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Sir David Chipperfield, born 1953

David Chipperfield studied at Kingston School of Art and the Architectural Association in London. After graduating he worked at the practices of Douglas Stephen, Richard Rogers and Norman Foster. He established David Chipperfield Architects in 1985 in London and opened further practices in Berlin, Milan and Shanghai. David Chipperfield has taught and lectured worldwide. He has been Professor of Architecture at the Staatliche Akademie der Bildenden Künste in Stuttgart, and Visiting Professor at several schools of architecture in Austria, Italy, Switzerland, the United Kingdom and the United States. In 2009 David Chipperfield was awarded the Order of Merit of the Federal Republic of Germany and in 2010 he was knighted for services to architecture in the UK and Germany by Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II. In 2012 David Chipperfield was Curator of the 13th International Architecture Exhibition of the Venice Biennale.

Alexander Schwarz, Architect
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Alexander Schwarz studied architecture at the Eidgenössische Technische Hochschule Zurich, the Staatliche Akademie der Bildenden Künste Stuttgart and the Universität Stuttgart, after completing an education in violin making. He has worked for David Chipperfield Architects since 1996, initially in London and since 1998 in Berlin. In 2006 he became a managing director and in 2011 a partner in the Berlin office. As design director, he is responsible for the design of numerous projects and competitions, including the Neues Museum and the James Simon Gallery on Berlin's Museum Island, the Museum of Modern Literature in Marbach am Neckar and the Museum Folkwang in Essen. Alexander has furthermore held a number of academic teaching positions and is currently visiting professor at the Bauhaus-Universität Weimar in Germany.