

WA100 2013

THE WORLD'S LARGEST ARCHITECTURE PRACTICES

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ARCHITECTS FIND SIGNS OF
LIFE IN THE WORLD ECONOMY*



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WA TOP 100

WA100 is BD's annual survey of the world's largest practices ranked by the number of fee-earning architects they employ. There has been a reshuffle among the practices in the top 10 – and a new number one for 2013

RANK 2013	RANK 2012	NEW ENTRY	PRACTICE NAME	COUNTRY	ARCHITECTS EMPLOYED	ARCHITECTS PREVIOUS YR	FEE INCOME (US\$ MILLION)
1	2		Aecom	USA	1,370	1,390	Over \$400m
2	3		Gensler	USA	1,346	1,223	Over \$400m
3	4		IBI Group	Canada	1,129	1,129	\$160-169m
4	5		Nikken Sekkei	Japan	1,109	1,059	Over \$400m
5	1		Aedas	China/UK	1,078	1,497	\$200-209m
6	7 (2011)		Perkins & Will	USA	771	761 (2011)	\$220-229m
7	7		DP Architects	Singapore	726	820	\$70-79m
8	26		HOK	USA	715	422	\$240-249m
9	9		Samoo Architects & Engineers	South Korea	712	632	\$250-259m
10	6		Foster & Partners	UK	646	879	\$200-209m
11	22		Stantec	Canada	643	436	\$210-219m
12=	10		HDR Architecture	USA	640	626	\$280-289m
12=	10= (2011)		RSP Architects	Singapore	640	623 (2011)	
14	8		P&T Architects	Hong Kong	624	640	\$130-139m
15	12		Sweco	Sweden	600	600	\$70-79m
16	15		Atkins	UK	597	580	\$100-109m
17	14		Woods Bagot	Australia	565	581	\$130-139m
18	24=		Jacobs	UK/USA	547	427	\$200-209m
19	25= (2011)		Skidmore Owings & Merrill	USA	543	403 (2011)	\$200-209m
20	11		Cannon Design	USA	539	616	\$130-139m
21	18		Heerim Architects & Planners	South Korea	470	483	\$170-179m
22	23		Perkins Eastman	USA	455	435	\$140-149m
23	20		GMP	Germany	445	449	\$70-79m
24	41		Leo A Daly	USA	436	235	\$130-139m
25	24=		Nihon Sekkei	Japan	426	427	\$170-179m
26=	19		Kunwon Architects & Engineers	South Korea	421	465	\$50-59m
26=	21		SmithGroupJJR	USA	421	440	\$110-119m
28	28=		Tengbom	Sweden	420	400	\$70-79m
29=	27		Kohn Pedersen Fox Associates	USA	405	405	\$110-119m
29=	31		NBBJ	USA	405	378	\$170-179m
31	30		Hassell	Australia	395	384	\$120-129m
32	16		BDP	UK	382	545	\$100-109m
33	32		Kume Sekkei	Japan	376	369	\$120-129m
34=	36		ATP Architects & Engineers	Austria	320	320	\$70-79m
34=	35		Mitsubishi Jisho Sekkei	Japan	320	329	\$210-219m
36	34		White Arkitekter	Sweden	306	335	\$80-89m
37=	37		DLR Group	USA	300	290	\$120-129m
37=	33		HKS	USA	300	362	\$150-159m
39	45		Cox Architecture	Australia	289	232	\$60-69m
40	42		Leigh & Orange	Hong Kong	288	252	\$40-49m
41	44		Henn Architekten	Germany	280	240	\$60-69m
42	38		HBO+EMTB	Australia	279	283	\$80-89m
43	17		RTKL Associates	USA	269	503	\$200-209m
44	40		KEO International	Kuwait	256	264	\$110-119m
45	43		Zaha Hadid Architects	UK	246	250	

