

## Press release

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### Foster + Partners top AJ120 and receive Twenty Years of Excellence Award

Norman Foster and Foster + Partners were presented with the Twenty Years of Excellence Award at last night's AJ120 Awards ceremony, in recognition of the practice's contribution to British architecture and its achievements over the past two decades since the start of the AJ100 programme. In addition, Foster + Partners topped the AJ120 for the fourth year in a row and, together with Alvar Aalto, Norman Foster was also named as the architect – living or dead – whose work is deemed most inspirational to practices, in the AJ's survey of peers.

The AJ120 Awards recognise the achievements of practices in the UK, based on survey results. Celebrating the AJ Awards' twentieth anniversary, the award for Twenty Years of Excellence is presented at the jury's discretion.

"On behalf of all my colleagues, present and past, I would like to say how deeply honoured we are by the AJ's recognition of our pursuit of excellence over the last twenty years. Since 1895 the Architect's Journal has chronicled change. And what change: social shifts, technological development. But one thing is probably constant and that is the importance of patronage: those

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who commission buildings and who demand standards of excellence. The more they care, the more the power of their influence. Patronage is not just commissioning buildings. In the pursuit of excellence, the media play a vital role too. Here the AJ is truly outstanding. Its promotion of excellence through its weekly journal – and, over the last twenty years, its programme of awards – is a cause for great celebration and gratitude."

**Norman Foster, Founder and Executive Chairman**

Notes to editors:

- Published annually since 1995, the AJ120 surveys architectural practices in the UK, offering a snapshot of the profession over the previous calendar year.
- 2015 is the twentieth year that the AJ100 survey has been running and the 120th year of the Architectural Journal. To commemorate, the AJ100 survey has been extended to the 120 largest practices in the UK, for one year only.
- **Further information can be found here.**

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