

CLIENT OF THE YEAR LONDON SCHOOL OF ECONOMICS



Nominated by AJ100 practices and assessed by an AJ editorial panel, this award is presented to the client that, in the panel's view, made the greatest contribution to UK architecture over the year

The AJ100 practices that put forward the London School of Economics for this award did so for its 'consistent patronage of high-quality architecture'. Under the stewardship of Julian Robinson, its director of estates, the LSE has continued to commission excellent architecture from a variety of practices.

The judges noted that using invited design competitions to ensure fresh thinking from sophisticated practices has become a hallmark of

the LSE's procurement approach.

The past 12 months has seen the completion of the new student union building by O'Donnell + Tuomey, on what RIBA Gold Medallist Joseph Rykwert described as 'an impossible site', and the appointment of Rogers Stirk Harbour + Partners, which in November last year won the competition to design the LSE's new £90 million Global Centre for Social Sciences at the university's Aldwych campus.

SHORTLIST

Argent · British Land · Croydon Council · Derwent London · London School of Economics · Peabody Trust · University of Edinburgh

JUDGES

Paul Finch, AJ editorial director · Rory Olcayto, AJ acting editor · Peter Stewart, of Peter Stewart Consultancy