[GRIMSHAW ARCHITECTS]

PRINCIPAL ARCHITECT(S): [GRIMSHAW, NICHOLAS]

LOCATION: [LONDON, NEW YORK, SYDNEY, MELBOURNE]

FIRM OPENED: [1980]

EMPLOYEES: [250+]

FIRM PHILOSOPHY
Grimshaw Architects designs responses to the needs of the contemporary world, with great focus on the functions to be fulfilled, conditions to be provided, and material used. Their ultimate goal is to design buildings and environments that work, inspire people, and transform communities.
With each project, Grimshaw Architects learns more about creating forms and places, serving processes and people, and minimizing energy usage.
All works from Grimshaw Architects are characterized by their legibility and innovation, resulting in designs that are functional, economic, and elegant.

HISTORY
Sir Nicholas Grimshaw established Grimshaw Architects in 1980 in London, England. At its commencement, the firm was a forerunner for architecture utilizing elements of high-tech industry in design. Noted for its modernist styles, Grimshaw Architects has won awards for its Southern Cross railway station in Melbourne, Australia, and Amsterdam Bijlmer Arena Station in the Netherlands.
Other awards include the World Architect of the Year (2008), Architectural Practice of the Year (2008), and the Transport Architect of the Year (2008).
Most recently, Grimshaw Architects has been selected to design the new master plan for Union Station in Los Angeles, which is set for completion in 2014.

PROJECT TYPE
Infrastructure and industrial spaces
Heavy-frame residential buildings
Land and air transportation terminals
Sports stadiums and arenas
Urban planning
Industrial design

COMPLETED PROJECTS
Grand Union Canal Walk Housing – London, UK
Waterloo International Railway Station – London, UK
Melbourne Metro – Melbourne, Australia
London School of Economics New Academic Building – London, UK
Lord’s Cricket Ground Grand Stand – St. John’s Wood, London, UK
Incheon Airport – Seoul, South Korea

REFERENCES
[Mark Garofalo (UIN: 654311924)]
[Kalin Ngo (UIN: 676727307)]
GRAND UNION CANAL WALK HOUSING

LOCATION: London, United Kingdom
COMPLETION: 1988
BUILDING TYPE: Residential

BUILDING TYPE + PROGRAM
The Grand Union Canal Walk Housing is a set of residential buildings designed by Nicholas Grimshaw in 1988 as part of the Sainsbury’s Supermarket Commission Grimshaw was rewarded. It is a set of 12 houses along the Grand Union Canal meant to be rented and used as public housing.

BUILDING DESIGN INTENTIONS
The design intention of this set of public housing was to create useful and efficient living space in a relatively small area (the piece of land was only about 30 feet deep off the banks of the canal. This living space needed to be well lit and use the limited space available to its full potential. Each house is three stories tall, with large wide windows to allow as much natural light in as possible, while also using timber roofs and accents along the canal side to give a more natural feel. Grimshaw achieved his goals of creating useful space from the limited area of the location while also accenting the building properly to match the feel of it to the area which it is located.

BUILDING PLANS, SECTIONS, ADDITIONAL IMAGES

REFERENCES