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CONTEST
2027



Best Pivot Door Contest 2027

# Contest brief

Entries are open. Deadline 1 March 2027, 23:59 CET.
New this year: Showroom & Events*, a fourth category.
Jury and public vote winners revealed at Milan Design Week, April 2027.

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# About the contest

A pivot door turns on one axis and changes a whole space. This contest celebrates the people behind it: the designer who imagined it and the maker who built it, with a FritsJurgens pivot hinge out of sight inside.

- The contest has four categories. Exterior Doors, Interior Doors and Speciality Applications each have two winners: the Jury Award and the People's Choice Award.
- Win both and your project becomes the Double Award Winner.
- New: Showroom & Events*, for doors in temporary set-ups such as stands, exhibitions and events.
- The winners of the jury and the public vote are announced at an award ceremony during Milan Design Week in April 2027.

In 2026 the public cast 876 verified votes. Show us the door you are proudest of.



Villa Venezia, Italy

## Categories and awards

Choose the one that fits your door.

- **Exterior Doors**
- **Interior Doors**
- **Speciality Applications**: pivoting walls, centre-hung doors and moving parts of furniture and bars. Gates belong in Exterior Doors.
- **Showroom & Events***: doors in temporary set-ups such as trade-fair stands, exhibitions and event builds.

FritsJurgens nominates five projects in each of the first three categories, 15 in all, and up to five in Showroom & Events. The jury chooses the Jury Award and the public chooses the People's Choice Award. FritsJurgens makes the final call on where an entry competes.

## Showroom & Events*

This category is for temporary set-ups such as trade-fair stands, exhibitions and events, not for permanent showrooms.

- **Eligible**: pivot doors with FritsJurgens inside, built for a stand, an exhibition or an event. A door that stays in a showroom or store enters one of the other three categories.
- **Requirements**: as in the other categories, a finished door in its setting, shown in professional photographs.
- **Selection**: FritsJurgens nominates up to five entries and gives one the Showroom & Event Recognition.
- **Prize**: a custom-designed award and a certificate. The recognised entry is featured in FritsJurgens articles and on the FritsJurgens social media channels. It is not part of the international press coverage or the award ceremony in Milan.
- **Deadline**: 1 March 2027, the same as for the other categories.

*Showroom & Events is not judged by the jury or by public vote. FritsJurgens appoints the nominees and the recognised entry.





Modern Tuscany, United States

## The doors to beat

In 2026 six awards went to these doors. Each one started as an entry like yours.

- **Silent Giant**, Switzerland.
  Jury Award, Exterior Doors.
  3,917 mm wide, 470 kg, System M+.
- **Lost Villa**, Indonesia.
  People's Choice Award, Exterior Doors.
  Charred Balinese timber, 300 kg, System M+.
- **Tafelberg**, the Netherlands.
  Jury Award, Interior Doors.
  Red Grandis eucalyptus, 180 kg, System M+.
- **Dubai Cinema Door**, UAE.
  People's Choice Award, Interior Doors.
  A travertine wall, 500 kg, System One.
- **Villa Venezia**, Italy.
  Double Award Winner, Speciality Applications.
  Thermally broken steel, 3,885 mm tall,
  450 kg, System One.

A quiet door can win too. Meet all the 2026 winners.

