

## EQUIPHOTEL 2024

### GENERAL REGULATIONS EQUIPHOTEL INNOVATION AWARDS

#### Article 1 - Purpose

The EQUIPHOTEL INNOVATION AWARDS competition, organised from 3 to 7 November 2024 by RX France (a simplified joint stock company under French law (SAS) with a share capital of €90,000,000, whose registered office is located at 52 quai de Dion Bouton 92800 Puteaux, registered on the Register of Commerce of Nanterre under number 410 219 364), is a competition that rewards product and service innovations as well as innovative projects in the Hotel and Restaurant sector. These innovations are submitted to a panel of experts who select the products/services/equipment/projects.

#### Article 2 – Authorised Entrants

“Products and services” categories: only companies registered as exhibitors at EquipHotel 2024 (individually or on a collective stand), which have an exhibition registration package, which hold the intellectual property rights and which sell products, services, equipment or materials exhibited at EquipHotel under their own brand name, are authorised to take part in the EQUIPHOTEL INNOVATION AWARDS competition.

“Innovative initiatives” categories: all hotel and restaurant professionals who have created a project to improve the organisation and/or management of their establishment are entitled to take part in the EQUIPHOTEL INNOVATION AWARDS competition.

Participation in the EQUIPHOTEL INNOVATION AWARDS is free of charge.

#### Article 3 - Scope of the competition

“Products and services” category - each exhibitor may submit one or more entries (up to 6) in the following competition categories:

- Design
- Foodservice
- Wellness
- Tech & Services
- Special award: employee well-being

“Innovative Initiatives” category - each professional may submit one or more entries (up to 6) in the following competition categories:

- Hotel sector
- Foodservice

#### Article 4 - Entry conditions - Innovations launch date

“Products and services” category

The competition is only open to products/services/equipment that have not won an award in previous editions of the EQUIPHOTEL INNOVATION AWARDS (formerly known as INNOV and Equip'Innov).

Only products with a market launch date or patent submission date after 10 November 2022 may be entered into the competition, except in special cases considered by the Pre-selection Committee.

“Innovative initiatives” category

Only projects created after 1 January 2023 may be submitted, except in special cases assessed by the Pre-selection Committee.

### Article 5 – Entry form

To take part in the competition, candidates must complete the online entry form on the dedicated website. The following information is required:

“Products and services” category

- Product name
- Type of product
- Targeted users
- Description of the innovation in French and English
- Innovative nature and user benefits of the product in French and English
- Photo of the innovation
- Innovation data sheet
- Sustainable development approach
- Release date
- Awards potentially already received for innovation

“Innovative initiatives” category

- Name of establishment
- Number of rooms or stars (depending on whether it is a hotel or restaurant project)
- Project implementation date
- Description of the project and benefits for employees in French and English
- Photo of the establishment
- Awards potentially already received for the project

The deadline for entering the competition is 6 September 2024. RX France reserves the right to change the closing date of the competition and will inform candidates if it does so.

Participants shall bear all costs and expenses they incur to take part in the competition. Said costs and expenses shall remain their sole and entire responsibility in all cases, even in the event of postponement or cancellation of the competition. RX France shall not be held liable in any way in this respect.

### Article 6 – Entry submission

The members of the Pre-selection Committee and the organiser may, after consideration, exclude projects that do not meet the competition’s objectives, and eliminate entries that do not meet the required criteria (Article 7).

Similarly, if they deem appropriate, the Pre-selection Committee and the organiser may decide to enter a project for an award category other than that of the award for which the entrants applied.

The Pre-Selection Committee and the organiser are not required to give reasons for their decisions.

### Article 7 – Pre-selection criteria

The Pre-selection Committee will take into account the following criteria to shortlist the entries:

- “Products and services” category: Product/equipment/technology adapted to the needs of the sector, product packaging and design, user-friendliness and ease of use, performance/productivity gains, innovative quality, sustainable development, sensory dimension, design/ergonomics, user experience.
- “Innovative initiatives” category: project that improves the organisation and/or management of the establishment

The opinion of the Pre-selection Committee is final and without appeal. Its deliberations are confidential.

### Article 8 - The Pre-Selection Committee

The Pre-selection Committee will shortlist the entries submitted to the Competition Jury. This committee includes well-known professionals chosen for their reputation and technical expertise in the fields of commercial and institutional catering, hotels and corporate accommodation, as well as for their commitment to strict independence and neutrality with regard to entrants and their commitment to users. These entities are represented on the Pre-selection Committee on the basis of gender parity, with one representative per entity. Entries will be examined by all the members of the Pre-selection Committee.

After reviewing the entries, the members of the Pre-selection Committee will shortlist 6 innovations in each sub-category (Article 3), for a total of 42 innovations to be submitted to the Competition Jury. From these shortlisted entries, the Competition Jury will select the 21 nominees (3 per sub-category) in accordance with the conditions set out in Article 10.

