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SHORTLIST

AI Explorer Award

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FINALISTS

- Changan Global Design Center, AI Explorer Team
- SAIC Design, AI Innovation Team
- Manthan Desai
- Sampad Chaulia
- Moin Khan, SPD
- Santiago Sanchez Peña
- Nikita Zatonskiy, Umeå Institute of Design

Best CMF Team Award

SPONSORED BY UE Studios

FINALISTS

- Amble & Forpeople, Design Teams
- McLaren Automotive, CMF Team
- Audi Design, CME Nuvolari Team
- Range Rover, Bespoke Materiality Team
- Bentley, CMF & Bespoke Team
- Slate Auto, Design Team
- Citroën, CMF Design Team
- Stellantis North America, Advanced Color and Materials Team
- Kia, CMF Design Team
- Xpeng, CMF Design Team
- Mazda Design Europe, CMF Team



Most Sustainable Team Award

SPONSORED BY Bridge of Weir Leather

FINALISTS

- Forvia, CMF Global Design Team
- Italdesign, Sustainable Tech Team
- JLR, Circularity Lab
- Kia CMF Design, Hyundai Motor Company
- Maruti Suzuki India, CMF Design Team
- Rivian, CMF Design Studio
- Slate Auto Design Team
- Surventis, Global Design Team

Best Clay Modelling Team Award

FINALISTS

- Bentley, Design Modelling Team
- Changan Global Design Center, Clay Modelling Team
- Changan Turin, Clay Modelling Team Deepal
- Rivian, Clay Modeling Team
- SAIC Design, Clay Modelling Team



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Best Digital Modelling Team Award

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FINALISTS

- Bentley, Digital Surfacing Team
- Changan Global Design Center, Digital Modelling Team
- Christopher Gould, Avant Design
- Hyundai Motor Company, Design Digital Solution Team
- JLR, Digital Modelling Team
- Kia, Digital Design Team
- Rivian, Digital Surfacing Team
- SAIC Design, Digital Team

Best Lighting Design Team Award

SPONSORED BY Swarovski Mobility

FINALISTS

- Audi, Design Light Team E7X
- Changan Global Design Center, Lighting Design Team
- Hyundai Motor Company, China Lighting Design Team
- Hyundai Motor Europe Technical Center GmbH, Lighting Design Team
- Kia Next Design Exterior Group, Lighting Design Team
- Mind, Product Innovation Department
- Škoda Auto, Lighting Design Team



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Beyond Automotive Design Team Award

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FINALISTS

- Caltty Design Teams
- Hyundai Motor Company, Commercial Vehicle Advanced Design Team
- Hyundai Motor Company, Genesis Future Design Team
- Hyundai Motor Europe Technical Center, Design Team
- Mahindra, Global Design Team
- Mitsubishi Fuso Truck & Bus Corporation, Transformation Office, Advanced Design Team
- Royal College of Art, PaceDriven Design Team
- Slate Auto Design Team
- Tata Elxsi, Industrial Design Team

Challenging the Industry Award

FINALISTS

- Amble & Forpeople Design Teams
- Bridge of Weir Leather, Innovation Team
- Forvia, Global Industrial Design Team
- Hyundai Design Europe Team
- Khalil Design & OQTA Motors
- Kia Next Design, Exterior Team
- Longbow Motors & Avant Design
- Scott Rafferty, Pyre Labs
- Slate Auto, Design Team
- Stellantis, Citroën Design Team



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Design Educator OTY Award

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FINALISTS

- Hojoon Kang, College for Creative Studies
- John Krsteski, Genesis Design & ArtCenter College
- Kurt Beyer, Pforzheim University
- Mark Trostle, Stellantis
- Raphael Zammit, College for Creative Studies
- Richard Gilmartin, University of Staffordshire
- Thomas Dal, Strate School of Design Bangalore
- Vibhor Sharma, University of Wales Trinity Saint David

Best Supplier Award

FINALISTS

- DS Group, Design & Solutions
- Esiste Design Studio
- Harman Automotive Design Team
- KO'LAB Industrial Design & Research
- Ultrafabrics Product Development & Automotive Teams



