CARPANELLI AWARD

CARPANELLI AWARD ANNOUNCEMENT "A NEW TOUCH OF ELEGANCE"

100 YEARS OF CRAFTSMANSHIP AT THE SERVICE OF CONTEMPORARY DESIGN

Art. 1 – **SUBJECT OF THE COMPETITION**
CARPANELLI, a furniture company with over 100 years of history devoted to high-end cabinetmaking, is promoting the Carpanelli Award "A NEW TOUCH OF ELEGANCE" as part of the 9th edition of the IDEAS4WOOD Design Contest 2026/2027.

Each individual project must be conceived for a modern home, where spaces are no longer rigidly separated but are instead organized into fluid functional areas that interact and communicate with one another.

The project must be designed for the following areas:

- **For the LIVING AREA** – the heart of the modern home, designed for welcoming, relaxing, and entertaining. The project must feature an **ICON TABLE** as its main element.

- **For the STUDY AREA** – conceived as a discreet workspace within the modern home, seamlessly integrated with the LIVING AREA. The project must feature a **DESK / WRITING DESK** as its main element.

The furniture pieces to be designed must:

- Be inspired by the mood of our collection **"A New Touch of Elegance"** https://carpanelli.com/en/a-new-touch-of-elegance/
- Pay special attention to:
  - a research-based approach that reflects current trends in the interior and furniture design sector (***A New Touch***)
  - a contemporary vision of elegance, understood as the use of high-quality, eco-sustainable materials, meticulous attention to detail, and refined craftsmanship (***of Elegance***).

The following points shall be well considered:
-Research into current trends and an original interpretation of the Contest theme, with proposals that convey a concept of understated elegance;
-Wood as an identity and defining element, highlighting its finest and most precious wood species as the protagonist material;
-A design project expressing material depth and craftmanship, offering an authentic interpretation of High-End Cabinetmaking techniques, expressed through distinctive details that serve as an immediate aesthetic statement;
-Research into combinations with natural materials such as leather, hide, fabric, marble, metal, as well as innovative and eco-sustainable materials, conveying a contemporary interpretation of luxury;

-For the design process, participants may use Artificial Intelligence (AI) as a tool to support human creativity. For projects developed with the assistance of AI systems, participants are required to disclose the use of AI and specify the system(s) employed.

The submitted solutions shall be **original** and **unpublished** and aimed to enhance the **company's DNA**.

Art. 2 – **Terms of Participation in the Competition**
The participation in the competition is open to:
• Professionals Category: all Italian and foreign designers (a specific qualification or diploma/degree is not required) regardless of age. All those who, on the date of the registration to the competition, are not enrolled in Schools, Institutes or Academies and work in the field of design, interior design or industrial design must be considered in the Professionals category.
• Students Category: all Italian and foreign students of the Universities of Design, Architecture and Engineering, Design Schools and Institutes and Fine Arts Academies.
For both categories, it is allowed to participate as individual or in a group. In the case of group participation, it will be necessary to appoint a group leader, who will be the sole responsible and contact person for the project. Each participant of the group will be asked to fill in the Annex A - Carpanelli Award with personal data, signature of explicit acceptance of the Announcement, indication of the members of the group and name of the group leader. If a group includes both students and professionals, the group will fall into the Professionals Category. Each participant, as individual as well as group, is permitted to submit up to a maximum of 2 projects. Upon free registration, participants accept unconditionally the terms of this competition contained herein. If the terms are not, in whole or in part, respected, the design and the participants may be disqualified. The members of the Jury, their relatives, the employees of Carpanelli Srl and their relatives may not take part. Participants should periodically visit the website www.i4w.it and the Facebook page www.facebook.com/ideasxwood to check for any further notifications relevant to the procedure.

Art. 3 – **Application of Participation**
The application of participation in the competition, both for individual participants and for each member of a group, must be made as follows:
1) filling in Annex A – Carpanelli Award in all its parts
2) uploading Annex A to the personal page of the Reserved Area. In the case of Groups, the Group Leader enters the names and uploads Annex A of each member to its personal page.

Art. 4 – **Official Languages**
The languages admitted for the application of participation and the project descriptions are Italian and English.

