



KEN MACKAY

**Architect and Founding Director of Mackay + Partners.
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Ken leads the firm and has been involved in major architectural and interior projects in the UK and across the world. He works at board-level with clients to set strategic, design and aesthetic direction for each project and agree how it is to be implemented. Many of the projects he has overseen have won international awards, including those for architectural design effectiveness, interiors, lighting and product, and space management.

Ken has the spirit and passion of a creative entrepreneur. He welcomes challenges, whether they relate to design, materials, construction methods or planning issues, and meets them with energy and enthusiasm. He makes things work in ways that might not have been previously considered.

This spirit was evident from his time at the Royal College of Art. He went on to work as design director on London's Royal Opera House redesign with celebrated architects Jeremy Dixon and Ed Jones before setting up architectural firm Harper Mackay / MAK with David Harper in 1987 and then Mackay + Partners in 2004.

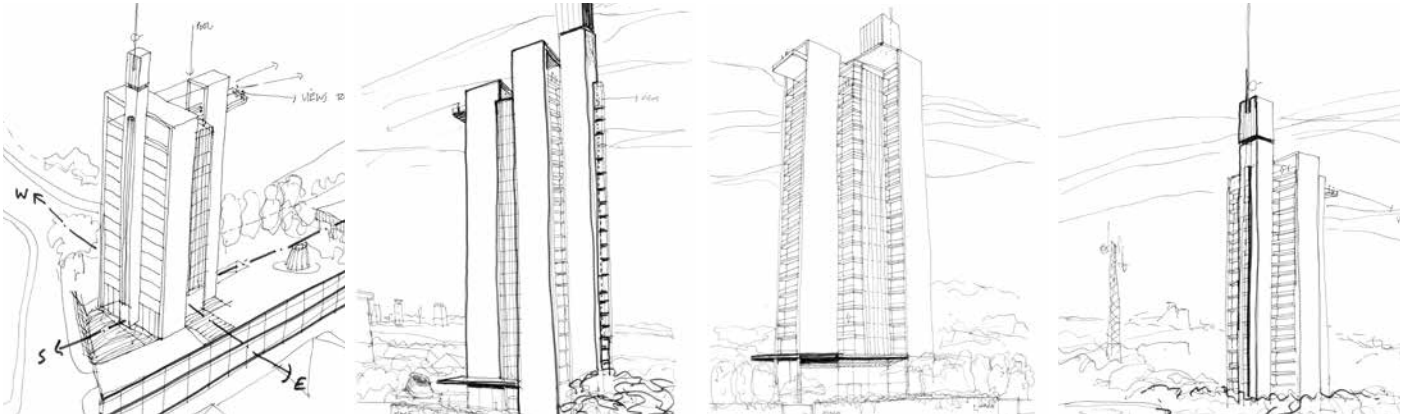
Ken's entrepreneurial instinct shows through his ability to identify the potential of a development site, often bringing opportunities to developers. It also underpins the way he works, collaborating with other designers from Lord Rogers and Renzo Piano to Philippe Starck and Patricia Urquiola.

It has led him to partner with like-minded people outside architecture on ventures requiring a marrying of expertise. For example, for ten years he was a partner in Clerkenwell restaurant, Portal, which he also designed, with restaurateur Antonio Correia. Previously, he and James Mair, founder of London high-end furniture company Viaduct, set up a contract furniture side-line.

These were an adjunct to Mackay & Partners, which remains his main creative outlet.

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Design Approach

We start by listening to our client, to understand their needs, desires and future requirements. Once we have explored their objectives with them, we combine imagination and experience to craft a design response that meets those needs and invariably exceeds the client's expectations.

Whatever the project size, context or scope, we approach each challenge with enthusiasm, willingness and excitement. We have no set solutions and no house style.

