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NORMAN FOSTER. SKETCHBOOKS · VOLUME II · 1981-1985
NORMAN FOSTER AND JORGE SAINZ



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The Norman Foster Foundation is pleased to announce the publication of the next installment in the *Norman Foster Sketchbooks* series; *Volume II · 1981-1985*. Edited by Jorge Sainz, this generously illustrated publication offers a broad overview of the contents of Norman Foster's sketchbooks, held in the Foundation's Archive.

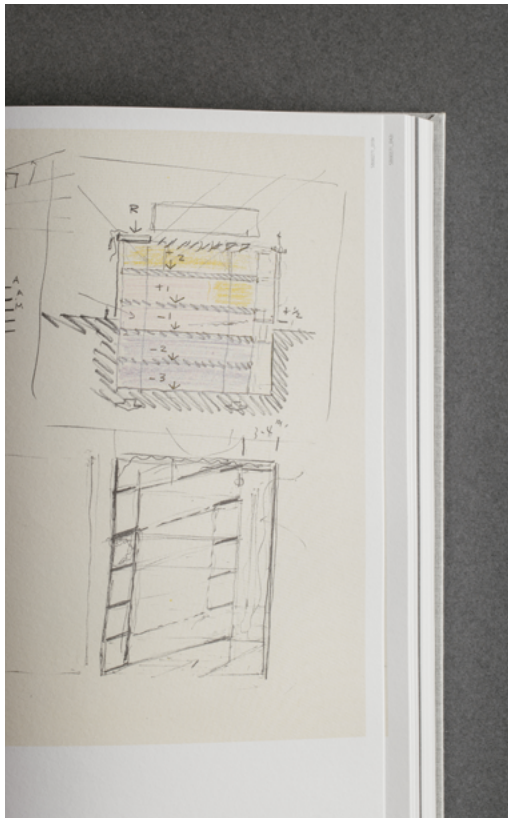
First appearing in 2020, the synopsis volume of the series *Norman Foster Sketchbooks 1975-1980* includes a selection of the complete visual output of Norman Foster, contained in his sketchbooks. *Volume I · 1975-1980*, published in 2021, offers an in-depth exploration of the drawings related to the second half of the 1970s.

And now, *Volume II · 1981-1985* is published, illustrating the sketchbooks covering the first half of the 1980s. This volume includes 1,309 drawings, selected from 210 sketchbooks. We open where volume I ended, with Foster Associates fully devoted to Hongkong and Shanghai Bank, officially opened in 1986. Also featured is the final version of Foster's design for the celebrated Carré d'Art in Nîmes.

As with previous volumes, drawings are grouped into sections which deal firstly with architectural projects and, secondly, with themes which reoccur throughout the sketchbooks. For this volume, a section dedicated to humour has been included; and the volume closes with a 'miscellany' of very diverse themes.

This volume, the latest in a projected series, marks a significant record of Norman Foster's legacy, reflecting not only his practice as an architect, but also his individual personality and the multiple facets of his thought processes.

The Norman Foster Sketchbooks series is a new collection celebrating Foster's career from the 1970s to the present day, through his personal sketchbooks. It is a compilation of several volumes that will follow the work of Norman Foster in chronological sequence, with one volume published annually.



Jorge Sainz (born Madrid, 1955) is a Senior Lecturer in Architectural Composition at the Escuela Técnica Superior de Arquitectura (ETSAM), Universidad Politécnica de Madrid (UPM), where he headed the Architectural Composition Department (2012-2020) and teaches the subjects 'An Introduction to Architecture' and 'Degree Diploma Project'. He holds a Ph.D. in Architecture and works as editor and translator. He is the author of *El dibujo de arquitectura: teoría e historia de un lenguaje gráfico* (Nerea, 1990; Reverté, 2005) and *Infografía y arquitectura: dibujo y proyecto asistidos por ordenador* (Nerea, 1992; co-authored with Fernando Valderrama), as well as the chapter 'Twentieth-century Architecture and Urban Planning', included in volume 4 of *Historia del Arte*, edited by Juan Antonio Ramírez (Alianza, 1997 and 2018). From 1988 to 1999 he worked on the editorial staff of the magazines *AV Monografías* and *Arquitectura Viva*. Since 2004, he has been the editor of the book series *Estudios Universitarios de Arquitectura*, *Manuales Universitarios de Edificación* and *Documentos de Composición Arquitectónica*, published by Editorial Reverté. Among his numerous translations into Spanish there are books by authors as influential as Alan Colquhoun, William Curtis, Renato De Fusco, Kenneth Frampton, Sigfried Giedion, Moisés Guinzburg, Rem Koolhaas, Christian Norberg-Schulz, Luciano Patetta, Paolo Portoghesi and Anthony Vidler.

Norman Foster (born Manchester, 1935) is the founder and executive chairman of Foster + Partners. Over more than five decades the practice's output has encompassed urban masterplans, public infrastructure, airports, civic and cultural buildings, offices and workplaces, private houses and furniture design. Major projects include Beijing Airport, the Millau Viaduct in France, 30 St Mary Axe (also known as the Gherkin) and the Great Court at the British Museum in London, the Hearst Headquarters tower in New York and the Museum of Fine Arts, Boston. Recent projects include Apple Park in California, Bloomberg's European Headquarters in London, the Comcast Tower in Philadelphia and the Norton Museum of Art in Florida. Some of his current projects within the practice include 425 Park Avenue in New York, the Narbo Via museum in Narbonne, the Magdi Yacoub Global Heart Center in Cairo, the community boathouse in Harlem, and the Headquarter Tower for JP Morgan Park Avenue in New York. He is president of the Norman Foster Foundation, based in Madrid with a global reach, promoting interdisciplinary thinking and research to help new generations of architects, designers, and urbanists anticipate the future. Lord Foster of Thames Bank was appointed by Queen Elizabeth II to the Order of Merit in 1997 and in 1999 was raised to the peerage in the Queen's Birthday Honours List. He is the President of the Royal Fine Art Commission Trust and leads the Forum of Mayors for the United Nations.



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The Norman Foster Foundation promotes interdisciplinary thinking and research to help new generations anticipate the future. The first mission of the Norman Foster Foundation is to make visible the centrality of architecture, infrastructure, and urbanism for the betterment of society. To this end, the second mission is to encourage new thinking and research across traditional boundaries in order to help younger generations anticipate the challenges of future change. In particular, the foundation speaks to those professionals who are concerned with the environment architects, engineers, designers, urbanists, civic leaders, planners, and artists. This is at the heart of the Foundation's holistic approach to design and is ever more relevant as populations shift to cities. With the implications of climate change, robotics and artificial intelligence, sustainable design is not about fashion but about survival.

The Foundation holds the Norman Foster Archive and Library, which provide a window into the larger narrative and history of our built environment through the work of Norman Foster. This is complemented and supported by drawings and models from other significant architects such as Claude-Nicolas Ledoux, Le Corbusier, Mies van der Rohe, Charles and Ray Eames, Buckminster Fuller, Richard Rogers, Zaha Hadid and Tadao Ando. Through its research initiatives and programmes, the Norman Foster Foundation encourages the transfer of advanced knowledge in a wide range of design fields. The Foundation's educational initiatives are structured around research, workshops, fellowships and forums, built around the Foundation's core objectives.

The Norman Foster Foundation is based in Madrid and operates globally.

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