

Press release

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**Foster + Partners joins Prime Minister on UKTI visit to Brazil**

Chief Executive, Mouzhan Majidi is part of a delegation of British business leaders taking part in a trade mission to Brazil, led by Prime Minister, David Cameron.

Foster + Partners has been active in Brazil for a number of years and is opening an office in São Paulo – an important step, which demonstrates a commitment to investing in local partnerships and strengthening relationships with local architects, clients and consultants. Allied to this, the practice brings more than forty years' international experience and the expertise of its in-house engineering, interiors, research and specialist groups.

Current high-profile projects include the redevelopment of an entire city block on Rua Oscar Freire in the Jardins district of São Paulo, one of the most famous shopping streets in the Americas. A further project in São Paulo, currently at detail design stage, contributes to the regeneration of a 20,000 square metre brownfield site in an upcoming area of the city. In Rio, the practice is working on a sustainable masterplan and mixed-use office scheme within the Porto Maravilha redevelopment zone, as well as exploring a number of potential opportunities across Brazil.

Mouzhan Majidi, Chief Executive:

"Brazil is one of the most important emerging markets with huge potential for future development and with our skills and expertise, particularly in the field of infrastructure, sustainability and masterplanning, we are eager to bring our ability to innovate to this new market."

Trade and Investment Minister Lord Green said:

"Brazil's fast growing economy offers many opportunities for UK companies. Trade between our two nations increased by a quarter in the last two years and London's successful summer of sport has helped to raise the profile of British companies even further. I congratulate Foster + Partners for securing new business in Brazil. Getting more companies exporting is a crucial part of the Government's plan for growth."

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