





The big list WA100 is BD's annual survey of the world's largest practices ranked by the number of fee-earning architects they employ. This year, the top five has a familiar look, while Leigh & Orange and blocher partners are the top new entries

RANK 2018	RANK 2017	NEW	PRACTICE NAME	COUNTRY	ARCHITECTS EMPLOYED	FEE INCOME (US \$MILLION)
1	1		Gensler	USA	2,560	\$1bn-1.5bn
2	2		Nikken Sekkei	Japan	1,837	\$500-599m
3	3		AECOM	USA	1,607	\$600-699m
4	5		HDR	USA	1,224	\$350-359m
5	4		Perkins+Will	USA	1,096	\$500-599m
6	6		IBI Group	Canada	864	\$220-229m
7	8		HOK	USA	806	\$280-289m
8	10		DP Architects	Singapore	766	
9	12		HKS	USA	764	\$250-259m
10	9		Aedas	China	713	\$200-209m
11	13		White Arkitekter	Sweden	690	\$110-119m
12	15		Perkins Eastman	USA	680	\$170-179m
13	27		DLR Group	USA	679	\$210-219m
14	14		Foster + Partners	UK	642	\$180-189m
15	16		Jacobs	USA	636	
16	26		CannonDesign	USA	620	\$140-149m
17	18=		Stantec	Canada	589	\$340-349m
18	20		SmithGroupJJR	USA	550	\$180-189m
19	21		Nihon Sekkei	Japan	528	\$120-129m
20	22		Heerim Architects & Planners	South Korea	518	\$150-159m
21	25		gmp architekten	Germany	512	\$80-89m
22	24		Haeahn Architecture	South Korea	509	\$90-99m
23	29		ATP architects engineers	Austria	440	\$80-89m
24	31		ZGF Architects	USA	392	\$90-99m
25	30		Kume Sekkei	Japan	390	\$100-109m
26	23		Tengbom	Sweden	383	\$70-79m
27	35=		NBBJ	USA	364	\$160-169m
28	34		P&T Architects and Engineers	China	357	\$130-139m
29	33		Atkins	UK	353	\$130-139m
30	35=		BDP	UK	350	\$60-69m
31	37		Mitsubishi Jisho Sekkei	Japan	347	\$150-159m
32	38		HPP Architekten	Germany	332	\$40-49m
33	43		LINK arkitektur	Norway	328	\$50-59m
34	32		AREP	France	316	\$120-129m
35		•	Leigh & Orange	China	302	\$70-79m
36	47		Kohn Pedersen Fox	USA	295	
37	39		KEO International Consultants	Kuwait	292	\$130-139m
38	56		EHAF Consulting Engineers	UAE	280	\$50-59m
39	44		Chapman Taylor	UK	272	\$40-49m
40=	45		Bates Smart Architects	Australia	260	\$50-59m
40=	61		Dennis Lau & Ng Chun Man Architects & Engineers	China	260	
42	41=		Dewan Architects + Engineers	UAE	257	\$60-69m
43	48		Aukett Swanke	UK	249	\$30-39m
44	18=		Kunwon Architects Planners Engineers	South Korea	248	\$110-119m
45	46		IDOM	Spain	245	\$50-59m
46	57		National Engineering Bureau	UAE	241	\$60-69m
47	49		Aidea	Philippines	240	\$10-19m

