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 TILES PAIN AWARDS
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ASCER Tile of Spain Awards

The panel of judges for the Tile of Spain Awards for Architecture and Interior Design, chaired by architect **Manuel Gallego**, met on **November 20, 2013** in **Castellón** to decide the winners of the twelfth edition of these awards. An urban intervention using ceramic tiles designed to enhance a public space, and an impeccable single family home were the winning projects.

The judges decided to award first prize in the architecture category to the project entitled "**Remodeling Work on riera de la Salut**" by **Pol Femenias Urena**. They particularly valued the solution for a large scale intervention through the repetition and arrangement of small ceramic tiles that successfully create urban elements such as latticework or walls.

First prize in the interior design category went to the project entitled "**Casa Luz**" by the **Arquitectura-G studio**. In this case the judges particularly liked the idea of inserting a new interior inside an existing building, creating an elegant architectural solution for the house.

Full details of the awards can be found at www.tileofspainawards.com

Southeast Asia: Evolution of the Cement Market

Southeast Asia is amongst the fastest growing regions in the world today. According to the latest 2012–13 GDP growth projections by IMF, the five largest Southeast Asian economies are expected to be the fastest growing region in the world – right behind China and India. Pro-market governments, thriving manufacturing sectors, ample natural resources and competitive wage levels are some of the factors that are contributing to this growth story.

The Southeast Asian cement market can be categorised under three distinct clusters, namely: the large producers (Indonesia, Thailand and Vietnam), the midsized producers (Malaysia and Philippines), and the rest (Singapore, Cambodia, Laos, Myanmar, Brunei and East Timor). Together, Indonesia, Vietnam and Thailand account for about three quarters of the total cement consumption in Southeast Asia. They are mostly self-reliant, with production from these countries accounting for more than 80 % of the total cement production in the region. Surplus production is exported to various regions such as other countries in Southeast Asia, Africa and South Asia. Thailand accounts for the maximum cement exports in this region and is a top three cement exporter in the world.

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