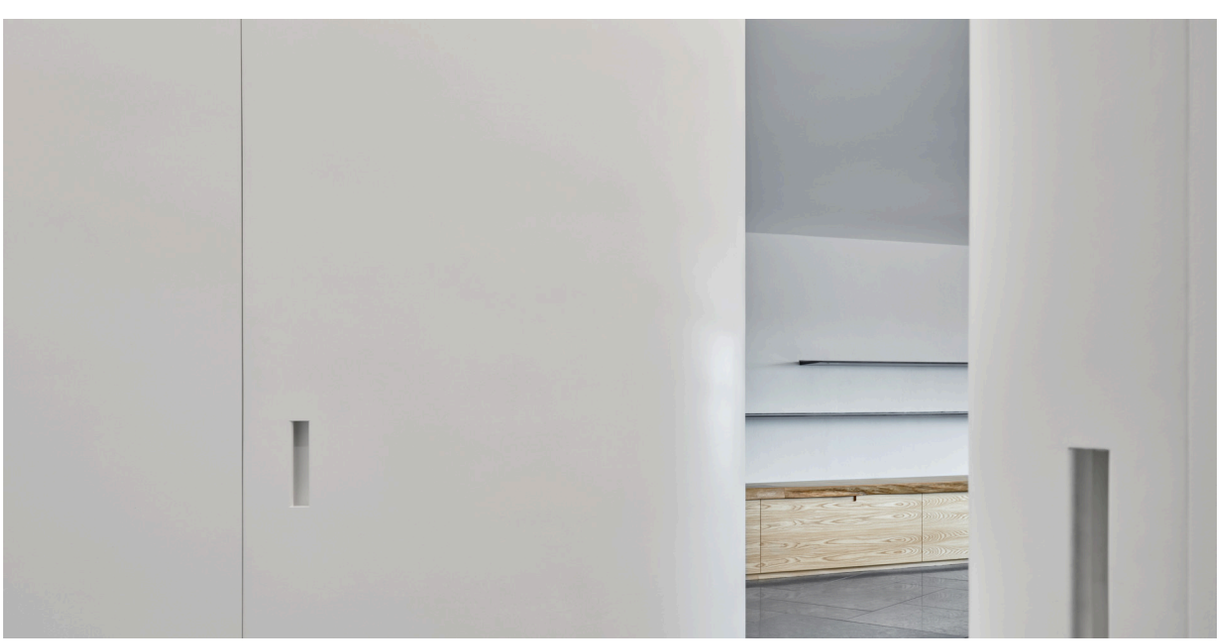


Lost Villa, Indonesia

# How to enter

One form, a few good pictures and the story of your door.

- Open worldwide to architects, interior designers and door makers. Enter each door once, with the designer and the maker both named in the entry.
- Any project with a FritsJurgens pivot hinge, from any year, as long as it has not been entered before.
- Enter as many different doors as you like. Entry is free.
- Enter at fritsjurgens.com/bpd. Have ready: the project details, the people who made it, the door height and width in mm, the bottom pivot and at least three photos. The door weight, the materials and the top pivot are optional, but the jury takes them into account.
- You receive a confirmation by email. To change your entry, email projects@fritsjurgens.com.



Pegasus Loft Apartment, Sweden · Christian van der Kooy

## Photos, video and drawings

The jury and the public meet your door through its pictures. Give them your best.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Warm Welcome, the Netherlands

- **Photos**: at least three, the door open, the door closed and a detail. Professional, in the finished space, free of copyright restrictions. No construction shots.
- **More is more**: add as many photos as you like.
- **Video**: a pivot door is all about movement. Add a YouTube link to a video of the door turning; it strengthens your entry.
- **Drawings**: optional when you enter, required once your project is nominated. In 2026, three of the five jurors asked for them.

# The jury



Rotterdam Residence, the Netherlands · Jurrit van der Waal Photography

An independent international jury of architects, interior designers and makers scores every nominee on:

- design
- application
- uniqueness
- contextual fit
- materials used
- submitted specifications

In 2026 the jurors came from KAAN Architecten, BIG, Foster + Partners, Arup and Zaha Hadid Architects. No juror judges a category in which they have entered a project or are involved in one.

The last point is in your hands: fill in the specifications with care.



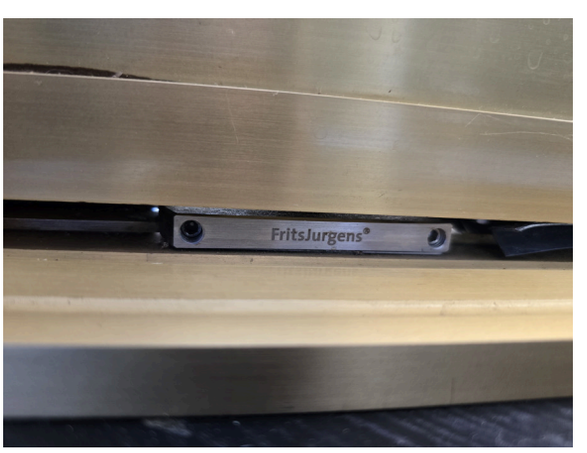
Modern Tuscany, United States

## The public vote

The People's Choice Award is decided by everyone who loves a well-made door.

- Early March 2027: the nominees are announced and voting opens at fritsjurgens.com/bpd.
- Anyone can vote, once per project.
- The vote runs for about six weeks. The winners are revealed at the award ceremony during Milan Design Week in April 2027.

Nominated? Share your project with clients, colleagues and everyone who worked on the door. Every vote counts.




Hidden Antolini Door, United States

## Recognition and exposure

- Nominees receive a certificate of nomination.
- Winners in Exterior Doors, Interior Doors and Speciality Applications receive a custom-designed award and a certificate of excellence.
- The entry recognised in Showroom & Events* receives a custom-designed award, a certificate and a feature in FritsJurgens articles and on the FritsJurgens social media channels.
- Nominees and winners of Exterior Doors, Interior Doors and Speciality Applications are featured on platforms such as ArchDaily and Designboom, and on the FritsJurgens channels.
- The 2026 contest films were watched more than 1.7 million times on YouTube.