Art. 5 – **Required Documents**
Each participant of the contest, as individual as well as group, can upload up to a maximum of 2 projects to the Reserved Area of the website www.i4w.it (Carpanelli Award). For Groups, the project must be uploaded to the personal page of the Group Leader. No personal data and signature should appear in clear text on the projects, under penalty of disqualification from the competition. All the technical tables belonging to a project must be anonymous. Each project must include a maximum of 4 pages.

Each uploaded project must be in a dedicated .zip folder, named with the USER CODE and must include:
- GRAPHIC DESIGN: consisting of a maximum of 4 A3-format pages in horizontal orientation (42 x 29,7 cm), as .pdf files, indicatively including: - Tab. 1: general overview, reference scenarios and methods of use, mood board, general concept of the design in its intended use and sources of inspiration, texts; - Tab. 2: technical drawings: drawings of the panels, details, sections, exploded views, construction drawings and significant details relating the chosen materials; - Tab. 3-4: design of the object, rendering, photo, preview

image of the project summarizing its main features. The tables must be combined into a single .pdf file named “tables_title of the project” (maximum file size 10 Mb).

Art. 6 – **Open Day and Webinar**
To let experience its working activities, Carpanelli will organize one or more Open Days or Webinars - on dates to be defined, which will be communicated by email to the already registered participants and announced on the website www.i4w.it - open to all the participants who want to have a training session on the company, its production and strategies. On these occasions it will be possible to ask for more information aimed at the development of the projects.

Art. 7 – **Delivery Deadline and Award Ceremony**
Projects must be uploaded online, no later than 12:00 p.m. (noon, Italian time) on June 4, 2027, in the dedicated section Reserved Area / Carpanelli Award of the website www.i4w.it
The Jury evaluation is scheduled to take place in June, while the Final Award Ceremony will be held in July.

Art. 8 – **Jury**
The Jury is chaired by Architect Silvia Piardi and composed of architects, journalists and members of the Associations of the wood-furniture sector. The Jury will carefully evaluate only the entries complying with the terms of this competition Announcement as indicated in Article 1. The judgements of the Jury will be unquestionable and unappealable.

Art. 9 – **Information and Publication of the Results**
The finalists of the competition will be officially published on the website www.i4w.it immediately after the Jury’s deliberation. Carpanelli srl has the right to present the initiative to the press and to communicate the results of the competition during a dedicated event, for which information will be provided in due course on the website www.i4w.it and on the Facebook page of the Contest.
All participants authorize the company upon acceptance of this Announcement to show their designs during public exhibitions and events and to publish them on a catalog and on paper and online media; for this nothing will be due apart from the obligation to quote the author. The company will not be in any case responsible for the theft or loss of the works.

Art. 10 – **Prizes**
PROFESSIONALS Category- Carpanelli Award: 1° prize € 3.000,00
STUDENTS Category- Carpanelli Award: 1° prize € 2.000,00
Special Mentions will also be recognized at the discretion of the Jury.
Carpanelli reserves the right to produce prototypes of the projects of the competition, to eventually put them into production, include them in the Carpanelli Collections and present them during Milano Design Week.

Art. 11 – **Rights and Ownership of the presented works**
The authors will maintain the ownership of the presented works. The authors will grant the company the option to use the winning and mentioned projects for the duration of two year from the date of the Jury’s deliberation. Within this period the company will evaluate whether to put them into production and, in this case, the relationship with the designer will be regulated by a separated and specific contract between him and Carpanelli srl. The company also undertakes not to modify in any way the presented works without the approval and authorization of the designer.

Art. 12 – **Acceptance of the Competition Announcement**
Participation in the Competition presupposes the total acceptance of this Announcement. In accordance with articles 13 and 15 of the GDPR 2016/679, the acquired personal data will be used solely for the purposes of this announcement and of the related reports. The parties are granted the right to access their data, to request correction, integration and any other right therein. Responsible for the data processing is Tabu Spa - Cantù.

Art. 13 – **Jurisdictional Protection**
The Milan Court is competent to deal for any controversy concerning this announcement and the acts related and connected to the procedure of the Competition.

For further information, technical assistance or clarifications contact: i4w@carpanelli.com - Tel +39 0362 620261 - asking for the Competition Secretariat.

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