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ARCHITECTURAL DESIGN FIRM WOODS BAGOT NAMED 'INTERNATIONAL PRACTICE OF THE YEAR'

Global architectural firm Woods Bagot has been recognised as the 'International Practice of the Year' at the prestigious AJ100 Awards in London.

The AJ100 Awards recognise the achievements of the largest 100 architectural practices in the UK based on survey results and the 'International Practice of the Year' award being presented at the jury's discretion.

"At Woods Bagot, we have an exciting and ambitious vision; by 2010, we will be a global leader in design and consulting underpinned by research. This AJ100 Award shows that the firm is well on its way to achieving this objective," stated Ross Donaldson, Group Managing Director of Woods Bagot.

"Woods Bagot has dared to be different; developing a global network of studios in five regions that sets us apart. This innovative structure has resulted in the creation of a super-niche global service, unique to the firm.

"Woods Bagot's continued investment in research, fundamentally underpinning all of the practice's 'Design Intelligence', has allowed our studios across the globe to gain a competitive advantage. Our knowledge based approach coupled with a vast amount of global experience, assists in producing a consistently high standard of design across all sectors and regions. Our global network further feeds this ethos creating a very different value proposition for our clients, which is evident in the number of our repeat global clients.

"We will continue to strive to produce the best results for our clients and we look forward to continuing our progress on a global scale."

Woods Bagot's commitment to global excellence has resulted in a workforce of 600 staff based in five regions, in cities such as Abu Dhabi, Bahrain, Sydney, Beijing, Hong Kong, London and most recently, San Francisco and New York.

This year, the practice completed several flagship projects, such as the Melbourne Convention Exhibition Centre and the Qatar Science and Technology Park.

It has also announced planning permission for what will be one of the world's most luxurious hotels at 10 Trinity Square, London and unveiled plans for the Middle East's tallest tower – at more than 1km high – in Dubai.

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Note to Editor:

The AJ100 Awards are organised by the Architects' Journal and recognise the UK's top 100 architectural firms. Other firms that were shortlisted in the category were Atkins, Foster + Partners, Hopkins Architects and Lewis and Hickey. More details can be found at: <http://www.architectsjournal.co.uk/aj100/>

About Woods Bagot:

With over 600 staff across five regions, operating across three sectors; Education and Science, Lifestyle and Workplace, Woods Bagot operates as one global studio. Enabled by global technology solutions and a commitment to working without boundaries, our clients benefit from our international expertise, supported by a local studio that understands the regional cultural context.

Woods Bagot's research and thought leadership challenges conventional design philosophy and delivers provocative and intelligent solutions that help clients make the most of their facilities.

[PUBLIC](#), Woods Bagot's research arm was created to enable staff, clients and collaborators to input into the future direction of global architecture and design. It was established to bring a formal focus to our applied and theoretical research that underpins our approach and sets benchmarks for our sectors. PUBLIC is the continuous dialogue on the issues that affect the built environment, our clients, our communities and the world we live in.

Recent projects completed by Woods Bagot include:

- 10 Trinity, London
- Qatar Science and Technology Park (QSTP), Doha
- Melbourne Convention Exhibition Centre (MCEC), Melbourne
- ivy, Sydney

WOODS BAGOT KEY PROJECTS



10 Trinity, London



Qatar Science & Technology Park (QSTP), Doha



Melbourne Convention & Exhibition Centre (MCEC), Melbourne



Ivy, Sydney