



•• Member of the ICE Structures Expert Panel

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Director

Since joining us in 1999, Gerry has been a consistent driving force in the delivery of key projects, including a vast range of buildings, complex infrastructure projects and industrial schemes. Rising to a directorship in 2006, Gerry maintains responsibility for several in-house design teams.

Recent highlights within his varied portfolio include: impressive commercial buildings such as the Generali Tower, Milan's 44-storey twisting tower designed alongside Zaha Hadid Architects, large-scale transportation projects such as the expansion of Oslo Airport, and the refurbishment and extension of a Grade II-listed former military school in the heart of Chelsea.

Gerry began his career with Arup, initially based in Scotland where he gained experience working on Terry Farrell's Edinburgh International Conference Centre and Norman Foster's Scottish Exhibition and Conference Centre in Glasgow, two of Scotland's most prominent new structures at that time. Transferring to the Johannesburg office, he was also able to consolidate his knowledge of industrial engineering in Africa.

At AKT II, Gerry has collaborated with some of the world's most prestigious architects, including David Chipperfield, Foreign Office Architects, Norman Foster and Zaha Hadid, on projects that range from small-scale private residential blocks and footbridges, to huge masterplanning and large regeneration projects worth several hundred million pounds. He has delivered projects within many countries, benefitting from his exposure to diverse approaches to construction and cultures.

Within the practice he is responsible for maintaining strong relationships with clients and architects alike, maximising publicity and raising the company's profile in the context of social media. He is also heavily involved in the company's technical auditing process to ensure the highest standards are met on each individual scheme.

Key experience

- 1 Generali Tower, Milan, Italy
- 2 Athletes' Village, London, UK
- 3 Oslo Airport, Gardermoen, Norway
- 4 Hunsett Mill, Norfolk Broads, UK
- 5 Westfield Student Village, London, UK

- 6 Turner Contemporary, Margate, UK
- 7 Duke of York HQ, London, UK
- 8 Wood Wharf, London, UK
- 9 Highcross, Leicester, UK
- 10 Grand Theatre de Rabat, Morocco



Experience summary

Commercial Office

- Wood Wharf B3 & D1, London, UK
- 240 Blackfriars, London, UK
- Butterfield Innovation Centre, Luton, UK
- White Collar Factory, London, UK
- 40-45 Chancery Lane, London, UK
- Generali Tower, Milan, Italy
- Google Hyderabad, India
- Astec House, Gaborone, Botswana
- Edinburgh Sheriff Court, Edinburgh, UK
- Potsdamer Platz A1 (Kolhoff), Berlin, Germany
- Scottish Power Plc, Portobello, UK
- Royal Bank of Scotland HQ, Edinburgh, UK
- Scottish Nuclear Headquarters, East Kilbride, UK

Retail

- Highcross, Leicester, UK
- Duke of York Square, London, UK
- Westquay, Southampton, UK
- Vincent Park Shopping Centre, East London and South Africa
- Vasco Da Gama, Lisbon, Portugal
- Binns, Hartlepool, UK
- Paisley Plaza
- Middleton Grange Shopping Centre, Hartlepool, UK
- Imperial War Museum, London, UK
- Hutchinson 3G retail pod
- New Look, Yeovil, UK
- Bracknell Regeneration
- Churchill Place RT4, Canary Wharf, London, UK

Mixed Use

- Duke of York HQ, London, UK
- Regent House, London, UK

Housing

- One Park Drive, London, UK
- One Nine Elms, London, UK
- Athletes' Village, London, UK
- The Kensington, London, UK
- Duke of York HQ, London, UK
- Westfield Student Village, London, UK
- KX 200, London, UK
- Gazzano House, London, UK
- Hunsett Mill, Norfolk Broads, UK
- Pheasants, Henley-on-Thames, UK
- Rathbone Square, London, UK
- The Hurlingham, London, UK
- 185 Park Street, London, UK
- Gap Housing, Saltmarket, Glasgow, UK

- Homemead, Isle of Wight, UK
- Clements, Watford, UK
- Britannia Tower, Manchester, UK
- Union Square, London, UK
- Hampton House, London, UK
- South Quays, London, UK
- Middleton Lock, Salford, UK

Hospitality / Exhibition

- Hilton Tower Bridge, London, UK
- Hilton Southbank, London, UK
- Scottish Exhibition and Conference Centre, Glasgow, UK
- Edinburgh International Conference Centre, UK

Cultural

- Sammy Ofer Wing - National Maritime Museum, London, UK
- Turner Contemporary, Margate, UK
- Corby Cube, Corby, UK
- St Giles Cathedral refurbishment, Edinburgh, UK
- Museum of African Art & Culture, Cape Town, South Africa

Leisure & Sport

- Grand Theatre de Rabat, Morocco
- Broadway Cinema and Media Centre, Nottingham, UK
- Tyneside Cinema, Newcastle, UK
- Stadt-Casino, Basel, Switzerland
- Media City, Tripoli, Libya
- Sabboura Visitor Centre, Yafour, Syria
- City Centre, Beirut, Lebanon
- Hanover Street Artwork, London, UK
- Greenock Waterfront, UK
- Holy Corner Church, Edinburgh, UK
- Old Vic Theatre, Bristol, UK

Education & Research

- South East Essex College, Southend-on-Sea, UK
- Opus One, Anglia Polytechnic University, Cambridge, UK
- Mary Seacole Building, Brunel University, London, UK
- Michael Sterling Building, Brunel University, London, UK
- Jubilee Campus, University of Nottingham, UK
- Cambridge Colonnade, Cambridge, UK
- Institute of Cell & Molecular Biology, Edinburgh University, UK
- Fawood Children's Centre, London, UK
- Cobblers Lane School, Pontefract, UK

- Norfolk Schools, Norwich, UK
- Heston Schools, Hounslow, UK
- King Alfred School, London, UK
- LSE Marshall Building, London, UK
- LSE Centre Building, London, UK
- Mechanical Engineering Block, Imperial College, London, UK
- Skempton Building, Imperial College, London, UK
- Faculty of Engineering, Imperial College, London, UK
- St Paul's School, London, UK
- The Neuron Pod, Queen Mary University, London, UK
- Queen Mary Students' Union, London, UK
- Queen Mary Innovation Centre, London, UK
- New Townhouse Building, Kingston University, London, UK
- Sainsbury Laboratory, Cambridge, UK

Healthcare

- Stonebridge Park Community and Health Centre, London, UK
- Royal Victoria Infirmary, Claremont Wing, Newcastle, UK

Transport

- Oslo Airport, Gardermoen, Norway
- Kowloon Station, Hong Kong, China
- Bangkok Elevated Rapid Transit System, Thailand
- Buchanan Street Bus Station, Glasgow, UK
- M80 Stepps Bypass, UK
- Callander Square Car Park, Falkirk Dalmeny Kirk, UK

Bridge

- Central Park Footbridge, London, UK
- Vaughan Way Footbridge, Leicester, UK

Industrial

- Consol Glass, Pretoria, South Africa
- Mwanza Brewery, Tanzania
- Bevcn, Springs
- Cold Room x PET Bottling Facility, Guinness, Seychelles
- Coal Reclaim Tunnel, Grootegeluk, South Africa

Masterplanning

- River Don District Masterplan, Sheffield, UK