possibility for the Author to claim any compensation for exercising them.
- » Elite SA reserves the right to set and change the sale price of the project at any time. Elite SA also reserves the right to suspend or stop commercialization of the project at any time.

Article 14. Applicable law and place of jurisdiction

These rules and any participation in the contest are subject to Swiss law exclusively. In case of dispute, the place of jurisdiction is in Lausanne, Switzerland.

