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New vision takes flight for Melbourne Airport

Grimshaw designs carousel to improve passenger experience

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Grimshaw has delivered its first built project at Melbourne Airport, completing the T2 international 8th Baggage Reclaim Expansion on time and under budget.

Constructed within a fully operational international terminal, the 8th Baggage Reclaim is an extension of the existing reclaim hall, and home to the longest baggage carousel at Melbourne Airport.

Grimshaw has worked closely with the structural and services consultants to deliver a baggage reclaim that focuses on the arrival experience of the long-haul passenger while addressing the primary objective of accommodating the immediate demand of T2. This is the first stage of a much larger expansion vision for the Terminal's reclaim hall.

Grimshaw Principal, Andrew Perez, said "Our design has been driven by the desire to improve the passenger experience despite the highly complex and constrained nature of the site. A LED ribbon wraps around the perimeter of the space offering an opportunity to present engaging and responsive content to inform, locate and entertain the passenger, while some structural gymnastics, including suspending an existing lift core in space and above the new ceiling, has allowed us to provide a more light, calm and welcoming end to the passengers' journey."

Materials and finishes have been selected to provide a robust and contemporary design, while the black and white colour palette gives prominence to the LED ribbon. With a non-standard screen ratio, Grimshaw has designed the LED ribbon as a platform for immersive art installations – an opportunity to offer passengers a positive and engaging experience as well as give a sense of depth to the space.

The ceiling height has been raised at every opportunity, and services have been concealed within channels that extend across the width of the reclaim area to further enhance the volume of the space.

Melbourne Airport Chief of Aviation Simon Gandy described the 8th Baggage Reclaim as a vital infrastructure to accommodate the airport's growth, with more than 10 million international passengers using the airport in the past 12 months.

"The new carousel is a necessary piece of infrastructure, which will enable the airport to process more international travellers, especially during the morning and evening peaks," said Mr Gandy.

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“The reality is we are growing at a rapid rate, handling on average 96,000 travellers each day and we need to upgrade our assets across all areas of the airport in order to meet the demands of our passengers.

“Now that the carousel is in operation ahead of the Christmas peak we hope all of our travellers enjoy a seamless entry into the world’s most liveable city.”

Grimshaw is currently working on a new vision for the T2 Arrivals Hall. The Arrivals Hall will be honoured as the new face of the international terminal. It is designed to reinvigorate those arriving in Melbourne after a long-haul flight, and enrich their travel experience.

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About Grimshaw

Grimshaw was founded by Sir Nicholas Grimshaw in 1980. The practice became a Partnership in 2007 and operates worldwide with offices in London, New York, Melbourne, Sydney, Dubai, Doha and Kuala Lumpur. Grimshaw’s international portfolio covers all major sectors and has been honoured with over 150 international design awards including the prestigious Lubetkin Prize.

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Photographs

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