

Foreign Office Architects

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Founded in 1995, FOA has emerged as one of the most significant architecture and urban design practices working today, known for combining technical innovation with design excellence.

FOA's award-winning built projects include the Spanish Pavilion at the Aichi International Expo, a large coastal park with outdoor auditoriums in Barcelona, Torre Vieja Municipal Theatre and Auditorium, La Rioja Technology Transfer Centre in Logroño, Carabanchel Social Housing in Madrid, the John Lewis Department Store and Cineplex in Leicester, Istanbul's Meydan Retail Complex and the Dulnyouk Publishing Headquarters in Paju, South Korea. The practice's multi-award winning Yokohama International Cruise Terminal in Japan – a dramatically formed port integrated with urban facilities noted for its fascination with the interplay of architecture, landscape and nature and – is credited by the Design Museum as “a design sensation, alive with bustling urbanity and seaside tranquillity”.

FOA's current projects in the UK include Ravensbourne College of Design and Communication in Greenwich; the redevelopment of Euston Station and Birmingham New Street Station; Trinity EC3 office complex in the City of London; two large retail-led schemes in Southampton and Sheffield and a new Maggie's Centre in Newcastle. In Spain, FOA is building the Institute of Legal Medicine in Madrid and an office complex in Barcelona; in France, Residences for Artists and Researchers in Paris and a large office complex in Toulouse; as well as high-rise residential towers in both Korea and Malaysia. FOA is also designing the new Museum of Contemporary Art in Cleveland, USA.

In parallel with this broad professional activity, spanning different countries and typologies, the practice maintains high-level research activity through involvement in international competitions – FOA was one of six architectural practices shortlisted for the design of the new World Trade Centre in New York, and was shortlisted for the new Centre Pompidou in Metz, High-Speed Train Terminals in Logroño and Florence, the Kolizej Theatre & Office complex in Ljubljana and the new Architecture Foundation Building in London.

Founding Partners Farshid Moussavi and Alejandro Zaera-Polo sustain a continuous engagement with some of the most prestigious academic institutions worldwide including the Harvard Graduate School of Design, Princeton and Columbia Schools of Architecture, The Architectural Association and the Berlage Institute. Their contributions feature in numerous books and publications and are also frequent jurors in international competitions and advisory boards.

The practice's work has been widely published and exhibited. FOA represented Britain at the 8th Venice Architecture Biennale in 2002 and has been recognised by the Enric Miralles Prize for Architecture, four RIBA World Wide Awards, the 2004 Venice Architecture Biennale Award and the Charles Jencks Award for Architecture.

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