



BREAKTHROUGH TALENT OF THE YEAR



# WINNER

## LEE PENSON

Founder and CEO of the Penson Group, Lee Penson has always set himself high standards. After leaving school, he studied architecture part-time, while nurturing a growing role within professional practice. By the time he qualified at 28 with a first class honours degree, he more than 10 years' professional and creative experience. The Sheppard Robson Prize for Architecture soon followed, He was short-listed for the RIBA Bronze Medal and exhibited at the RIBA while finishing his Part 1 Exams. He was made a partner by his first employer on the day he qualified, but two years later moved to London and founded the Penson Group. In just four years, the practice has won international commissions from Australia, South Africa, the USA and Yemen. Penson's belief is that striking design without commercialism is worthless, and vice versa. The firm mixes brutal commercialism with original, problem solving and striking design.



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