

PRESS RELEASE

Luis Vidal + Architects | ZJA Architects & Engineers appointed as new architects for Schiphol
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Amsterdam Airport Schiphol is working on renewal. At the end of 2024, an architectural selection process was launched amid the greatest international interest. Three of the four airport areas have now been definitively awarded to the Joint Venture Luis Vidal + Architects | ZJA Architects & Engineers an international collaboration between Luis Vidal + Architects, a global architectural studio headquartered in Spain, and the Amsterdam based international architectural studio ZJA Architects & Engineers.

Luis Vidal + Architects | ZJA Architects & Engineers: "A clear and recognizable home base for world travelers. That is the challenge we, as Luis Vidal + Architects and ZJA Architects & Engineers, will be working on in the years ahead. With our combined world-wide expertise in airports and passenger experience and local knowledge, we are very much looking forward shaping the renewal of Schiphol."

Global expertise and local knowledge

Where Schiphol was once designed as a 'one-terminal' airport, the architects will now work on its renewal as 'one team'. Luis Vidal + Architects has established a globally recognized track record in airport design and sustainable landmarks, with pioneering and worldwide multi-awarded projects including London Heathrow T2 (The Queen's Terminal), New York JFK, Boston Logan, Denver, DFW, Pittsburgh International Airport, Madrid Barajas T4-T4S and Santiago de Chile. ZJA Architects & Engineers designs complex projects in the fields of infrastructure, public transport and public facilities, including the large-scale renewal of Amsterdam Central Station, the Eurostar UK Terminal, Zuidasdok, the ringroads around Brussels and Antwerp and multiple parking structures for Schiphol.

One team, one shared design vision

Luis Vidal + Architects | ZJA Architects & Engineers has been awarded three of the four airport areas, addressing the challenges of improving passenger experience, environmental performance and concession offering. These will be incorporated into Schiphol Plaza including the lounges; the airport piers, gates and flow areas and the landside passenger areas and parking facilities. For the landscape design the leading design practice in landscape architecture and urbanism DELVA Landscape Architecture | Urbanism joins Luis Vidal + Architects | ZJA Architects & Engineers.

In addition to Luis Vidal + Architects | ZJA Architects & Engineers, KAAN Architecten has been appointed as lead architect for the overarching design vision; Paul de Ruiter Architects for the design of the departure halls, baggage halls, and security and customs filters, and Beacon (Bentham Crouwel Architects and NACO) as airport consultant.

Working together on a recognizable Schiphol

Following stand-alone renovations over the past decades, the characteristic simplicity, authenticity and distinct identity of Schiphol's design DNA have faded into the background. In the years ahead, many parts of the terminal will be renewed, with the aim of gradually restoring Schiphol qualitatively to the top three European hub airports.

A shared design vision must ensure that the airport retains one recognizable identity throughout this process. Passenger experience, functionality and quality are central, so that the renewed areas align closely with what travelers need. At the same time, attention is being paid to costs, maintenance, modular construction and sustainability, so that buildings and facilities remain in good condition in the long term as well. The next phase will focus on defining the conceptual development of the Area Development Plans, setting the foundation for a common design identity and coherence for Schiphol.

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About Luis Vidal + Architects

Luis Vidal + Architects is an internationally recognized practice specializing in the design of complex, large-scale infrastructure, with a particular focus on airports. Headquartered in Madrid, the studio has expanded its global presence with offices in London, Boston, Dallas, Miami, New York, Tokyo, Shanghai, Santo Domingo and Santiago de Chile, enabling a truly international approach to design.

From Europe, the practice plays a leading role in shaping the gateways to major cities, defining how millions of passengers experience arrival and departure. This approach is reflected in landmark projects such as Madrid or London Heathrow, while exporting a distinct European design culture to the Americas, including Chile and the Dominican Republic, as well as major US hubs such as Denver, DFW, Pittsburgh, Boston and JFK. Combining strategic vision, technical expertise and user-centered design, the studio delivers innovative and sustainable solutions that redefine the passenger experience worldwide.

The studio's work is underpinned by a strong commitment to sustainability, with more than 20 environmental certifications, including LEED and BREEAM, among them 7 LEED Platinum. Its projects have been internationally recognized with over 70 awards, reflecting a consistent ability to deliver innovative, high-quality architecture at a global scale.

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About ZJA Architects & Engineers

ZJA Architects & Engineers was founded in 1990. Headquartered in Amsterdam (the Netherlands), an international team of architects, engineers, researchers and inventors works on leading national and international projects in the fields of infrastructure, public transport and public facilities.

As an expert in computational design, ZJA develops smart, sustainable and future-oriented solutions. Driven by collaboration, research and innovation, the firm delivers projects that strengthen the built

environment and add lasting value for users and society. “The better the design, the more it enriches society, and the more sophisticated and careful it intertwines new functions with the environment.”

ZJA’s portfolio includes projects in progress as the renewal of Amsterdam Central Station, several parking structures for Schiphol, Zuidasdok, the ringroads around Brussels and Antwerp and multiple times awarded projects as the Lightrailstation in The Hague, the Eurostar UK Terminal, the Climate Greenhouse at the Hortus Botanicus Amsterdam, the Diamond Exchange Capital C Amsterdam, the international Elevated Light Rail Track in South-Korea, venue building Silt Middelkerke (Belgium) and several striking bridges and stadiums. Designs in which ZJA brings together technology, spatial quality and user experience.

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About subcontractor DELVA Landscape Architecture | Urbanism

DELVA Landscape Architecture + Urbanism is a leading design practice in landscape architecture and urbanism. The studio believes in the power of landscape as a foundation for addressing the spatial challenges of the 21st century, adopting a design approach in which nature, ecology and use are brought together. From its studios in Amsterdam, Antwerp and Stockholm, DELVA works on a wide range of projects and urban developments, focusing on densification, greening and sustainability in an integrated way. By connecting landscape with architecture, engineering, policy and feasibility, DELVA develops future-proof designs that contribute to coherent and resilient environments.

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