



# **PRESS RELEASE**

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The PBM Group is organizing the Stairs Design Awards competition for the 4<sup>th</sup> time, aimed at architecture students. Registration opens on Monday, October 7.

### Stairs Design Awards #4: Create the Staircase of Tomorrow

This competition invites architecture students to design a staircase with a strong identity, one that transcends its mere practical function to become a true centerpiece of architecture. The use of concrete must be at the heart of the project, although other materials can be incorporated. The staircase must stay true to its function, comply with accessibility standards, and be technically feasible.

#### **Participation Requirements**

This competition is free and open to all students enrolled in architecture schools in France, Belgium, Switzerland, Luxembourg, or Spain for the 2024-2025 academic year. Candidates may participate individually or in teams. All registration details are available on the competition's dedicated website:

www.pbm-stairsdesignawards.fr

### **Key Dates**

**Registration:** October 7, 2024, to January 31, 2025 **Deadline for project submission:** March 11, 2025

Announcement of the 9 finalist projects: March 31, 2025

Public voting: From April 2 to April 30, 2025, the public is invited to vote for their favorite projects

Awards ceremony: May 15, 2025, at the Palais de la Bourse, Lyon

#### **Prizes**

The winners are determined by a jury composed of architects, educators, and the management of the PBM Group. They will receive the following amounts:

Premium Award: €5,000 Renovation Award: €5,000

Individual Housing Award: €5,000

Public Award: €2,500

## **About PBM**

The PBM Group is a French company specializing in the prefabrication of concrete elements for construction. As the Europeanleaderinprefabricated concrete staircases, its mission is to sustainably meet the growing demand for prefabricated concrete products and solutions through innovation. To fulfill this mission, the PBM Group employs over 600 employees across 8 production sites in Europe.

# Some Figures...

- > 1978: Birth of the PBM Group
- > 8 production sites in France
- > Over 600 employees
- > 3 integrated design offices
- > €125 million in revenue