## Important dates

**Now**
entries open

**1 March 2027, 23:59 CET**
deadline

**Early March 2027**
nominees in all four categories announced, voting opens

**April 2027**
jury and public vote winners revealed at an award ceremony during Milan Design Week



House of Faith, Singapore

Dubai Cinema Door, UAE · Yasar Curtay

## Terms in short

- Entry is free.
- Late, lost or incomplete entries are invalid.
- The project uses a FritsJurgens pivot hinge and has not been entered before.
- Doors made by or for FritsJurgens itself are not eligible.
- Showroom & Events* is for temporary set-ups such as stands, exhibitions and events. Its entries are not eligible for the Jury Award or the People's Choice Award.
- Your content is free of copyright restrictions, and you grant FritsJurgens a licence to use it.
- FritsJurgens may disregard manipulated votes and may change the terms.

Full terms and conditions: fritsjurgens.com/terms-and-conditions-best-pivot-door

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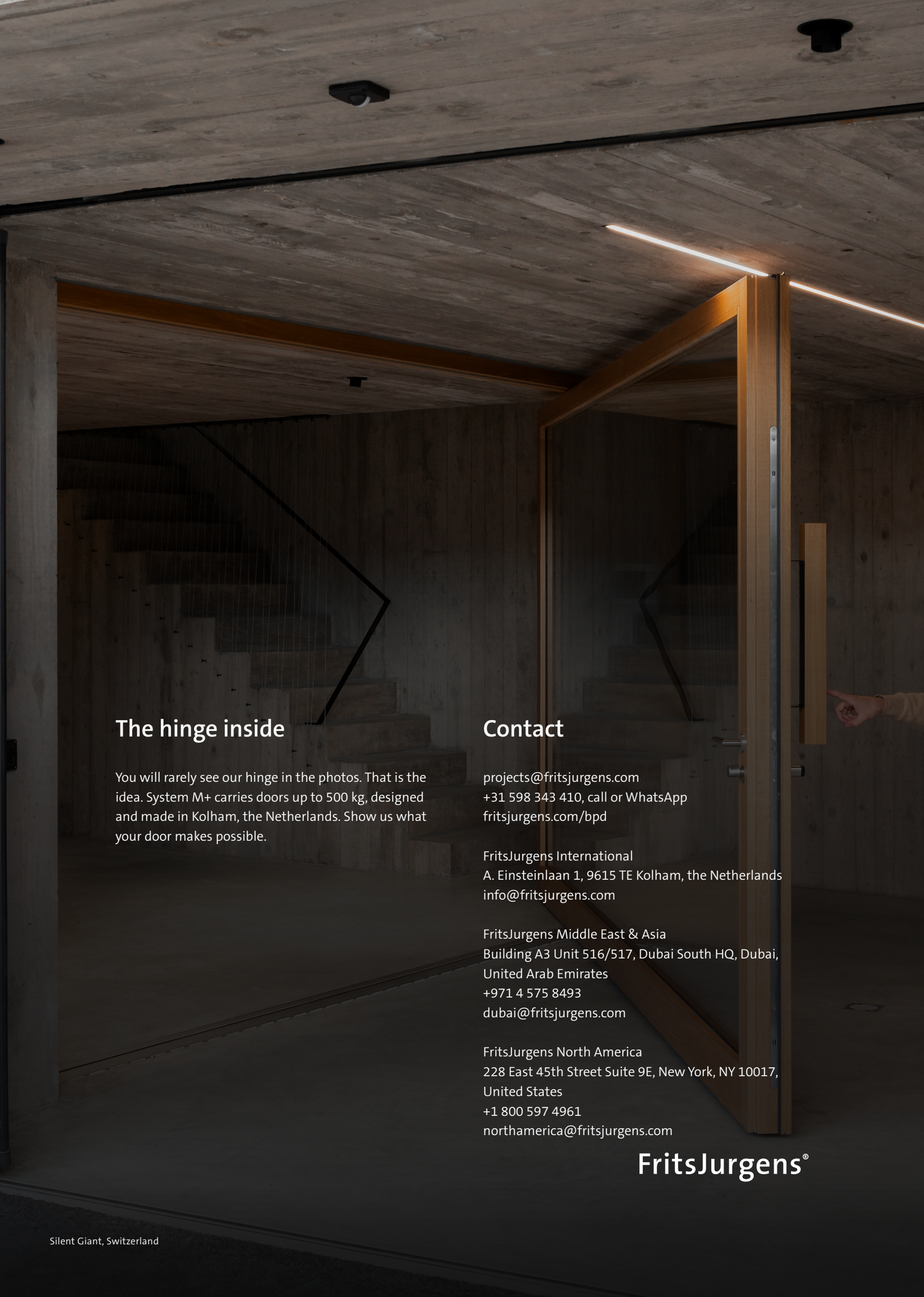
Kindergarten Sonneninsel, Germany · JO!RGE



## The hinge inside

You will rarely see our hinge in the photos. That is the idea. System M+ carries doors up to 500 kg, designed and made in Kolham, the Netherlands. Show us what your door makes possible.

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