

Press release

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Great Court amongst five British Projects shortlisted for the 2002 World Architecture Awards

British architects are well represented in the World Architecture Awards, with four well known landmark buildings and a small house on the shortlist of 44 projects. The British schemes include Foster and Partners' Great Court at the British Museum, the Eden Project in Cornwall (designed by Nicholas Grimshaw and Partners), the Rothermere American Institute in Oxford (Kohn Pederson Fox), the Electra House in Stepney, London (Adjaye Associates) and the Lloyds Register of Shipping office building in the City of London (Richard Rogers Partnership).

A diverse range of buildings from all around the world are on the shortlist - from a high rise Bank headquarters in Peru to a World Cup football stadium in Japan. The winners, including the architect that will be awarded the overall US\$30,000 prize for the Arup World Architecture Best Building in the World, will be announced at a glittering Oscars-like ceremony in Berlin on 26 July 2002.

The World Architecture Awards are the newest international architecture prize. The award is now in its second year. This year's ceremony takes place on the last day of the Union of International Architects' Congress in Berlin. The two events together are expected to attract up to 10,000 architects to the German capital.

Regional Finalists:

Europe

Eden Project, Cornwall, UK - Nicholas Grimshaw and Partners
Biosphere and Flower Pavilion, Potsdam, Germany - Barkow Leibinger Architects
Lloyds Register of Shipping, London, UK - Richard Rogers Partnership
Swiss Embassy, Berlin, Germany - Diener and Diener Architects
Embassy of the Holy See, Berlin, Germany - Prof D G Baumewerd
Great Court, British Museum, London, UK - Foster and Partners
Mdiathque at Vnissieux, Lyon, France - Dominique Perrault
Elektra House, London, UK - Adjaye Associates
Synagogue, Dresden, Germany - Wandel Hoefer Lorch and Hirsch
Apartment Houses, Amsterdam, the Netherlands - Diener and Diener Architects

Commended European projects:

Campus 2000, Bauhaus Dessau, Germany - Kister Scheithauer Gross with rahe and rahe design
Ichthus College, Rotterdam, the Netherlands - Erick van Egeraat Associated Architects
Experimental Factory, Magdeburg, Germany - Sauerbruch Hutton Architects

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House R128, Stuttgart, Germany - Werner Sobek Ingenieure

North America

American Folk Art Museum, New York, USA - Tod Williams Billie Tsien and Associates

Guggenheim Museum, Las Vegas, USA - Office for Metropolitan Architecture (Rem Koolhaas)

Hermitage Guggenheim, Las Vegas, USA - Office for Metropolitan Architecture (Rem Koolhaas) - note:
these are two different projects

Prada store, SoHo, New York, USA - Office for Metropolitan Architecture (Rem Koolhaas)

Pulitzer Foundation for the Arts, St Louis, USA - Tadao Ando Architect and Associates

York University, Computer Science Building, Toronto, Canada - Architects Alliance in joint venture with
Busby and Associates Architects

South America

Hotel Habita, Mexico City, Mexico - Ten Arquitectos

Interbank Headquarters, Lima, Peru - Hans Hollein

Corporate Office Building, Acapulco, Mexico - J Francisco Serrano

Gama Issa House, So Paulo, Brazil - Marcio Kogan

Sport Facilities, Educare High School, Zapopan, Mexico - Ten Arquitectos

Australasia

Kangan Batman TAFE, Polymer Engineering Centre, Broadmeadows, Victoria, Australia - Cox
Richardson (Cox Group)

Karijini National Park Visitor's Centre, Pilbara, Western Australia - Woodhead International

Sydney Conservatorium of Music, New South Wales, Australia - Daryl Jackson Robin Dyke Architects
and New South Wales Government Architects

Rose House, Jamberoo, New South Wales, Australia - Engelen Moore

Altair Apartments, New South Wales, Australia - Engelen Moore

East Asia

Oita Stadium, Japan - Kisho Kurokawa Architect and Associates

Sayamaike Historical Museum, Osaka, Japan - Tadao Ando Architect and Associates

Yamaguchi Prefecture Pavilion, Japan - Katsufumi Kubota/Kubota Architect Atelier

Sendai Mediatheque, Japan - Toyo Ito and Associates Architects

Naked House, Saitama, Japan - Shigeru Ban Architects

Asia

Nursery and Infant school, Druk White Lotus School, Ladakh, India - Arup Associates

German School and Apartment House, Beijing, China - gmp Architekten

Administrative Centre of the Mahindra World College of India - Christopher Charles Benninger
Architects

Xingtiao Exhibition and Reception Centre, Beijing, China - China Architecture Design and Research

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Group

Houses at Victoria Park, Singapore - WoHa Architects

Africa and Middle East

Alexander Forbes Regional Head Office, Durban, South Africa - Paton Taylor Associates

Mpumalanga Government Complex, Nelspruit, South Africa - Meyer Pienaar Tayob Schnepel

Shell of Steel House, Nairobi, Kenya - Planning Systems Services

Sea Farm House, Western Cape, South Africa - Stefan Antoni Architects

Alexandria Library, Egypt - Snhetta

Green - Additional Finalists

Forum Office Building, Amsterdam, the Netherlands - Atelier PRO Architekten

Transportation Centre, Incheon International Airport, South Korea - Terry Farrell and Partners

Rothermere American Institute, Oxford, UK - Kohn Pedersen Fox Associates

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