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University of Melbourne Architecture Building Competition: finalists announced

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The University of Melbourne recently selected six finalists for the second phase of designing the Faculty of Architecture, Building and Planning building. The new building will consist of educational facilities for staff and students, with a total floor area of nearly 18,000m². The competition attracted 133 submissions from more than 15 countries around the world.

The six selected practices after the break.

The six short-listed finalists are:

- Denton Corker Marshall Pty Ltd
- Diller Scofidio + Renfro
- John Wardle Architects & Office dA
- KoningEizenberg with William J Mitchell and Gehry Technologies
- McBride Charles Ryan
- Sauerbruch Hutton with NH Architecture

On September 30, 2009, the winning architecture firm will design a vibrant educational environment that will inspire architecture, building and planning students, researchers and academics.

To read more visit www.abp.unimelb.edu.au/competition, where regular updates about the competition will be posted.

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Jimmy says:

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arently 5 pritzker winners entered and weren't shortlisted...and 7 stirling winners...or something like that.

Nick says:

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man this was never going to go international, Melbourne Uni will go to their usual conservative alumni and keep it as boring as they can only achieve, it will be DCM all the way and I wouldn't be surprised if they have already made that decision are wasting all the other entrants time, that would be typical of Melb Uni

JKL says:

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@ Nick

DCM has never won a single Melb. Uni job. So how do you figure that?

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Jay says:

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Interesting, just a question...RMIT or Uni of Melb.? Have applied to both for Masters program...thoughts?

AMR says:

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Jay,

RMIT would be my choice. Seems to be a much more diverse and rigorous program. I didn't get into either but that's another story.....

I suspect it will be one of the 3 Melbourne architects who win though. Hope it is McBride or Wardle. Love their work.

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[...] Six practices - Denton Corker Marshall; Diller Scofidio + Renfro; John Wardle Architects & Office dA; KoningEizenberg with William J Mitchell and Gehry Technologies; McBride Charles Ryan; Sauerbruch Hutton with NH Architecture - on the shortlist to build a new faculty building for Architecture, Building and Planning at the University of Melbourne. More at Arch Daily [...]

Nick says:

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@JKL, I've been involved in the Melbourne system for some time, at both sides (RMIT and Melb. Uni) and Melb. has always leaned on the side of the conservative right wing (this is demonstrated not only in the students work but also in the graduates of

the program). The history of DCM in Melbourne fits perfectly with the Melb Uni model. I know that this is an assumption that they will win but this history heavily suggests a match made in heaven.

Louise says:
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great to see internationals on the shortlist at all!
(UTS come on!!)

Alberto says:
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So does anyone know if the "winning entries" have been posted?

Jimmy says:
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it was an expression of interest for stage one...no design.

any suggestion that the decision is already made is pretty silly....the uni has changed a lot over the last few years particularly with tom kvan in charge of the faculty.

i think there'll be an interesting array of ideas from the 6 for the next stage.

Lucas Gray says:
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I am quite impressed with the list of finalists. There are some fantastic firms and great partnerships listed. I look forward to seeing the proposals regardless of who wins.

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