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### **For Immediate Release**

#### **Domus Academy and Nuova Accademia di Belle Arti Milano Named Among 30 Leading Graduate Schools Offering a Master's Degree in Product Design**

*Schools featured in Masterclass: Product Design, Guide to the World's Leading Graduate Schools, a guide published by renowned Frame magazine*

**Baltimore and Milan, Italy–December 10, 2012–**[Domus Academy](#) and [Nuova Accademia di Belle Arti Milano \(NABA\)](#) have been named among the world's top 30 graduate schools in *Masterclass: Product Design, Guide to the World's Leading Graduate Schools*, a book by Frame Publishers whose flagship publication, *Frame*, is a global reference for designers and interior architects. The book recognizes NABA and Domus Academy, members of *Laureate International University's* Center of Excellence in Art, Architecture and Design, for their master's degree programs in product design.

"We are honored and pleased to be included among the very best graduate schools offering master's degrees in product design," said Alberto Bonisoli, chief academic officer of Laureate Italian Art and Design Education. "Our students, and the companies that hire our graduates, know that our design programs are among the very best in the world. This book provides further evidence of the quality of our programs, and underscores the importance of having a faculty composed of professionals who know first-hand the skills and practical expertise needed to have a successful career in the design industry."

The guide, aimed at current bachelor's degree students, recent graduates and professionals looking for a specialization, provides an overview of the schools and their product design programs. Featured schools were selected based on a list of criteria including the quality of graduates' work, the employability and success of former students and the reputation of lecturers in the design industry.

#### **About Domus Academy**

Founded in Milan in 1982, Domus Academy was the first post-graduate design school in Italy. The one-year postgraduate master's programs focus on design, fashion and management. Domus Academy promotes a cross-disciplinary and learning-by-designing approach where students are involved in design assignments that replicate current professional design practices. Strongly rooted in Italy, Domus Academy benefits by having its entire faculty composed of

professional designers who transfer their experience and professional competencies to students. For more information, please visit [www.domusacademy.com](http://www.domusacademy.com)

### **About NABA**

NABA, Nuova Accademia di Belle Arti Milano, is a private academy of art and design located in Milan, Italy. It was the first private academy recognized by the Italian Ministry of Education, University and Research in 1980, and it offers diplomas equivalent to first- and second-level university degrees (bachelor and master's degrees) in design, fashion design, graphic design and art direction, visual, performing and multimedia arts. Collaborations with Italian and international companies and institutions give students hands-on workplace opportunities to develop their critical thinking, teamwork approach, problem solving and practical design skills. For more information, please visit [www.naba.it](http://www.naba.it)

### **About the Laureate Center of Excellence in Art, Architecture and Design**

The *Laureate International Universities* network includes institutions that are recognized as among the very best in the world for higher education in art, architecture and design. These institutions collaborate to make their academic programs available to students worldwide. Through career-focused academic programs that feature innovative curricula and study abroad opportunities, these universities provide students with unique experiences and skills to succeed as creative professionals and as global citizens. Laureate has established these institutions as Centers of Excellence in Art, Architecture and Design, and they include Domus Academy and Nuova Accademia di Belle Arti Milano in Italy, Media Design School in New Zealand, and NewSchool of Architecture and Design and Santa Fe University of Art and Design in the United States. Domus Academy is the only private arts academy in Italy ranked among the top 30 in the world by *BusinessWeek*. Nuova Accademia di Belle Arti Milano is the only private fine arts academy in Italy officially recognized by the Italian Ministry of Education. Media Design School is New Zealand's top institution of higher education in digital design and is a global leader in visual effects and 3-D animation programs. NewSchool of Architecture and Design is one of only five schools in the western United States with NAAB-accredited undergraduate and graduate architecture programs. Santa Fe University of Art and Design is a leading institution among the top universities in the western United States and is home to Garson Studios, a professional film studio where Academy Award-winning movies have been made.