

# TOP TALENT ASCENDING STARS JUST WAITING FOR THAT DREAM COMMISSION



LOCATION/NAME	CONTACT	STYLE	INSPIRATION	FAVOURITE PROJECT	WHAT'S NEXT	MOTTO
AUSTRALIA, SYDNEY COLLINS AND TURNER	Collins and Turner, 1b 16 Macleay Street, Potts Point, Sydney, Australia. Tel: 61.2 9356 3217, www.collinsandturner.com	Characterised by distilled forms, dynamic spaces and polyvalent surfaces, using soft-edged, eco-sensitive technology	Perceptual artists such as Dan Graham, Larry Bell, Robert Irwin and former employer Norman Foster	The blinding purity of their farmhouse in Bombala	Latest work is the Lord Mori gallery in LA, plus projects in Hunter Valley, Sydney Harbour and London in the pipeline	'Calm through technology'
AUSTRIA, VIENNA ARCHItecture	Rainer Pirker, ARCHItecture, Mariahilferstrasse 101-1-25, a-1060 Vienna, Austria. Tel: 43.1 595 4864; pirker@gmx.net	An 'individual answer for each project', a specific identity for each – not a formal preoccupation. Individuality is key	Zumthor, Corb, Kahn and Holl; also science and indigenous cultures – and John Lautner's Goldstein Residence	The team is personally proud of the Softbag House and the Firestation projects	The Firestation project needs to make the leap from plan to reality, and two other urban projects are also on the go	Pirker coined the term 'Softbag': 'Developing buildings with specific identities created by complex systems'
CANADA, TORONTO PRECIPICE STUDIOS	Allen Chan, PSinc, Suite 301, Toronto, Ontario. Tel: 1.416 703 2022, fax: 1.416 703 9883, www.precipice-studios.net	'I don't think that our firm has a style,' muses Allen Chan. 'Instead, there are a combination of influences'	Inspiration is drawn from many fields. Start with Piano, OMA, Calatrava, Siza, Cecil Balmond and Jean Baudrillard	The firm's work for hairdresser Salon Jie in New York demonstrates its ability with interiors	A new Salon Jie in Toronto, a residence in New York and a publication of recent work are all in the pipeline	Driven by concept. Uses new media to further design exploration, development and implementation
GERMANY, BERLIN HACKENBROICH	Wilfried Hackenbroich, Helmholtzstr. 2-9 Aufg.9, 10587 Berlin, Germany. Tel: 49.30 39742949, www.hackenbroich.com	Hackenbroich insists each project and client demands its own style. Emphasis is on function and contemporary space	'Almost any discipline is more inspiring,' laments the firm, but admits to loving Hans Scharoun's 1965 Berlin Concert Hall	House 1 – a terrace with a difference	At work on a house for web architecture service etekt, a prototype with three variations: pure, innovative, avant garde	Innovation by design
HOLLAND, AMSTERDAM TIJMEN PLOEG ARCHITECTEN	Mariska van der Burgt, Tijmen Ploeg Architecten, Prinseneiland 24C, 1013 LR Amsterdam. Tel: 31.20 623 9557	Strictly urban 'synthetic architecture'. 'Special affinity with difficult open spaces in the city and their local influences'	The garden house, but better still 'the architects of Egyptian temples and housing solutions in Kenya and Tunisia'	The recent Prensela-Broeksma House in Amsterdam is a stylish town house slotted into a tight urban site	Recently completed an office building in Nieuwe Teertuinen, Amsterdam; currently hard at work on an artist's studio	Tijmen Ploeg prefers clients who are also key users of the building – 'the more specific their needs, the better'
HOLLAND, ROTTERDAM CHRISTIAN MÜLLER ARCHITECTS	Christian Müller, Rodenrijsealaan 5A, Rotterdam, Netherlands. Tel: 31.10 243 0825, www.christian-muller.com	Difficult and unwilling to be pinned down. 'Each solution reflects the appropriate style to the challenge,' says Müller	Müller rates Eileen Gray's villa in Roquebrune as the epitome of domestic genius, even organising exhibitions of her work	The house renovation in Oisterwijk – with a bathroom where you can let it all hang out	All-encompassing project entitled 'The House Without Qualities – the Intersection of Science and Architecture'	Imaginative flexibility in approaching a project, and perfection in executing a project