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48		•	blocher partners	Germany	239	\$10-19m
49	89=		Bjarke Ingels Group	Denmark	224	\$40-49m
50	50		Ishimoto Architectural & Engineering Firm	Japan	219	\$70-79m
51	53		Allford Hall Monaghan Morris	UK	218	\$40-49m
52	62		B+H Architects	Canada	207	\$40-49m
53=	58		AXS Satow	Japan	203	\$70-79m
53=	54		Populous	USA	203	\$110-119m
55	71		GHDWoodhead	Australia	201	\$60-69m
56=	74		Lemay	Canada	200	\$60-69m
56=		•	RSP Architects Planners & Engineers	Singapore	200	
58	66=		DSP Design Associates	India	197	\$10-19m
59	59		Archetype Group	Vietnam	196	\$20-29m
60	51		Ronald Lu & Partners	China	193	\$50-59m
61	65		PBK	USA	187	\$90-99m
62	82		Itten+Brechbühl	Switzerland	181	\$40-49m
63	60		Wong Tung & Partners	China	179	\$50-59m
64	66=		GVA	Mexico	176	\$20-29m
65=	77=		Allies and Morrison	UK	175	\$40-49m
65=	77=		Corgan	USA	175	\$100-109m
67	70		Sheppard Robson	UK	172	\$30-39m
68	64		Jaspers-Eyers Architects	Belgium	170	\$20-29m
69	75		Valode et Pistre Architectes	France	167	\$30-39m
70	73		Wilmotte & Associes	France	166	\$30-39m
71	55		The Buchan Group	Australia	159	\$40-49m
72		•	SSH	Bahrain	157	\$90-99m
73	72		CF Møller	Denmark	152	\$40-49m
74	77=		Page	USA	147	\$120-129m
75=	66=		Broadway Malyan	UK	144	\$70-79m
75=	81		Henning Larsen	Denmark	144	\$40-49m
77	98=		Nordic Office of Architecture	Norway	141	\$20-29m
78=	84		CP Kukreja Architects	India	140	\$5-9m
78=	76		UNStudio	Netherlands	140	\$20-29m
80=	52		Leo A Daly	USA	139	\$180-189m
80=	85=		MG2	USA	139	\$50-59m
82	80		AHR	UK	133	\$20-29m
83	88		Purcell	UK	132	\$20-29m
84		•	GF & Partners	Philippines	131	Under \$5m
85	91		10 Design	China	129	\$30-39m
86	93		Progetto CMR	Italy	128	\$10-19m
87		•	schneider+schumacher	Germany	127	\$20-29m
88=	92		Feilden Clegg Bradley Studios	UK	117	\$20-29m
88=	83		Scott Brownrigg	UK	117	\$30-39m
90		•	Pascall+Watson	UK	114	\$20-29m
91		•	LWK & Partners	China	109	\$50-59m
92	100		Hames Sharley	Australia	102	\$20-29m
93=	95=		Henn	Germany	100	\$60-69m
93=	94		Showa Sekkei	Japan	100	
95		•	Saraiva + Associados	Portugal	97	\$20-29m
96		•	Boogertman+Partners Architects	South Africa	96	\$10-19m
97		•	Schmidt Hammer Lassen Architects	Denmark	94	\$10-19m
98		•	Richez_Associés	France	91	\$10-19m
99		•	Gulf Consult	Kuwait	89	\$40-49m
100=		•	APA Wojciechowski	Poland	86	Under \$5m
100=		•	Make Architects	UK	86	\$20-29m
100=	87		Morphogenesis	India	86	\$5-9m

**Right: Schmidt Hammer Lassen's Shanghai East Library in China.
Opposite: London Wall Place by Make Architects.**

93= SHOWA SEKKEI

COUNTRY	JAPAN
LAST RANKING	94
ARCHITECTS EMPLOYED	100

The Japanese practice, which has just celebrated its 60 anniversary, continues to work primarily in its home market and in China. In 2018, it hopes to expand its work in the ASEAN region, which consists of 10 South-east Asian states.

Showa Sekkei operates in most of the main market sectors, with a particular recent specialism in large-scale distribution centres. Current significant projects include a 10,000sq m nursing home in Beijing China and a headquarters for a car design company in Japan, which is due to complete in 2018.

95 SARAIVA + ASSOCIADOS

COUNTRY	PORTUGAL
LAST RANKING	NEW
ARCHITECTS EMPLOYED	97

The Portuguese practice enters the rankings for the first time after increasing its architect numbers by 23. Established in Lisbon in 1996 by Miguel Saraiva, Saraiva + Associados has offices in 13 countries including Algeria, Brazil, China, Equatorial Guinea and most recently, Lausanne in Switzerland.

The practice's diverse workload encompasses schools, hotels, housing, retail and healthcare. Saraiva + Associados has a sustainability division - S + A Green Lab - and was the architect of the first BREEAM-certified office building in Portugal. Buildings under construction include the Cité du Millenium multi-use complex in Algeria, the Savoy Palace hotel and resort in Madeira and the White Shell residential complex on the Algarve in Portugal.

96 BOOGERTMAN + PARTNERS

COUNTRY	SOUTH AFRICA
LAST RANKING	NEW
ARCHITECTS EMPLOYED	96

South African practice Boogertman + Partners moves into the rankings for the first time. Established in 1982, the multidisciplinary architecture and design practice has five offices across South Africa and Kenya. Placed second for workload in Africa, projects include the New Sight Eye Clinic in Ouessou, Congo (in collaboration with Geyser Hahn Architects), the Knightsbridge Office Park in Johannesburg and the Kumasi City Mall in Ghana, which was voted Best Retail Development at the Africa Property Investment Summit.

