

Bio's team Matosinhos

MVRDV (LEAD)

Winy Maas, Jacob van Rijs and Nathalie de Vries established MVRDV in 1993 in Rotterdam, The Netherlands. The office engages globally in providing solutions to contemporary architectural and urban issues, using a research-based and highly collaborative design method that engages experts from all fields, clients and stakeholders in the creative process. The results are exemplary and outspoken buildings, urban plans, as well as studies and objects, which enable our cities and landscapes to develop towards a better future.

Several MVRDV-projects have attracted international acclaim – from early projects like the headquarters for the Dutch Public Broadcaster VPRO, and the Dutch pavilion for the EXPO 2000 in Hannover, to large-scale masterplans such as Bastide Niel Bordeaux, Floriade EXPO, and Thessaloniki's Urban Port. MVRDV is also known for its architecture (Markthal, Depot Boijmans Van Beuningen, Valley). In nearly 30 years in practice, the office has won over 150 awards, including Architizer's 'Firm of the Year' in 2018.

The 350 architects, designers, and support staff develop projects in a multi-disciplinary, collaborative design process, involving rigorous technical and creative investigation, and supported by BIM technology and in-house BREEAM and LEED assessors. Alongside Delft University of Technology, MVRDV runs The Why Factory, an independent think tank and research institute providing an agenda for architecture and urbanism and dedicated to envisioning the city of the future.

www.mvrdiv.com

OODA

OODA is an intuitive architecture practice based in Matosinhos led by Rodrigo Vilas-Boas, Diogo Brito, Francisco Lencastre, João Jesus, and Julião Pinto Leite. Established in 2010, the office operates worldwide and focuses on the production of relevant, meaningful, and quality content. With sensibility and optimism, the office works on a wide range of projects, from singular houses to large-scale hotels, from institutional buildings to museums, and from masterplans to small furniture pieces.

OODA's work is a combination of a wide range of references and inspirations, different formal grammars, narratives, and perceptions, which combined express a thoughtful and significant process of architectural production in all its fields. Projects such as Miramar tower, Douro Hotel, and Matadouro, have marked important milestones for OODA's trajectory. Since these, OODA has won many awards, leading to collaborations with world-renowned architecture firms such as Kengo Kuma and Associates (KKA), Bjarke Ingels Group (BIG), and Souto Moura Architects.

With a 40+ person team, OODA's genetic philosophy lies in a robust team spirit. The team is always adapting, and transferring staff for other vocational or motivational needs, attending to personal appetites and skills, and ever in search of greater personal motivation and professional fulfilment.

<https://ooda.eu/>

LOLA Landscape Architects

(Rotterdam / Shenzhen) LOLA Landscape Architects researches and designs spatial transitions for existing cultural landscapes. With thoughtful ideas and targeted interventions, LOLA (LOst Landscapes) aims to optimize these landscapes into beautiful, healthy, and sustainable places. LOLA has an optimistic and conceptual approach to these landscapes and a fascination for new spatial phenomena. Whether in the city, at the city edges, or in the countryside, the office aims to design unique experiences and sublime places that are beautiful, surprising, and thriving.

LOLA's projects have been realized and/or published worldwide. These include masterplan designs such as Feyenoord City in Rotterdam and Frankfurt Northwest as well as parks such as Forest Sports Park Shenzhen and Shenzhen's main waterfront, Shenzhen Bay Park. LOLA designed campus sites for the Adidas HQ in Germany and Twente University and the redevelopment of locations such as Bajeskwartier Amsterdam and Solana Ulcinj in Montenegro.

Landscape architects Eric-Jan Pleijster, Cees van der Veecken and Peter Veenstra founded LOLA Landscape Architects in 2006. Their work has received the Maaskant Prize for young architects, TOPOS landscape award, AAP ME Award of Excellence, a WAF China Best Landscape Award, and an Excellent Design Award. With branches in Rotterdam and Shenzhen, the team consists of 36 passionate employees.

www.lola.land

Thornton Tomasetti

Thornton Tomasetti optimises the design and performance of structures, materials and systems for projects of every size and level of complexity. Founded in 1949, we are an employee-owned organisation of engineers, scientists, architects and other professionals collaborating from offices worldwide. We support clients by drawing on the diverse expertise of our integrated practices, and are committed to being a sustainable and enduring organisation, as well as a driver of innovation in our industry across the world.

Our design professionals collaborate with architects, owners and builders to achieve elegant, sustainable solutions to meet the demands of the most technically challenging projects. From designing some of the world's tallest buildings and longest spans, to engineering the most ambitious, yet small-scale structures, we challenge convention while addressing the demands of constructability, sustainability, budget, function, and aesthetic vision.

Some of our recent and on-going projects include Hudson Yards and Sunnyside Yards in New York, Brisbane Baylands in California, and Wood Wharf in London, UK.

<https://www.thorntontomasetti.com/>

A400

A400 – Projetistas e Consultores de Engenharia Lda. was created in August 1995, and provides technical services in the most varied fields of engineering, asserting itself in the market as a specialist in the elaboration of structural projects. Over the course of twenty-three years of activity, A400 has developed the knowledge of its permanent technical staff and its domain of action through constant observance of the market in which it operates and interacts. A400 has incorporated sustainability not just in their projects and processes, but also in their daily routines and office operation.

A400 has more than 120 employees across four different locations. This team comprises accredited professionals with extensive experience in LEED, BREEAM, and WELL certification processes, both nationally and internationally. Having also acquired experience in simulation and energy efficiency projects, maximizing opportunities for innovation, as well as the integration of synergies within the design team, A400 is committed to project success and impact.

Most recently, the office worked with international companies to design and deliver the Google offices in Lagoas Park, and Microsoft offices in Lisbon.

<https://www.a400.pt/pt/>

Livework

Founded in 2001, Livework is an experience strategy and service design consultancy founded. The clue to the office's work lies in its name: Livework. With a dedication to improving how people live and work, Livework's service design introduces the human angle: it creates experiences people love to use and deliver, it makes services that are commercially viable and technologically feasible, and it integrates multiple perspectives into a cohesive vision and approach for its various stakeholders and for the community. Operating from studios in London, Rotterdam, and Sao Paulo, Livework's multidisciplinary team of service designers, systems thinkers, business designers, researchers and consultants, have contributed to more than 1500 projects for more than 400 clients in leading private sector and public organisations, and NGOs across the globe.

Bringing experience design into urban development, Livework solves complex and fascinating challenges in projects, like in projects for MQDC, Nebula, DTGO in Thailand, London underground stations, Transport for London, Norwegian Rail, the Dutch Railroad and Port of Rotterdam, Schiphol, the Kunsthal, the Municipalities of Rotterdam and Amsterdam.

<https://www.liveworkstudio.com/>