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Undiscovered Talent Award

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- Ethan Meekin, University of Staffordshire
- Helena Wan, China Academy of Art
- Jakub Szewczyk, Umeå Institute of Design
- Konstantin Sorge, Pforzheim University
- Lilla Csetai, University of Staffordshire
- Manthan Desai
- Nigel Müller, Pforzheim University
- Vaibhav Kashyap
- Valentin Gatto, Avatar Mobilité
- Yishun Dai, Umeå Institute of Design

Best Studio Engineering Team Award

FINALISTS

- Bentley, Studio Engineering Team
- Changan Global Design Center, Studio Engineering Team
- Hyundai Motor Company, Design Engineering Team
- JAS Motorsport S.r.l., Design Team
- JLR, Studio Engineering Team
- Kia, Design Engineering Team
- Pagani Automobili, Grandi Complicazioni Team



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Best Exterior Design Team Award

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- Audi Design, Exterior Team Nuvolari
- Bentley, Exterior Design Team
- Citroën, Exterior Design Team
- Hyundai America Technical Center Inc, Exterior Team
- Hyundai Design China, Exterior Design Team
- Hyundai Europe Design, Exterior Team
- Pininfarina, Exterior Design Team
- Kia Next Design, Exterior Team
- Mazda Design Europe, Exterior Team
- McLaren Automotive, Exterior Design Team
- Rivian, Exterior Design Team
- Slate Auto, Design Team

Best Interior Design Team Award

SPONSORED BY Ultrafabrics

FINALISTS

- Audi Design, Interior Nuvolari Team
- Bentley, Interior Design Team
- Citroën, Interior Design team
- Hyundai America Technical Center Inc, Interior Team
- Hyundai Design China, Interior Design Team
- Hyundai Design Europe, Interior Team
- Hyundai Motor Company, Crater Interior Design Team
- Kia Next, Interior Design Group
- Mazda Design Europe, Interior Team
- McLaren Automotive, Interior Design Team
- Rivian, Interior Design Team
- Slate Auto, Design Team



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Unsung Hero Award

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FINALISTS

- Edgar Chu, Rev Auto Design
- GM Advanced Design, UK Operations Team
- Hyundai Design Europe, Studio Engineering Team
- Hyundai Motor Company, Design Advanced Technology Solutions Team
- Lavinia Khalil, OQTA Motors & Khalil Design
- Maruti Suzuki, Colour Bill of Material Team
- Rich Morris, Bentley
- Takahashi Hisashi, Mitsubishi Fuso Truck & Bus Corporation
- Varruna Setty, Mitsubishi Fuso Truck & Bus Corporation

Best Advanced Design Team Award

FINALISTS

- Audi Design, Nuvolari Team
- CALTY Design Research, Advanced Exterior Design Team
- Citroën, Concept Advanced Design Team
- Hyundai America Technical Center Inc, Advanced Design Team
- Hyundai, EU Design Team
- Kia Future Design Group
- McLaren Automotive, Design Team
- Mormedi, Advanced Design Team
- Peugeot Design, Advanced Team
- SAIC Design Advanced London



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Best UX/UI Design Team Award

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- Amble, Design Team
- Forvia, North America Design Studio
- Hyundai Motor Company, Design Advanced Technology Solutions Team
- Hyundai Motor Company, Interior Component Design Group
- Marelli, Lighting China Team
- Maruti Suzuki, UI/UX Design Team
- Research & UX/UI Design Team, Tata Elxsi
- Rivian, Digital Studio
- Slate Auto, Design Team

Best Visualisation Team Award

FINALISTS

- Changan Global Design Center, Visualisation Team
- Forvia, North America Design Studio
- Genesis Design California Visualization Team
- GM Advanced UK, Visualisation Team
- KIA Global VR Design Team
- Mahindra, Design Visualisation Team
- Maruti Suzuki Design, Visualisation Team
- Stellantis, North America Visualisation Team
- Surventis GmbH, Global Design Team & Zeiguised