

# James Leathem



**James' open mind to innovation and his creative way of resolving problems have added great value to our project**

Roberto Viñes Cier, Former Regional Operations Director, Bovis Lend Lease Catalonian Area / Las Arenas

## Qualifications

BA (Hons), B.Arch, Part 3 ARB

## Education

**1990 - 92** Liverpool University  
**1986 - 89** Brighton Polytechnic

## Practice

**2016** Associate Partner, Rogers Stirk Harbour + Partners  
**2001 -** Associate, Rogers Stirk Harbour + Partners  
**1993 -** Richard Rogers Partnership  
**1992 - 93** Apicella Associates  
**1989 - 90** Chetwood Associates, Roberto Viñes Cier, Former Regional Operations Director, Bovis Lend Lease Catalonian Area / Las Arenas

## Summary of Experience

James joined Rogers Stirk Harbour + Partners in 1993 and has worked on various projects throughout the world. He is an experienced project architect with a great track record of delivering major buildings. He has collaborated on many prestigious projects in Europe, including a long period working on the reconstruction of Potsdamer Platz for Daimler Benz in the centre of Berlin.

James is currently based in London running the internal fit-out and furniture team for the Taoyuan Airport, Terminal 3 project which includes co-ordinating a large international team, something he is well versed in.

As well as contributing to many international competitions, James was the project architect for the National Assembly for Wales in Cardiff. He became an Associate in 2001, before moving to Spain where he worked on T4 at Barajas Airport in Madrid (Stirling Prize Winner in 2006) leading the interior fit-out. Following this, he moved to Barcelona, where he continued to develop his detailed design skills and site experience by working as project architect for the duration of the conversion of Las Arenas, a former bull ring, into a commercial and leisure centre. His main role was to develop and coordinate the project, alongside our co-architects, from the planning stage right the way through to construction on site.

James is a Spanish speaker and, following his work in Barcelona, moved to Mexico, where he worked as project architect for RSHP on the detailed design and site supervision stages of the new headquarters tower for the BBVA Bancomer Bank in the heart of Mexico City. Here, James utilised his skills for working within a different cultural environment, collaborating with the co-architect Legorreta + Legorreta under the name of 'LegoRogers'.

## Key Projects

- 2016 -** Taoyuan Airport Terminal 3, Taiwan  
**2015 -** International Spy Museum, Washington DC, US.  
**2014 - 2015** National Football Stadium, Caracas, Venezuela.  
**2014** Chongqing Centre, Chongqing, China.  
**2009 - 2014** HQ Tower for BBVA Bancomer Bank, Mexico City, Mexico.  
**2009 - 2016** HQ Tower for BBVA Bancomer Bank, Mexico City, Mexico  
**2003 - 09** Las Arenas, Plaza de Toros Conversion, Barcelona, Spain  
**2001 - 03** Terminal 4, Barajas Airport, Madrid, Spain  
**2001** Venice Biennale: Design and production of the National Assembly for Wales Exhibition  
**1999 - 01** National Assembly for Wales, Cardiff, Wales  
**2000** Competition: New Law Courts, Antwerp, Belgium: winning scheme  
Competition: New City Centre for Segels Torg, Stockholm, Sweden  
Competition: Law Courts, Lille, France  
Hotel Hesperia, Barcelona, Spain  
**1999** Chiswick Park Offices, London  
Competition: Rome Congress Centre, Rome, Italy  
**1998** 'Baby Dome', Millennium Site, Greenwich, London  
Seoul Broadcasting Centre, Seoul, South Korea  
**1994 - 98** Daimler Benz, Potsdamer Platz, Berlin, Germany  
**1995** Saitama Arena, Tokyo, Japan  
**1993 - 94** Lloyd's Register of Shipping, Liphook, England  
**1992 - 93** Geneva Motor Show: Ford Europe, Geneva, Switzerland  
Ford Europe Travelling Exhibition  
Restaurant, No1 Cabot Square, Canary Wharf, London  
Disney World: Transforming Structures working with 'Imagination' London  
**1989 - 90** Lewisham Shopping Centre, London  
Sainsbury's: Viability study

## Lecturing

- 2013** Bartlett School of Architecture  
**2013** University College London