NORWAY, OSLO MMW ARCHITECTS	Magne Magler Wiggen, Schweigaardsgate 34d, Oslo, Norway. Tel: 47.22 17 34 40. magne@mmw.no, www.mmw.no	Architects with a passion for upending the status quo, Magne Magler Wiggen describes itself as 'freestyle'	Matthew Barney, Donald Judd, Future Systems and Lebbeus Woods. Brasilia is their urban paradise	The FHILTEX-X mobile container house	The Villa Bakke, a private house just outside Oslo, as well as stage set projects and work for an advertising agency	'We'd like our architecture to inspire future living – and we like to have some fun along the way'
SINGAPORE K2LD ARCHITECTS	Ben Teng, 35A Kreta Ayer Road, Singapore 089000. Tel: 65.323 7198, fax: 65.323 0949, K2LDa@singnet.com.sg	'Our projects are unapologetically modern,' says Teng. Think tropical calm with touches of international modern	K2LD draws inspiration from the work of artists like Donald Judd and Lucie Rie	The house on Coronation Road in Singapore epitomises the company's approach	A business centre for Singapore's Ritz Carlton, as well as several new private houses	Get to the essentials: stay modern, innovative and beautiful
SWITZERLAND, BRUGG LIECHTI GRAF ZUMSTEG	Lukas Zumsteg, Liechti Graf Zumsteg, Stapferstrasse 2, 5200 Brugg. Tel: 056 441 07 94, info@lgz.ch, www.lgz.ch	'Our style is the way we think about all the parameters of a project,' says Lukas Zumsteg	More from real life than architecture, such as the quirky work of artist and photographer Stefan Banz	Plans for terraced housing in Brugg – Ando meets Atelier 5	The state library in Baselland	'The effort to find the soul of the house'
SWITZERLAND, DIEPOLDsau NOVARON EICHER HUTTER GEPP	Novaron Eicher Hutter Gepp, Sonnenstrasse 12, ch-9444, Diepoldsau. Tel: 43-71 733 22 12, fax: 43-71 733 32 12	'We like simplicity'	Trying to forge its own path free from external influence. But admits the quality of architecture in Vorarlberg is high	The Haus Ratz in Bizau – wood and concrete in perfect harmony	A few ski-hotel projects pitched at the young	'We like looking for new rooms' – like the firm's new name: Novaron
UK, BRISTOL PETER MEACOCK CENTRAL WORKSHOP	Peter Meacock, 2 All Saints Court, Bristol BS1 1JN, UK. Tel: 44.117 925 7077, www.centralworkshop.co.uk	Functional reductionism	Donald Judd, concrete maestro Denys Lasdun, MVRDV, Tadao Ando and Renzo Piano, Corb's iconic Unité d'Habitation	Lark's Rise, Somerset – proof that developers can build contemporary homes	Pursuing a commission for a major public library project in Europe, as well as an arts library for Bristol University	'Humour and rigour'
UK, LONDON DE RIJKE MARSH MORGAN	Alex de Rijke, 1 Clink Street, Bankside, London SE1, UK. Tel: 44.20 7407 1117, www.drmm.co.uk	With an emphasis on new technology and the unexpected use of new materials, dRMM has a diverse portfolio	Radical fantasy meets down-to-earth reality. 'Architecture without architects' is a perennial practice favourite, too	A mix of delightful residential conversions, moving on to some audacious office interiors and innovative buildings	A 'lightweight' London school (its largest project to date) and a small 'heavy' apartment building in Waterloo	'If in doubt, leave it out,' says de Rijke, 'but our work is also about maximalism – getting the best from materials'
USA, ARIZONA RICK JOY ARCHITECT	Rick Joy, 400 South Rubio Avenue, Tucson, Arizona 85701, USA. Tel: 1.520 624 1442, fax: 1.520 791 0699, www.rickjoy.com	No style. Just original modern architecture that is specific to client and place	Barragan, Piano and Sverre Fenn, with Corb's Ronchamp getting top marks	The firm's extraordinary Tyler House – an earth-red concoction that blends into the surrounding desert	Several houses are in the pipeline, as well as a luxury boutique hotel – Joy is tight-lipped about the site	'To reveal and celebrate the aspirations of my clients through the architecture, regardless of location'