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A Hall of Fame Honor

Lilac Lanes Is Named Spokane's Best Bowling Center for a 10th Time

International Winners in 41st Design Awards

Meet 4 BPAA Industry Service Award Picks

Nashville Countdown: Education Sneak Peek



Eddie Williams oversees the operation of a center where customer service is emphasized above all else.

DESIGN



Bowling Leeuwarden, Leeuwarden, Netherlands

41st BCM BOWLING CENTER ARCHITECTURE & DESIGN AWARDS

INTERNATIONAL DIVISION



Friday's Bowling - Billard - Darts, Frankfurt, Germany



Overland, Pontault-Combault, Seine-et-Marne, France



Hotel Bania, Bialka Tatrzenska, Poland

Eight venues in eight countries have been selected as winners in the International Division of the 41st Bowling Center Architecture and Design Awards, recognizing outstanding projects that were completed during calendar year 2025.

The competition was founded by long-time Bowlers Journal magazine Publisher and Editor Mort Luby Jr. to encourage bowling proprietors to reinvest in their facilities and to reward creativity in both modernized centers and new builds. It has evolved over the years to include separate divisions for United States and international centers, and to recognize the ever-evolving business models that include bowling as a key element.

The competition now is conducted by Bowling Center Management, the official magazine of the Bowling Proprietors' Association of America. Heading the judging panel for the third consecutive year was James Nowak, architect, AIA, LEED AP (retired). Nowak was a senior technical architect for 50 years, leading such Chicago projects as the 900 N. Michigan multi-use skyscraper, the revolutionary Rush University Medical Center and Oprah Winfrey's Harpo Studios, among many others.

The 2025 competition was fierce as 58 centers vied for the coveted awards. Obviously, not every center can be a winner, so the pictures on this page give recognition to venues that came this close in the eyes of the judging panel. The eight award-winning international centers are featured on the pages that follow.



MODERNIZED CENTER RUNNER-UP

Bowlmore

Apeldoorn, Gelderland, The Netherlands

► The environment at the modernized Bowlmore center in the central part of The Netherlands can be summed up in a single word: dynamic. It's created by large digital screens positioned throughout the 14-lane bowling area, displaying music video clips and other content that contributes to a lounge-like, entertainment-focused experience. Warm amber tones, wood paneling and plush fabrics create a cozy and sophisticated atmosphere, and the interior is kept dark to create an immersive vibe and cozy living room feel. The bar area is designed with the look of a boutique lounge, utilizing a mix of industrial and high-end materials, while the dining area features curved modular banquettes upholstered in a mix of orange leather and tropical patterned fabric. Following extensive rebuilding after World War II, Apeldoorn became known as a "new town," and now it has a new venue for entertainment.

AT A GLANCE

Proprietor: M.M. Klaare-Buisman
Bowling Equipment Distributor: Bowltech International
Bowling Equipment: QubicaAMF (C-90 with Lower Racks, BES X with SuperTouch Console Scoring)
Masking Units/Screens: Bowling Media (LED Wall)
Sound Equipment: RJ Music
On the Web: bowlmore.nl

