

PRIX CLAUDE PARENT PRIZE

PRESS RELEASE

LAUNCH OF THE CLAUDE PARENT 2026 PRIZE:

CELEBRATING BOLDNESS AND TRANSGRESSIVE ARCHITECTURE!

Paris, France, December 2, 2025 - The Claude Parent Archives association announces that applications for the **Claude Parent Prize 2026 will open on December 5, 2025**. An international prize celebrating architects who push boundaries and reimagine the future of architecture and urban design.

The second edition is held under the honorary presidency of **Jean Nouvel**, with the winner's trophy specially designed by artist **Loris Gréaud**.

Success in 2024 and a new ambition

Following the 2024 edition — with 139 entries from 39 countries, 9 finalists, and the prize going to **Atelier Janković de Thy** — the Claude Parent Prize reaffirms its international scope and continues to pursue its mission: celebrating architecture that is bold, visionary, and free.

Thinking differently about architecture

Today, architecture is going through a new period of retreat, a return to dogma and the norm. Few still dare to cross the boundaries. Research too often settles for superficial solutions, without challenging the very foundations of architectural language or urban space. Yet some people, in the spirit of Claude Parent, continue to imagine other possibilities.

Claude Parent shattered conventions, tilting walls, breaking reference points, and expanding the limits of our imagination. Through his vision, he invited us to experience architecture and the city differently. The profound path he carved has been followed by generations. Many architects, inspired by his freedom, his architecture, his exploration of the oblique, and his writings, have carried on or reinvented his spirit of transgression in their own way.

The Claude Parent Prize aims to reward bold architects who are aware of the current impasse and determined to break new ground. Their transgressive, pioneering or visionary approach is helping to reinvent the discipline and rethink the way we inhabit the world. This prize does not seek to find clones or imitators, something Claude Parent himself never wanted, but to champion the freedom to experiment, to break boundaries, and to reinvent architecture.

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AN EXCEPTIONAL INTERNATIONAL PANEL OF JUDGES

Following on from the 2024 event, the panel of judges will be made up of leading figures from the world architecture scene:

Members of the 2026 panel of judges (in alphabetical order):



Frou Akalay

Editor-in-chief of the architecture magazine A+E, Managing Director of the Archimedia Group, Casablanca, Morocco.

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Marie-Ange Brayer

Art and architecture historian, author, chief curator at the Centre Pompidou, Paris, France

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Edwin Chan

Architect, founder of EC3 Design, former partner of Frank Gehry (1986-2012), chevalier des Arts et des Lettres, Los Angeles, United States



Aleksandar Janković

Architect, winner of the 2024 Claude Parent Prize with Alexa de Thy (Atelier Janković de Thy), Paris, France



Shelley McNamara

An architect and co-founder of Grafton Architects, she was awarded the Pritzker Prize in 2020 with Yvonne Farrell, Dublin, Ireland

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Wolf D. Prix

Architect, co-founder of Coop Himmelb(l)au, officier des Arts et des Lettres, Mr Prix has received numerous international prizes, Vienna, Austria

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Long biographies of the members of the panel of judges are included in the press pack.

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Kaufman & Broad has been involved in the Claude Parent Prize since its inception, and is renewing and strengthening its support for the 2026 edition.

This commitment is in line with the Group's ongoing approach to designing and building living spaces that combine constructive innovation and architectural excellence.

For nearly 60 years, our company has been dedicated to helping shape cities that are more beautiful and more sustainable. This mission comes to life through the work of our teams, who share a deep conviction: to build is to act! Acting for people by promoting well-being and community; acting for cities by contributing to their vitality and growth; and acting for the planet by reducing the carbon footprint of construction and building use every single day.

For Kaufman & Broad, supporting the Claude Parent Prize means asserting that the quality of the living environment must stem from free, bold and responsible architectural thinking.



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JEAN NOUVEL, OUR HONORARY CHAIRMAN

A great friend of Claude Parent, and a member of the panel of judges in 2024, Jean Nouvel became Honorary President of the Claude Parent Prize:
[Read Jean Nouvel's text about Claude Parent](#)



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THE ARTIST LORIS GRÉAUD IS CREATING THE CLAUDE PARENT PRIZE TROPHY

The trophy-sculpture was created specifically and exclusively for this 2026 edition of the prize by conceptual artist **Loris Gréaud**. The work is inspired by the artist's collaboration with the architect, particularly the "Workshop," the artist's studio and the last building constructed by Claude Parent.



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