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Slide show of finalists:

<http://tinyurl.com/RDA-2017-Finalists>

AIALA Announces Finalists for 2017 AIALA Restaurant Design Awards People's Choice Awards Voting Opens

Tuesday, June 6, 2017 (Los Angeles)—Pull a chair up to the table, design fans and foodies, the American Institute of Architects Los Angeles chapter (AIALA) is delighted to announce that the finalists for the 2017 Restaurant Design Awards (RDAs) have been selected by a jury and voting for the 2017 Restaurant Design Awards People's Choice Awards is officially open.

The public is invited to pick their fave in each of the following three categories: restaurants, cafes and bars, lounge and nightclubs—no reservations required. But last call is 12:00pm, noon, on Tuesday, June 20, 2017, when voting closes. To vote in the 2017 People's Choice Awards, cut and paste this url:

<http://tinyurl.com/AIALA-RDA-Peoples-Choice-2017>

The 2017 RDA People's Choice Award Winners will be announced at an awards ceremony on Friday, June 23, 2017, at Dwell on Design, in Los Angeles, California, along with the 2017 Restaurant Design Award winners the jury selected from the finalist pool they chose for People's Choice.

Composed of an architect, restaurateur and design writer, the jury featured varying points of view, but each juror holds extensive direct, or critical experience, evaluating restaurant design. They are: writer Lisa Boone, *Los Angeles Times*; architect Aaron Neubert, AIA, Founder and Principal Architect ANX / Aaron Neubert Architects; restaurateur Caroline Styne, Restaurateur and co-owner of The Lucques Group (Lucques, a.o.c, Tavern, The Larders, Larder Baking Company and operators of Food + Wine at the Hollywood Bowl).

Together the group selected eleven tasty projects from across the country for the public to vote on. (5 in the Restaurant category, 4 in the Café/Bar category, and 2 in the Lounge/Nightclub category).

Now in its, thirteenth year, the AIALA RDAs have served as a launching point for talented new designers who have subsequently establish themselves as innovative succesful designers in the typology. Alexis Readinger, Assoc. AIA, of **Preen, Inc.** and **Design, Bitches**, Catherine Johnson, AIA, and Rebecca Rudolph, AIA, are RDA alumni as winners. RDA recipients have also included well-established architects realizing prestigious and popular restaurants locally, nationally, and abroad such as **Richard Meier & Partners Architects**, **Montalba Architects** and **Belzberg Architects**.

The 2017 AIALA Restaurant Design Awards Finalists are:

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Restaurant Category

- **Cassia**, Santa Monica, CA. Designed by: Montalba Architects, Inc. Photo: John Linde
- **Felix Trattoria**, Venice, CA. Designed by: Wendy Haworth Design Studio.
Photo: Wonho Frank Lee
- **Little Octopus**, Nashville, TN. Designed by: Design, Bitches.
Photo: Lisa Dilow & Nashville Guru
- **Salazar**, Los Angeles, CA. Designed by: Project M Plus. Photo: Darcy Hemley
- **Wolfdown**, Silver Lake, CA. Designed by: Studio Mai. Photo: Joanne Kim

Cafe/Bars Category

- **Beer Belly**, Long Beach, CA. Designed by: MAKE Architecture. Photo: Monika M. Armstrong
- **Little Ground Café**, Los Angeles, CA. Designed by: WORD. Photo: Christopher Warren
- **Loqui Taco**, Culver City, CA. Designed by: Abramson Teiger Architects. Photo: Benny Chan
- **Pizzana**, Los Angeles, CA. Designed by: a l m project, inc. Photo: Trevor Dixon

Lounge/Nightclub Category

- **Avenue LA**, Los Angeles, CA, Designed by: Rockwell Group Photo: Warren Jagger / Alen Lin
- **Break Room 86**, Los Angeles, CA Designed by: Houston Hospitality. Photo: Dylan & Jeni

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