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Grimshaw strengthens global leadership team with two new partners 6th June 2019

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Grimshaw is delighted to announce they have strengthened their global leadership by appointing Annelie Kvick Thompson and Andrew Byrne as partners. The appointments increase the number of partners throughout the practice to 21 across eight studios around the globe, building upon a process of enhancing senior management by balancing the promotion of long-term staff with new appointments. As longstanding team members, both new partners contribute significantly to this interconnected network of experience and knowledge.

After 12 years working with Grimshaw in London, Andrew Byrne relocated to Los Angeles in 2017 to fulfil the practice's strategic ambition to establish a west coast studio. Under Andrew's direction the fledgling studio has grown into a vibrant and thriving part of the Grimshaw network populated by staff drawn from studios around the world. Andrew is currently delivering several key projects on the west coast of the USA, including the LAX Airport Metro Connector, the Los Angeles Union Station Forecourt, and master plans for Sacramento Valley Station and UCLA's growing Southwest Campus.

While in London, Andrew led a multidisciplinary team responsible for the award-winning redevelopment of London Bridge Station, and the design of the commercial St Botolph Building in the City of London. During his time with the practice Andrew has developed strong and successful relationships with the global Grimshaw partners and diverse stakeholder and client groups around the world, including Network Rail, High Speed 2, LA Metro, Los Angeles World Airports and Heathrow Airport Holdings. He is a Registered Architect in the State of California and a member of the AIA, the RAIA and the RIBA.

Annelie Kvick Thompson joined the practice in 1997, before playing a key role in establishing Grimshaw's studio in Sydney in 2010, working on projects such as 333 George Street, the Central to Eveleigh master plan for Urban Growth New South Wales, and Sydney's CBD and South East Light Rail project for Transport for New South Wales. Bringing key experience to many of Grimshaw's international projects, she has been involved in a diverse range of schemes around the globe, including the concept design for a new metro system in Dublin, a commercial OSD and associated metro station at Martin Place in Sydney, and a study for complex new research facilities at Sweden's MAX IV Laboratory.

Having returned to London in 2015, Annelie is currently leading a master plan development at Euston Station for Lendlease and a mixed-use development for the London Borough of Hammersmith and Fulham. She thrives on the direction and leadership of large and complex projects, while working collaboratively with clients, stakeholders and design teams. She enjoys working across a range of sectors and at a variety of scales, including strategic urban design and master planning projects, commercial developments with integrated placemaking, and complex mixed-use developments.

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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, Paris, New York, Los Angeles, Dubai, Kuala Lumpur, Melbourne and Sydney employing over 650 staff.

The practice's international portfolio covers all major sectors, and has been honoured with over 200 awards for its commitment to excellence and innovation, including the Lubetkin Prize (2007), the AIA New York Medal of Honour (2015), the Commonwealth Institute of Architects; Robert Matthew Award (2016) and 'International Practice of the Year' at the AJ100 awards in 2016 and 2018.

In 2019 Founder Sir Nicholas Grimshaw was awarded the Royal Gold Medal for Architecture by the Royal Institute of British Architects.

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