

Pininfarina and AECOM win the International Architecture Award 2016

The awarded project is the Istanbul New Airport Air Traffic Control Tower

Turin, September 6 2016 – The **Istanbul New Airport Air Traffic Control Tower** and **technical building** - designed by **Pininfarina** and **AECOM** – has won the prestigious **International Architecture Award 2016**. The project is one of a number of international schemes awarded by the **Chicago Athenaeum: Museum of Architecture and Design** and **The European Centre for Architecture Art Design and Urban Studies** under their global awards programme. The winning projects were chosen from a shortlist of 370 entries from across the world by a panel of architects and critics.

"I believe the award is the recognition of our ability to create a new landmark for the city of Istanbul, a unique combination of outstanding character and references to the Turkish culture. We are honoured to share the acknowledgement with AECOM, a perfect partner to give life to contemporary architectural masterpieces," affirmed **Paolo Pininfarina**, Chairman of the Group.

"The Istanbul New Airport Air Traffic Control Tower marks the first collaboration for AECOM and Pininfarina so it is particularly special for the design to be recognised with this award. Our combined team has created a beautiful yet highly functional building that rekindles the excitement and glamour of modern air travel at the crossroads of Europe and Asia," said **Clive Lewis**, Director, Architecture, AECOM.

"Winning the prestigious International Architecture Award 2016 with our Istanbul New Airport Air Traffic Control Tower is an honour for us. Our aerodynamic formed ATC Tower will be visible to all passengers flying in and out of the new airport, which will be located in the city that connects Europe and Asia. Its shape is inspired by the tulip, which is a symbol of Turkish history and part of Istanbul's rich cultural heritage. The air traffic control tower combines Pininfarina's dynamic and unique design with AECOM's expertise in aviation architecture," said **Yusuf Akçayoğlu** CEO of İGA.



The International Architecture Awards 2016 – Chicago Athenaeum

The Chicago Athenaeum: Museum of Architecture and Design and The European Centre for Architecture Art Design and Urban Studies awarded over 130 new buildings, commercial and institutional developments, landscape architecture, and urban planning projects from 43 nations for The International Architecture Awards for 2016.

The **International Architecture Awards** are the **largest** and **most extensive global architecture awards programme in the world**, honouring new skyscrapers, commercial buildings, urban plans, private residences, and real estate projects that achieve a **high standard of excellence in design, construction, planning, and sustainability** and promote best practice in all types of real estate development for the private and public sectors, including new skyscrapers, high rises, corporate and institutional buildings, commercial projects, bridges, airports, city planning, restorations and adaptive reuse, community projects, religious and civic buildings, and interiors.

The Istanbul New Airport Air Traffic Control Tower

In December 2015 **Pininfarina** and **AECOM** won an **international design competition** for the **Air Traffic Control Tower (ATCT) and technical building at Istanbul New Airport**. The AECOM and Pininfarina collaboration was chosen by İGA from a total of six entries from international architectural teams, including Zaha Hadid, Fuksas, Moshe Safdie, Grimshaw-Nordic and RMJM. İGA is a consortium of five leading Turkish contractors comprising Cengiz, Mapa, Limak, Kolin and Kalyon that was awarded the concession to build Istanbul New Airport as the engineering, procurement and construction contractor and will also be the operator.

Uniquely, the innovative design by Pininfarina and AECOM marries **influences** from the **aviation** and **automotive sectors** with **strong architectural design**. A visual reference point for all passengers flying in and out of the airport, the ATCT will be **the signature of Istanbul New Airport**, which is set to be the **world's largest new airport** in terms of annual passenger capacity.



The tower's shape is inspired by the **tulip**, which has been a **symbol of Istanbul** for many centuries and is an important cultural reference in Turkish history. The elliptical shape of the tower influences all aspects of the form and geometry of the technical building below. A number of the building's characteristics are influenced by historical Turkish architecture, including a double-height **central atrium** that has a **bespoke mosaic-patterned skylight**. The concept for the tower and technical building is focused on the daily functional

requirements of the facility and the people who use it.

In addition to architectural services delivered by AECOM's in-house architecture team in collaboration with Pininfarina, AECOM's team of multidisciplinary engineers helped develop the design for the ATCT and technical building. In a separate contract with İGA, AECOM is also delivering designs for all the airside works at the airport.



Pininfarina Architecture

The International Architecture Award 2016 represents a further affirmation for **Pininfarina** in the **Architecture** sector after other recent awards, including the **2016 iF Design Award** assigned to the **Cyrela by Pininfarina** skyscraper and the **2015 American Architecture Award** assigned to **Vitra**, a skyscraper design by Pininfarina for Pasqualotto. Pininfarina was also confirmed as **5th** in a ranking of the Top 100 Architecture and Design Companies operating in Italy.

Pininfarina Extra was born in 1986 to extend the competences of the Pininfarina Group beyond automotive. Among the over 600 projects developed along the years, the most recent in the Architecture and Interior Design regard Turkey (the Istanbul New Airport Air Traffic Control Tower), Poland (A class office complex in Warsaw), United States (the 1100 Millecento luxury apartment building in Miami and the luxury Beachwalk development in Hallandale Beach, Florida, the Virginia Key Harbour & Marine Center in Miami), Argentina (nautic complexes Tifon Baigorria in Rosario and Tifon Tigre in Buenos Aires), Brazil (Cyrela, luxury condo in Sao Paulo, and Vitra and Yact House, luxury skyscrapers in Balneario Camboriu). In Italy, following the great success of the Juventus Stadium in Turin, which was awarded the Innovation Award Stadium, the company has designed the Terrazza Martini, built in the Italian Pavilion at EXPO 2015 in Milan. Pininfarina Home Design is the most recent project, an innovative vision for the Home Spaces, combining Pininfarina heritage in furniture design with the unique architectural style.



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