

CURRICULUM VITAE: BENEDICT VICKERY

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Current. Vickery Hyett sports architecture

Paul Hyett and Ben have formed a practice to assist owners of stadiums, arenas and events with reviews, advice, feasibility studies and delivery.

Vickery Hyett has given advice to clients in New Zealand, China, Russia, Saudi Arabia, Europe and the United Kingdom. This has included advising on event bidding, team selection, site selection, project setup. We have completed concept designs, design reviews and refurbishment designs.

Populous – architects, 1993 – 2019, Senior Principal, Shareholder.

Populous is a leading global sports and assembly architecture firm renowned for its successful buildings and meeting places for sports clubs, cities, nations and the Olympic Games. For over 10 years as Senior Principal, Director and, latterly, Company Secretary of the London office, Ben was at the centre of all aspects of its development and management – in design and project management; marketing; company finances; human resources and for much of the time managing the largest projects in the office. He co-developed the ideas of the company, represented it regularly as speaker at conferences, published articles on its work, and co-authored ‘Stadia, The Populous Design and Development Guide’, Routledge, 2013. Since joining the firm Ben often The firm (originally Lobb Partnership) grew from 12 in 1993 to around 120 staff in the London office and 600 staff globally.

MAJOR PROJECTS:

Dubai office, United Arab Emirates, 2018 - 2019

Director: Recognising the opportunities in the region, Ben set up an office for Populous to win projects and co-ordinate work in the Middle-East.

Projects won: Dubai Expo 2020 - Media Centre

The Paris 2024 Olympic Games Candidature Bid. 2016 - 2017

Project director: Leading the architectural team for the bid (in French language).

Project: To develop the venue concept designs and infrastructure needed to support the Paris bid for the 2024 Olympics.

The bid was successful, 2017.

Precinct 4 World Cup Stadium, Doha, Qatar, 2014 - 2016

Co-manager: As project manager in liaison with a design manager to the completion of ‘schematic design’ stage.

Project: 40,000-seat temporary stadium for the 2022 World Cup.

Grande Stade de la Fédération Française de Rugby, 2012 – 2016

Team Leader: Project Director and ‘mandataire’ leading the team of architects and consultants, ensuring the project was well-designed, on budget and making a profit.

Project: Design of a new 80,000 – seat stadium as the home of French rugby with the aim of securing the finances of the FFR in the long term. Project won in a design competition and run in French language. Cancelled in December, 2016.

LOCOG (London Organising Committee of the Olympic Games) Venue Overlay, London Olympics, 2009 – 2012

Team Leader: Project Manager and co-leader of the team designing the temporary architecture for the London Olympics. Responsible for a team of up to 80 staff and a fee budget of £17 million, Ben ensured the project made a profit by managing the workload, the staff and the relationship with the client whilst overseeing aspects of the design.

Project: Design of temporary installation at over a 100 venues in total, including 32 competition venues.

The temporary installation set a new standard for a sustainable and cost-effective Olympic Games that made best use of existing venues and the historic city.

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Aviva Stadium, Dublin, 2005 – 2010

Team Leader: Project Manager from concept to completion. Leading a team, including architects, structural and services engineers, catering and pitch consultants. Designed in association with Scott Tallon Walker of Dublin.

Project: Rebuilding of the international football and rugby stadium for Ireland with a capacity of 50,000 seats on the site of the old stadium.

The stadium has become a symbol of Dublin: its image appears in the Irish passport. It was built with significant environmentally responsible features.

Wembley Stadium, London, 1998 – 2007

Team Leader: Project Manager of the architectural team on site from first sketch to completion.

Project: The rebuilding of the English National Stadium, capacity of 90,000 seats. Designed in association with Foster and Partners.

Through this politically sensitive project we produced a stadium design that gives spectators excellent experiences and is profitable.

All England Lawn Tennis Club, Wimbledon, London. 1999

Design Manager: Designer of the offices and manager of the process to obtain planning approval.

Project: New administrative offices for the AELTC as part of a long-term improvement of the site of the 'home of tennis' in England.

Stadium Australia, Sydney, Australia. 1996-1998

Senior Architect: one of four leaders of the team based in Sydney.

Project: To create the main stadium for the 2000 Olympic Games with a capacity of 110,000 reducing to 80,000 post-Games. It aimed to be environmentally sustainable by reducing energy use and environmentally harmful aspects of construction. Designed in association with Bligh Voller Neild of Australia.

Juan Antonio Samaranch said of this stadium: '... It is the best Olympic Stadium I have seen in my life'.

Cheltenham Racecourse, new Tattersalls Stand. 1994 -1995

Project Architect: Designer of the building up to tender stage.

Project: A new stand including spectator seating and standing areas, restaurants and lounges as part of Populous' long-term masterplan for the racecourse.

YRM Architects and Planners 1988 – 1993:

Frederick Gibberd Coombes and Partners 1984 – 1988;

Berman and Guedes, London, 1984;

Building Design Partnership, London 1982;

Architects Team 3, Singapore; 1981- 1982 Lyster, Grillet and Harding, London 1981

Education:

1986 Sheffield University RIBA part III Certificate of Professional Practice

1982 to 1984 Sheffield University RIBA part II Diploma in Architecture

1978 to 1981 Bristol University RIBA part I BA (Hons) Architecture;

1970 to 1977 Dame Alice Owen's Grammar School, London, 9 O' levels; 3 A' levels

Memberships:

RIBA, RIAI, ATAE

Member of the CEN Committee at the Sports Grounds Safety Authority regarding EN13200, design of sports facilities.

Published Works: 'Stadia, The Populous Design and Development Guide', Routledge, 2013 by Ben Vickery, Rod Sheard & Geraint John.

Languages: French (fluent); Arabic (beginners, Levantine)