

About Foster and Partners

Foster and Partners is an international studio for architecture, planning and design led by founder and Chairman, Norman Foster and a group of Senior Partners. The scope of its work includes masterplans for cities, the design of buildings, interior and product design, graphics and exhibitions. These can be found throughout the world, from Britain, Europe and Scandinavia to the United States, Hong Kong, Japan, China, Malaysia, Saudi Arabia and Australia. The studio has established an international reputation with buildings such as the Swiss Re Headquarters in London, the new German Parliament in the Reichstag, Berlin, and The Great Court for the British Museum. The central concern of the practice is design excellence, achieved through active collaboration with clients and specialists - from structural and environmental engineers to cost consultants.

Driven by the pursuit of quality, Foster and Partners believes that our surroundings directly influence the quality of our lives, whether in the work place, at home or in the public spaces in between. This emphasis on the social dimension is fundamental to the practice philosophy, which takes as its starting point the acknowledgement that architecture is generated by the needs of people - and that these needs may be spiritual as well as material. The quest for quality equally addresses the global impact of a building or project, and embraces the physical and environmental performance of buildings - how do they endure in a world subject to volatile change? Foster projects have always anticipated these trends, pioneering design solutions that use totally renewable sources of energy and offer dramatic reductions in CO2 emissions. Some projects explore new sources of fuel and seek inspiration from the very newest technologies; others harness vernacular traditions to achieve equally effective, passive reductions in energy use and the long-term cost of a building.

Established as Foster Associates in 1967 the practice, now known as Foster and Partners, has project offices world wide with its main studio in London. The practice has worked in 55 countries and currently has projects across 22 countries. Since its inception it has received over 300 awards and citations for excellence and has won more than 60 national and international competitions. Norman Foster was Knighted in 1990, appointed by the Queen to the Order of Merit in 1997 and in 1999 was honoured with a Life Peerage, taking the title Lord Foster of Thames Bank.

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