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MOCAK and the Polish Home Army Museum. Icons of European architecture?

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MOCAK and the Polish Home Army Museum are Krakovian nominees for the Mies van der Rohe awards for contemporary European architecture.

The biannual award in the name of Mies van der Rohe – one of the most distinguished architects in 20th c. Europe – was established in 1988. Among the winners, you will find such household names as Zaha Hadid, Rem Koolhaas or Norman Foster. This year two Krakovian museums will compete for the award: MOCAK and the Polish Home Army Museum. They were nominated by the Chamber of Architects of the Republic of Poland and the Union of Polish Architects alongside 13 other buildings. Two years after its opening, MOCAK is one of Zabłocie's most iconic places. It is the first contemporary art museum built from absolute scratch. The Florence –based architect Claudio Nardi's design has a clean and strikingly modern form.

The Polish Home Army Museum, which also opened in 2011, was established in the adapted 19th c. military barrack/magazine, forming part of the Krakow Fortress. AIR Jurkowsky Architekci responsible for preparing the adaptation, created a fairly minimalist design. The historical brick construction was mixed with concrete and a glass roof over the museum's patio.