Looking to the future, Boogertman + Partners is eyeing expansion into the UK and Australian markets.



97 SCHMIDT HAMMER LASSEN

COUNTRY	DENMARK
LAST RANKING	NEW
ARCHITECTS EMPLOYED	94

The Danish practice returns to the Top 100 rankings as it pursues a more global and diverse workload with particular success in the cultural and mixed-use sectors. It currently has more than 20 projects on site including a number of large-scale projects in China, among them the 115,000sq m Shanghai East Library.

In addition to China and the practice's core markets of Scandinavia and mainland Europe, Schmidt Hammer Lassen also expects a particular focus in North America in 2018, where work includes its first US project, the Monroe Blocks mixed-use development in downtown Detroit.

The practice also has projects underway in Australia and New Zealand.

98 RICHEZ ASSOCIÉS

COUNTRY	FRANCE
LAST RANKING	102=
ARCHITECTS EMPLOYED	91

Based in Paris and Kuala Lumpur, this French practice is anticipating a 'great' year in 2018 with the start on site of a number of major projects, including three stations for the new Grand Paris Express network of rapid transit lines. Richez is also working on a redevelopment masterplan for La Défense in Paris and is involved in the major regeneration of Ardoines just outside the capital in Vitry-sur-Seine.

While France and China are its main markets, Richez is expanding its transportation work into Australia and is already active in Africa, where it is designing a new central market at Bouaké in the Ivory Coast.

MIDDLE EAST

RANK			FEE INCOME
2018	PRACTICE	COUNTRY	US \$MILLION
1	SSH	Bahrain	91.2
2	Dewan	UAE	60.0
3	Gensler	USA	58.4
4	National Engineering Bureau	UAE	56.0
5	EHAF	UAE	53.2
6	AECOM	USA	53.0
7	Perkins+Will	USA	52.2
8	Gulf Consult	Kuwait	43.0
9	Foster + Partners	UK	30.0
10	HDR	USA	24.6

NORTH AMERICA

RANK			FEE INCOME
2018	PRACTICE	COUNTRY	US \$MILLION
1	Gensler	USA	843.7
2	Perkins+Will	USA	456.5
3	Stantec	Canada	322.2
4	AECOM	USA	290.0
5	HDR	USA	246.4
6	HOK	USA	240.0
7	HKS	USA	226.3
8	DLR Group	USA	213.0
9	IBI Group	Canada	193.0
10	SmithGroupJJR	USA	183.7

SOUTH AND CENTRAL AMERICA

RANK			FEE INCOME
2018	PRACTICE	COUNTRY	US \$MILLION
1	Gensler	USA	23.0
2	IDOM	Spain	22.0
3	GVA	Mexico	13.5
4	Foster + Partners	UK	9.0
5	HKS	USA	5.3
6	Lemay	Canada	5.0
7	Page	USA	3.9
8	Perkins+Will	USA	2.7
9	Perkins Eastman	USA	2.6
10	Saraiva + Associados	Portugal	1.6



Western Europe: Link Arkitektur’s Stovnen Tower in Oslo, Norway.

PACIFIC RIM (inc China)

RANK			FEE INCOME
2018	PRACTICE	COUNTRY	US \$MILLION
1	Nikken Sekkei	Japan	497.7
2	Aedas	China	172.7
3	Gensler	USA	160.5
4	Mitsubishi Jisho Sekkei	Japan	151.2
5	Heerim	South Korea	150.9
6	Nihon Sekkei	Japan	121.0
7	Kunwon	South Korea	113.2
8	P&T	China	110.0
9	Kume Sekkei	Japan	102.0
10	Haeahn	South Korea	95.2

WESTERN EUROPE

RANK			FEE INCOME
2018	PRACTICE	COUNTRY	US \$MILLION
1	AREP	France	100.4
2	AECOM	USA	92.0
3	Tengbom	Sweden	72.0
4	ATP	Austria	68.0
5	BDP	UK	58.2
6	LINK arkitektur	Norway	57.2
7	HENN	Germany	55.9
8	Itten+Brechbühl	Switzerland	46.9
9	Gensler	USA	46.8
10	CF Møller	Denmark	44.6