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## **Jestico + Whites beats top UK practices to win Doha College**

Following a competitive bid process, Jestico + Whites has been selected to design a new state-of-the-art campus for Doha College in Qatar, one of the GCC region's leading international schools. Jestico + Whites will be working with Davis Langdon, an AECOM Company to deliver the new teaching facilities – beating Broadway Malyan, RHWL Architects, Penoyre & Prasad, and Feilden Clegg Bradley Studios, the other four practices shortlisted from the group of all-British architects invited to compete.

Established in 1980, Doha College was originally set up solely for British nationals, but now accommodates over 1200 students, aged 3 to 18, from around 50 different countries. This combination of strong British heritage and growing internationalism played an important role in the development of the brief, which asked the teams to provide a sustainable, 21<sup>st</sup> century learning environment – capturing a unique blend of an English curriculum delivered in an international setting whilst also fitting into the existing cultural context.

In response to Doha College's strong sense of community, which has been carefully fostered over the past 30 years, Jestico + Whites' design provides a single, integrated school for ages 3-18, with a common entrance and dedicated wings for the primary and secondary phases of the school. The teaching areas are split into small, flexible learning spaces and grouped by subject area, each with its own courtyard space for breakout activities and House-based interaction.

Jestico + Whites' new college will accommodate a projected 30% increase in student numbers, providing the students with new teaching facilities on a 50,000m<sup>2</sup> site situated in Doha. The school's existing resources will be replaced with all the latest facilities, capable of supporting the most innovative teaching methods and reaffirming Doha College's status as a leading international institution.

Mark Leppard, Principal, commented;

“We are delighted with the outcome of the competition. It enabled us to scrutinise 5 quality designs based upon our initial brief. The whole competition was superbly organised by our Project Managers, Davis Langdon, who supported us in engaging with staff, parents, governors and most importantly, students when making a choice of architectural practice.

We are very excited about the prospect of working with Jestico + Whiles to ensure we design and build a leading international education facility.”

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**Jestico + Whiles**

Jestico + Whiles is an award winning architectural and interior design practice with offices in London and Prague. The practice has grown steadily since the formation of the partnership by Tom Jestico and John Whiles in 1977. In recent years the practice has undergone particularly rapid growth, building on its reputation for design quality and innovative solutions to challenging briefs.

Jestico + Whiles has always been proud of the diversity in its workload, ranging from schools for disadvantaged children to University departments; hostels for the homeless to five-star boutique hotels and restaurants; master-planning of residential developments to the complete regeneration of inner city neighbourhoods; individual office fit outs to the building of corporate headquarters; designer shop interiors to complete retail malls and individual houses to high rise apartments.

The practice's Education Studio continues to increase its profile in the marketplace and is working successfully with a number of schools and Academies at various stages of design and construction throughout the UK and abroad.

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