

Press release

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**Success at the AJ100 Awards**

At last night's 2008 AJ100 Awards dinner, Foster + Partners won three major practice awards and Norman Foster was honoured by his peers, who named him as their most admired architect.

Foster + Partners won awards for the International Practice of the Year, Sustainability Initiative of the Year and the regional award for the South East and London. The practice was also placed as the third-largest overall. The AJ100 Awards recognise the achievements of the largest 100 architectural practices in the UK based on survey results; the International Practice and Sustainability Initiative of the Year awards are presented at the jury's discretion.

The judges described Foster + Partners as a clear and outright winner for breadth of coverage, for entering into new markets and for being a global brand.

Mouzhan Majidi, Chief Executive of Foster + Partners said:

I am delighted that Foster + Partners has been recognised in the AJ100s Awards. Significantly, the past twelve months have been the practice's most successful ever. During that period we won thirteen international competitions and forty-one design awards a record for us. We opened offices in New York, Istanbul, Madrid and Abu Dhabi; and we broke into new markets such as India, Vietnam and Hungary. Although the challenges we face as architects are becoming more complex, the future has never been more exciting.

Notes to editors:

In 2007 Foster + Partners celebrated its fortieth anniversary and greatly extended its international reach. With a staff of 1,250, and a talented team from more than fifty nations, the practice is now working across five continents, with offices in 20 cities worldwide.

Sustainability Initiative of the Year winner, Masdar City, is a pioneering new community in Abu Dhabi that will be carbon neutral, zero waste and entirely powered by renewable energy. The home of the Masdar Initiative, it will be the central development of new ideas for alternative energy applications throughout the world.

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