### Article 9 – Confidentiality

Entrants are hereby informed that the innovations they submit for the competition will be published in some of the trade show’s communication tools (e.g. website), some of which will be published before the show opens, which they accept. Consequently, any entrant wishing to keep their innovation confidential until the show opens should not compete in the INNOVATION AWARDS.

The organiser shall not be liable in any way in this area.

### Article 10 - Awards and announcement of the results

The Competition Jury will attribute a score to each of the shortlisted innovations to establish a list of 3 Nominees in each of the sub-categories listed in Article 3.

The score assigned by the Jury will make up 70% of the final score, and 30% will be based on votes by the EquipHotel audience (participants), collected before and during the show via a voting form, from 1 to 4 November 2024 included.

The results will be announced at the awards ceremony on 5 November 2024 at EquipHotel, in Pavilion 7.3 at the Porte de Versailles Exhibition Centre, Paris.

The winners may use the EQUIPHOTEL INNOVATION AWARDS label solely to promote their award-winning product/project.

A prize (trophy) will be awarded to each of the 7 winners during the awards ceremony at EquipHotel.

### Article 12 – Entrant obligations

## 12.1 Intellectual property

Entrants may only present products that they have produced or designed, or projects for which they are agents or dealers.

Entrants declare that they are the owners of the intellectual property rights relating to the product/project entered in the competition and/or to the elements of the product entered in the competition.

Entrants represent to RX France that the products or project entered do not infringe any third-party rights, or that they have obtained from the intellectual property right holders the necessary rights and/or authorisations in order to enter the products, solutions or systems in the competition.

The organiser shall not be liable in any way in this area.

Entrants accept full liability for their products with respect to third parties; the organiser cannot in any way be held liable. If any claim is made against the organiser by a third party due to an entrant's product, the entrants shall indemnify the organiser for all costs reasonably incurred by the organiser for its defence and any sentences handed down.

## 12.2 Truthful information

Entrants undertake to provide information that is truthful and accurate and in particular to avoid any omission or imprecision that could lead an unwarranted decision.

In no case may the Jury be held liable for the accuracy of information submitted to it. However, if it finds a significant error in the information provided, a deliberate or unintentional deception, or a proven irregularity, the Jury may withdraw the product/project from the competition, or, at any time, officially withdraw a previously-awarded prize and reassign it to a different product/project entered. This is an international competition and all equipment and designs entered in the competition must comply with all relevant legislation. Any reference to a prize awarded under this competition in any commercial or advertising materials should mention the full competition name, the year of the award and make exact reference to the award-winning equipment or project.

### Article 13 – Communication

In information and communication about the competition for the press and professionals, entrants authorise RX France to publish their name and surname, full contact details of their company, and the commercial description they have provided of their product, without being able to claim any fee or remuneration whatsoever. They authorise RX France to take photographs of their product and to reproduce these photographs free of charge, in any marketing materials or on any advertising media, including online.

Participants in the EQUIPHOTEL INNOVATION AWARDS competition represent to RX France that they have obtained from the holders of the intellectual property rights for the products, all the rights and/or authorisations necessary for the aforementioned uses and hold RX France harmless against any legal action which may result from the use of the photos and information provided for the competition.

### Article 14 – Modification or cancellation of the competition

The organiser remains free to cancel and/or modify the Competition without this giving rise to any right to compensation whatsoever for the participants.

In particular, cancellation or postponement of the trade show, or a low level of participation, will automatically lead to the cancellation of the competition, without the organiser being held liable as a result of postponement and/or cancellation.

#### **Article 15 – Privacy and data protection**

The personal data provided by entrants to the organiser is necessary for the fulfilment, administration, management and monitoring of their competition entry. The persons mentioned in the entry application and subsequent exchanges may be contacted by the organiser, the Pre-selection Committee and the Jury to facilitate the entrant's participation in the competition.

Said data shall be processed in compliance with the Privacy Policy provided on the EquipHotel website: <https://privacy.rxglobal.com/en-gb.html>

#### **Article 16 - Application of the rules - Disputes - Acceptance of the rules**

Participation in this competition implies acceptance of these rules, and the terms and results may not be contested.

In the event of a dispute, regardless of the subject, entrants undertake to send a claim to the organiser by registered letter, with acknowledgement of receipt before initiating any other proceedings. Any action initiated within fifteen days following receipt of said registered letter shall be inadmissible. In accordance with Article 2254 of the French Civil Code, the parties agree to set a limit of one year (1 year) for rights and legal action concerning the liability of the Organiser due to its own actions, those of an employee or a third party, regardless of the cause thereof. This period shall begin from the expiry of the 15-day timeframe stipulated above.

**RELATIONS BETWEEN COMPETITION ENTRANTS AND THE ORGANISER SHALL BE FULLY AND EXCLUSIVELY GOVERNED BY FRENCH LAW. IN THE EVENT OF A DISPUTE, THE COURT OF COMMERCE OF NANTERRE SHALL HAVE SOLE JURISDICTION**