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Ryder Architecture launches 60th birthday exhibition in London

Ryder Architecture continues to celebrate its 60th birthday year with the successful launch of a Ryder retrospective exhibition at the Building Centre. The launch event on 6th June was a relaxed and lively evening, attended by senior figures from all areas of the built environment industry.

Says Peter Buchan, Senior Partner at Ryder, "It's a credit to all the people who have worked at Ryder in its 60 year history that we can put together an exhibition of such important projects across such a range of sectors."

The exhibition runs until the 27th June, and charts the challenges, developments and complimentary strands of architecture across the decades, mapping Ryder's work and seeking to place it within the context of the times. The projects chosen for the exhibition particularly highlight Ryder's long standing use of interdisciplinary collaborations to support flexible design teams that answer the increasingly complex demands of management, economics and technology within design in the built environment.

Peter continues, "Working together – multi-disciplinary working – has always been at the core of Ryder's ethos, from the very beginning with Gordon Ryder and Peter Yates' innovative partnership in 1953, up to the present day with the Ryder-led Future of Built Environment Education campaign to reform built environment education and entry to the industry professions."

The exhibition started its tour at the Briggait in Glasgow, and will move on from London to Mann Island, Liverpool, in October and finish at the BALTIC Centre in Newcastle in November.

Ryder's 60th anniversary year has already seen some prestigious successes, with the practice winning two categories in this year's AJ100 Awards; New Member of the Year, and the Best Place to Work in the North East & Yorkshire. Ryder has also achieved Sunday Times 100 Best Companies to Work For, 2013.

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Established in 1953, multi award winning practice Ryder Architecture operates from offices in Glasgow, Liverpool, London and Newcastle has an annual turnover of £7 million and employs 100 staff. Ryder has also achieved Sunday Times 100 Best Companies to Work For, 2013.

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2013 marks **60 years in practice** - an important milestone in Ryder's development. A series of events is planned which began with the launch of a retrospective which took place at RIBA HQ Portland Place in London in January. A diverse programme of research papers, debates and seminars will take place at various venues throughout the UK, focusing around a touring exhibition reviewing Ryder's projects and looking forward to the hopes and challenges of the next 60 years.

At the book launch event, senior partner, Peter Buchan, commented:

"To maintain consistency of output over 60 years of practice is a tough call. We have never tried to change; we have simply tried to improve the quality of our surroundings and in doing so, the quality of people's lives."

"The launch of this beautiful book is the first element in a whole year of events to mark our 60th birthday. We began the year on a positive note with a very productive meeting of the Ryder-led campaign to reform built environment education in the UK. Our other plans include a series of exhibitions – in Glasgow, Newcastle, London and Liverpool – combined with practice led research papers, seminars and debates."

Ryder has established a number of key partnerships and collaborations to strengthen and focus its offer, including TFP | Ryder, the collaboration in China and Hong Kong with Farrell's.

With an enviable portfolio of clients and projects, the practice operates globally across a wide range of sectors including education, healthcare, industrial, infrastructure, leisure, office, community, residential and science.

Ryder continues to pioneer the adoption of Building Information Modelling (BIM), having established BIM Academy, a unique collaboration between the private sector and academia which provides training, consultancy and research and development to the international construction sector.

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