

Ian Birtles



Ian's financial experience has been pivotal in helping the firm to successfully expand on an international scale from a firm base in the UK

Education

1982 - 83 South Bank Polytechnic

Practice

2022 - Senior director,
RSHP Architects Ltd

2011 - 22 Partner,
Rogers Stirk Harbour + Partners LLP

2004 - 11 Director,
Rogers Stirk Harbour + Partners

2001 - 04 Associate Director,
Richard Rogers Partnership

1997 - Richard Rogers Partnership

Summary of Experience

Ian began his career training with Bristow Burrell & Co, a firm of chartered accountants with offices in Guildford and London, before moving to the City, where he spent 10 years with the international chartered surveyors Gooch & Wagstaff. He joined RSHP in 1997 as Head of Finance.

As a member of the board, Ian is responsible for the practice's financial management and works closely with the directors on the financial and tax aspects of projects across the practice. He played a key role in developing RSHP's BAA framework agreement for Heathrow Terminal 5 and was part of the management team for the Spanish joint venture that delivered Madrid-Barajas Airport.

Ian leads the establishment, structuring and tax planning of RSHP's international entities and has overseen significant financial and strategic developments across the practice, including the establishment of offices in Madrid, Barcelona, Tokyo, Shanghai, Mexico City and Sydney.

He is currently working with the RSHP design team and co-architects on the delivery of the new terminal at Mohammed V International Airport in Casablanca, while also leading the practice's business development activities across the Middle East.

Alongside his practice leadership responsibilities, Ian supports and mentors RSHP's architectural assistants, advising on the financial and commercial aspects of the RIBA Part 3 qualification.

Key Projects

2025 -	New terminal at Mohammed V International Airport, Transport and Infrastructure, Casablanca, Morocco	1997 - 05	Terminal 4, Madrid Barajas Airport, Transport and Infrastructure, Madrid, Spain
2023 -	Expansion of T4 Madrid Barajas Airport, Transport and Infrastructure, Madrid, Spain	1997	Transbay Bus and Rail Terminal, Transport and Infrastructure, San Francisco, USA
	Hangzhou Central Axis Masterplan, Competition, Hangzhou, China	1996 - 08	Transport Interchange, Heathrow Terminal 5, Transport and Infrastructure, London, UK
2022 -	Port Kembla, Masterplan, Sydney, Australia	1988 - 08	Terminal 5 Heathrow Airport, Transport and Infrastructure, London, UK
2021 -	Shenzhen Grand Transport Hub, Transport and Infrastructure, Shenzhen China	1987 - 00	Air Traffic Control Tower, Heathrow, Transport and Infrastructure, London, UK
2020	Bao'an Airport, Terminal 2, Transport and Infrastructure, Shenzhen, China		
	Chamartin Station, Transport and Infrastructure, Madrid, Spain		
2019	Zurich Airport, Transport and Infrastructure, Competition, Zurich, Switzerland		
2018	Western Sydney Airport, Transport and Infrastructure, Competition, Sydney, Australia		
2017 - 25	Metro Tunnel Project, Transport and Infrastructure, Melbourne, Australia		
2015 -	Taoyuan Airport T3, Transport and Infrastructure, Taiwan		
2014 -	Chamartin Norte city plan, Masterplan, Madrid, Spain		
2013 - 18	Terminal 1, Lyon-Saint Exupéry Airport, Transport & Infrastructure, Lyon, France		
2013	Mexico City Airport Masterplan, Transport and Infrastructure, competition, Mexico City, Mexico		
2011 - 21	Geneva Airport, Aile Est, Transport and Infrastructure, Geneva, Switzerland		
2010 - 13	Beijing Airport, Transport and Infrastructure, Beijing, China		
2010 - 18	The Hong Kong-Zhuhai-Macao Bridge Hong Kong Port - Passenger Clearance Building, Hong Kong, China		
2007	Transbay Terminal and Tower, Transport and Infrastructure, Competition, San Francisco, USA		
2006 -	Capodichino Metro Station, Transport and Infrastructure, Naples, Italy		
2001 - 02	Leuven Railway Station, Transport and Infrastructure, Competition, Leuven, Belgium		