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46	47		ZGF Architects	USA	245	215	\$60-69m
47	60		Arup Associates and Arup	UK	226	177	\$40-49m
48	92= (2011)		Benoy	UK	223	90	\$60-69m
49	48=		Dewan Architects & Engineers	UAE	220	205	\$60-69m
50	48=		ACXT-IDOM	Spain	215	205	\$40-49m
51	50=		DWP	Thailand	205	200	\$40-49m
52=	66		Architect Hafeez Contractor	India	200	150	\$30-39m
52=	52		Valode & Pistre	France	200	195	\$40-49m
52=	50=		Wong Tung & Partners	Hong Kong	200	200	\$50-59m
55	55=		Archial NORR	UK	198	189	\$70-79m
56	47 (2011)		Chapman Taylor	UK	196	225 (2011)	\$40-49m
57	39		Gansam Architects & Partners	South Korea	191	265	\$50-59m
58	71=		B+H Architects	Canada	190	140	\$50-59m
59	57=		Ishimoto Architectural & Engineering	Japan	188	183	\$60-69m
60	67		LINK Arkitektur	Norway	177	147	\$40-49m
61	46		Capita Symonds	UK	170	226	\$30-39m
62	54		Ronald Lu & Partners	Hong Kong	169	191	\$30-39m
63	57=		Broadway Malyan	UK	165	183	\$50-59m
64	59		CF Møller Architects	Denmark	164	181	\$40-49m
65=	53		Allies & Morrison	UK	160	194	\$20-29m
65=	93=		Devereux Architects	UK	160	95	\$10-19m
65=	★		GHD	Australia	160		\$140-149m
65=	62=		GVA & Asociados	Mexico	160	162	\$20-29m
69=	55=		Archetype Group	Vietnam	158	189	\$10-19m
69=	61		AXS Satow	Japan	158	169	\$60-69m
71	73		Henning Larsen Architects	Denmark	155	138	\$20-29m
72	65		Langdon Wilson International	USA	153	152	\$40-49m
73=	68		AS Architecture-Studio	France	150	145	\$20-29m
73=	71=		Jaspers-Eyers Architects	Belgium	150	140	\$20-29m
73=	75=		Wilson Associates	USA	150	135	\$50-59m
76	70		Wilmotte & Associés	France	149	141	\$30-39m
77	74		Showa Sekkei	Japan	141	136	Under \$5m
78	79=		Ramboll Architecture & Planning	Norway	140	120	\$30-39m
79	62=		Sheppard Robson	UK	139	162	\$20-29m
80	86=		Aidea	Philippines	131	102	\$5-9m
81	79=		CP Kukreja	India	130	120	\$5-9m
82	★		Robert A.M. Stern Architects	USA	126		\$50-59m
83=	84		PageSoutherlandPage	USA	125	115	\$90-99m
83=	★		Sinclair Knight Merz	Australia	125		\$30-39m
85	78		Progetto CMR	Italy	124	122	\$10-19m
86=	82		PBK	USA	121	117	\$40-49m
86=	69		Populous	UK	121	143	
88=	★		Space Matrix	Singapore	120		\$10-19m
88=	77		TP Bennett	UK	120	128	\$30-39m
90	86=		PRP Architects	UK	119	102	\$20-29m
91	83		Aukett Fitzroy Robinson	UK	114	116	\$10-19m
92	89=		Palafox Associates	Philippines	112	100	\$5-9m
93=	★		Hames Sharley	Australia	110		\$20-29m
93=	85		Morphogenesis	India	110	108	\$5-9m
95	★		AIA Architectes Ingénieurs Associés	France	104		\$20-29m
96	89=		Thomson Adsett Architects	Australia	103	100	\$20-29m
97=	64		3DReid	UK	100	160	\$20-29m
97=	★		UN Studio	Netherlands	100		\$10-19m
99=	97=		10 Design	UK/Hong Kong	96	85	\$20-29m
99=	91=		Diamond Schmitt Architects	Canada	96	97	\$20-29m

WILMOTTE & ASSOCIÉS

COUNTRY | FRANCE
 LAST RANKING | 70
 ARCHITECTS EMPLOYED | 149

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Wilmotte & Associés works mainly in France, but is also designing one of the office buildings in London's King's Cross redevelopment.

And the Parisian practice was shortlisted — ultimately unsuccessfully — alongside international practices such as OMA for a masterplanning competition to double the size of Moscow.

Last year it completed the renovation of the Maison de la Mutualité in Paris and its conversion into a congress centre. This year will see the opening of its 35,000-seater stadium in Nice and the completion of its interior design work at Amsterdam's Rijksmuseum.



Wilmotte & Associés 35,000-seat stadium in Nice, France.

SHOWA SEKKEI

COUNTRY | JAPAN
 LAST RANKING | 74
 ARCHITECTS EMPLOYED | 141

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Another steady year for Showa Sekkei, which numbers hospitals and medical research buildings among its specialisms.

It works mainly in China and Japan but has found these markets slower than in previous years. In the year ahead it hopes to win work in the broader ASEAN region and increase its focus on its water infrastructure work.

The practice's most significant project last year was a 60,000sq m research complex at the University of Kyoto's Katsura campus.

This year it will be working on a 1 million sq m innovation centre for the University of Osaka.

Notable completions in 2012 included the 450-bed Kinikyo Chuo Hospital in Hokkaido, Japan.

RAMBOLL

COUNTRY | NORWAY
 LAST RANKING | =79
 ARCHITECTS EMPLOYED | 140

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While the number of architects Ramboll employs grew over the past 12 months, its fee income took quite a dive, from \$60 million+ to \$30 million+.

The Norway-based architecture division of Danish multi-disciplinary giant Ramboll Group works around the world from China to Mexico. But the vast majority of its projects are to be found on its home turf. Central and eastern Europe, especially Hungary, accounts for most of the rest.

Much of its work falls into the industrial or technical sectors.

Research complex at the University of Kyoto's Katsura campus by Showa Sekkei.

SHEPPARD ROBSON

COUNTRY | UK
 LAST RANKING | =62
 ARCHITECTS EMPLOYED | 139

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The UK practice has just one overseas office, but 2013 looks likely to be the year Sheppard Robson really gets moving with an international expansion.

It is actively reviewing options for offices in Hong Kong or Shanghai and has begun a preliminary appraisal of Africa and South America.

Its Abu Dhabi office only opened in 2011, on the back of winning the design of Siemens' headquarters in the first phase of Masdar City.

Creative director Tim Evans said: "We have been slow to respond to the need for change as a response to the challenge of a changing world — but not as slow as others in the broader construction industry, where many still appear to be oblivious to the fact that adaptation and change in business practice is critical to future survival and success."

His remarks follow a good year that saw the practice win a £16 million hotel in Zuhai, near Macau. The practice is eyeing more Chinese work in this sector, which has also proved successful in the UK. In October it won permission for the CitizenM hotel next to the Tower of London, following a protracted planning process.

Sheppard Robson reported growth in UK residential and noted signs of life in the commercial offices sector, though this has been slow to translate into work. A resurgence in university work helped balance a decline in schools. This sector has been very lucrative for Sheppard Robson, which has designed 13 schools and academies in the past five years.

Looking ahead, Evans said: "Science and healthcare buildings in both the UK and Africa are other areas where we see — and are poised to take advantage of — investment and growth."

Among the projects won by its interior design group ID:SR last year was the £25 million fit-out of Top Shop branches.