We believe that sustainable strategies should be considered from the outset of a project. Buildings should produce their own energy and recycle their own waste. Our projects often exceed current legislation for building energy production and codes for sustainability

We adopt a sustainable approach to all aspects of our work, from design, procurement and construction, to office structure and operation. Our designs incorporate sustainable materials, either locally sourced or environmentally friendly to produce.

The practice works within an open collaborative environment that allows us to share ideas and information quickly and efficiently. We apply the same open approach to our clients and creative collaborators.

We are equally efficient in our approach to construction and place particular emphasis on pre fabrication as a means of constructing our spaces. This creates accurate, controlled and beautifully detailed buildings. It also minimises waste and construction time spent on site.



Projects

Residential

- Lincoln Square, Portugal Square, London
- Barbican Turret, London
- Central St Giles, London
- Cross Street, London
- Highbury Place, London
- Liverpool Road, London
- Riverfleet Student Housing, London
- Apartment 60, Barbican London
- Apartment H, Barbican, London
- Byron Bay, Australia
- Bradbourne Street, London
- Fetter Lane, London
- Bleeding Heart Yard, London
- Comporta House, Portugal

Hotels & Leisure

- Melia Kensington
- Melia Hotels - White House, London
- Minorities Hotel, 24-26 Minorities, London
- Hotel Kenya, Nairobi
- citizenM Hotels, Clerkenwell, London
- Hotel Budva, Montenegro
- St Martins Lane - Schrager Hotels, London
- Sanderson Hotel, Schrager Hotels, London
- Hilton Hotel, Trafalgar Square, London
- Vinoteca Bar, Soho, London
- Portal Bar & Restaurant, St John's Street, London

Workplaces

- GFT, London
- Merck Serono Headquarters, Geneva
- Clerkenwell Workshops, London
- ChelloMedia, London
- Fremantle Media, London - 2008 & 2011
- CBS News Headquarters, London
- Deloitte Consulting, Shoe Lane, London
- Greater London House, London
- McCann Erikson, Clerkenwell, London
- M&S Saatchi, Golden Square, London
- Shropshire House, London
- ITV Digital, Battersea, London

Retail

- Moroso Showroom, London
- St Swithins Wine Shippers, London
- Mandarin Duck, Conduit Street, London
- Muji UK, London
- Ted Baker, London



Awards

Year	Outcome	Award	Project
2018	Winner	UK Enterprise Awards Best Residential Firm 2018 - Central London	
2018	Winner	German Design Awards Excellent Communications Design Architecture	Minories Hotel
2016	Winner	Architecture Masterprize Awards Gold in Architectural Design / Hospitality Architecture	Minories Hotel
2016	Shortlisted	City of London, Building of the Year	Minories Hotel
2016	Shortlisted	Corporate Live, Best in Architect Design Effectiveness	Minories Hotel
2016	Shortlisted	Leaf Awards, Best Facade Design and Engineering	Minories Hotel
2016	Winner	Build Architecture Awards, UK & Recognised Leader in New Facade Technology	Minories Hotel
2016	Shortlisted	RICS Awards, Tourism & Lesiure	Minories Hotel
2015	Winner	International Property Awards, Best Hotel Architecture, UK	Minories Hotel
2015	Winner	UK Property Awards, Best Hotel Architecture, London	Minories Hotel
2015	Winner	Build Architecture Awards, Best Category B Fit Out	St Swithins
2015	Shortlisted	Surface Design Awards Commerical Exterior & Light and Surface Exterior	Minories Hotel
2013	Shortlisted	Restaurant and Bar Design Awards, London	Vinoteca
2008	Winner	The Mail on Sunday British Homes Awards Interior Design of the Year	Apartment 60
2008	Shortlisted	RICS Awards - Sustainability	Merck Serono
2008	Shortlisted	RIBA London Awards	Apartment 60
2008	Shortlisted	Design Week Awards, Workplace Environments	Merck Serono
2007	Shortlisted	Building Design Awards, Interior Designer of the Year	Merck Serono and Portal Restaurant
2004	Shortlisted	Design Week Awards	Deloitte Consulting