



PRESS RELEASE

Rogers Stirk Harbour + Partners unveil their first ever football stadium in Caracas, Venezuela

As phase 1 of the commission to design a Bus Station for Caracas, RSHP have completed work on a masterplan for the area known as La Rinconada. This masterplan includes a transport interchange (linking the new bus station with existing metro and train station) and also establishes a new metropolitan park protecting the surrounding hillsides from further development. Within the park existing sport facilities (including the listed racecourse designed by Arthur Froehlich in 1959) are augmented by the new facilities including a baseball stadium and a National Football Stadium.

The Estadio Nacional de Fútbol de Venezuela, en Caracas - designed in collaboration with with Arup and schlaich bergermann und partner - sits on the hillside providing spectacular views of the city to the northeast. A lightweight, brightly-coloured bicycle wheel canopy roof, capturing the joy and vitality of the city and its people, hovers over the complex.

Simon Smithson, lead Partner at Rogers Stirk Harbour + Partners for the project, said “the hillside site created an unusual challenge and the design reflects this with terraces cut into the landscape giving way to a series of floating esplanades that provide access to the various levels of stadium”.

Notes to Editors:

About Rogers Stirk Harbour + Partners

Rogers Stirk Harbour + Partners (RSHP) is an award-winning, international architectural practice based in London. Over three decades, RSHP has attracted critical acclaim with innovative projects across Europe, Asia, Australasia, and North and South America. The practice is experienced in designing a wide range of building types including: office, residential, transport, education, culture, leisure, retail, civic and healthcare. The quality of its designs has been recognised with some of architecture's highest awards, including two RIBA Stirling Prizes, one in 2006 for Terminal 4, Madrid Barajas Airport and the other in 2009 for Maggie's Cancer Care Centre, London.

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