



José Bruguera AIA

Partner

EDUCATION

State University of New York at Buffalo
MArch 1984

Universidad Nacional Autónoma de México
BArch 1980

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Pei Cobb Freed & Partners
Partner 2009–
Professional Staff 1989–2009

Cossutta & Associates, Architects P.C.,
New York, Architect/Job Captain 1984–89

Corporación de Desarrollo Turístico y
Urbano, Mexico City, Architect 1980–81

Ramón Masana-José Bruguera Arquitectos,
Mexico City, Architect
1979–82

Registered Architect

New York, Florida, Mexico, Spain

AFFILIATIONS

American Institute of Architects

Col·legi d'Arquitectes de Catalunya

National Council of Architectural
Registration Boards (NCARB)

Driven by a passion for detail grounded in geometric precision, José Bruguera is committed to architecture as an art of place making, with built works that respect their context while embodying the highest standards of craft. As lead designer for many of the firm's recent projects in Europe, he has focused his practice on engaging diverse contexts and cultures, embracing the challenges and opportunities of international practice while leading multidisciplinary teams to realize large-scale projects in complex urban and campus settings.

José's portfolio reflects his broad expertise in a variety of building types, from hospitality and interiors to civic, university, and corporate headquarters projects. Recent work includes the award-winning Soyak Kristalkule Finansbank Headquarters, which adds an emblematic prismatic profile to Istanbul's skyline while respectfully addressing an adjacent historic neighborhood. Palazzo Lombardia, a 1.5-million-square-foot government complex in Milan, incorporates a series of spectacular public spaces that have made it one of the city's most popular destinations. Other major projects include Torre Espacio in Madrid and the World Trade Center and Grand Marina Hotel in Barcelona.

His fascination with design for higher education began with the space-shaping building he created for Universidad Europea de Madrid, which artfully integrates the hillside campus with local material traditions. He is currently at work on a major campus expansion for the Instituto Tecnológico Autónomo de México in Mexico City that reorients the university around an array of landscaped outdoor spaces and new buildings, more than doubling the footprint of the existing campus. In Brazil, he has designed a suite of three campuses for the Instituto de Educação Superior de Brasília, each to accommodate 8,000 students. While addressing very different conditions in their respective cities of Brasília, Valparaiso, and Aquas Claras, the campuses are united by an emphasis on public space and indoor-outdoor facilities integrated with the landscape, reflecting a sustainable approach that incorporates local materials and shared design elements, such as glass surfaces with screens in the Brazilian tradition.

José has contributed significantly to the firm's interior design practice, with carefully detailed spaces that draw inspiration from local cultures and traditions while relating closely to a building's overall architecture. His recent interiors for Finansbank Headquarters in Istanbul have been widely recognized for their sensitive integration of modern and traditional details, establishing a distinctive corporate identity entirely through interior design.

SELECTED EXHIBITIONS

“New York Designs”

April 2018

2018 AIANY Member Show, New York, New York

“The City & the World”

September 2016

Contemporary Space Athens, Athens, Greece

“Kristalkule”

September 2016

The Chamber of Architects of Turkey, Istanbul, Turkey

“New York New Design”

February–May 2016

2016 AIANY Membership Show, New York, New York

“Milano – Tall Building Urbanism – The New Skyline”

April 19 – 21, 2016

Urban Center, Milan, Italy

“Europe’s Best 2015–16”

September 2015

European Property Awards, London, England

“Office US”

United States Pavilion at Biennale

Architettura 2014

June 7 – November 23, 2014, Venice, Italy

“Milano e Lombardia: La rinascita del futuro”

October 26 – November 14, 2004

Pavillon de l’Arsenal, Paris, France

“Architettura e Bellezza: L’Altra Sede della Regione Lombardia”

May 14 – July 25, 2004

Triennale di Milano, Milan, Italy

SELECTED PROJECTS

Instituto Tecnológico Autonomo de Mexico (ITAM) Mexico City, in progress

Torre ITAM Mexico City, in progress

IESB Brasilia Brasilia, Brazil, in progress

IESB Aguas Claras Brasilia, Brazil, in progress

IESB Valparaiso Valparaiso, Brazil, in progress

Paseo de Martiricos Residential Complex Malaga, Spain, in progress

Finansbank Headquarters Interiors Istanbul, 2015

Soyak Kristalkule | Finansbank Headquarters Istanbul, 2014

Universidad Europea de Madrid phase I completed 2012

Palazzo Lombardia Milan, 2013

1400 Biscayne Boulevard Miami, master plan and phase I design completed 2013

Social and Commercial Courthouse, City of Justice (Juzgados de lo Social y Mercantil, Campus de la Justicia) Madrid, design completed 2010

Torre Espacio Madrid, 2008

World Trade Center and Grand Marina Hotel Barcelona, 1999/2002

Trinity College Pearse Street Development Dublin, schematic design completed 2000

POS Plaza (formerly Silver Crown Tower) Shanghai, 1999

La Caixa Bank Headquarters Sant Cugat, Spain, design completed 1998

The Ronald Reagan Building and International Trade Center Washington, 1997

San Francisco Main Public Library San Francisco, 1996

Rock Spring Park Bethesda, Maryland, 1994

Bilbao Emblematic Building Bilbao, Spain, schematic design completed 1992

Central Terminal Complex/JFK International Airport New York, design completed 1990

AWARDS

Palazzo Lombardia

2015 - Society of American Registered Architects: Design Award of Honor

2013 - American Institute of Architects, New York State Chapter: Award of Excellence

2012 - Chicago Athenaeum/European Centre: The International Architecture Award

2012 - Society of American Registered Architects: Design Award of Excellence

2012 - Urban Land Institute: Global Awards for Excellence: Finalist

2012 - Council on Tall Buildings and Urban Habitat: Best Tall Building Europe

2011 - ALA - Assoarchitetti, l’Arca and Regione del Veneto: Dedalo Minosse International Prize: Special Prize Caoduro

2011 - Chicago Athenaeum: The American Architecture Award

Torre Espacio

2019 - Society of American Registered Architects, Design Award of Honor

2015 - European Property Awards, Best Commercial High-Rise Architecture Spain

2013 - American Institute of Architects, New York State Chapter: Design Awards: Citation

Kristalkule

2016 - The International Architecture Award for 2016

2015 - Society of American Registered Architects: Design Award of Honor

2014 - Emporis Skycraper Award: Top ten of the Emporis Skycraper Award

Finansbank Headquarters Interiors

2017 - Society of American Registered Architects, New York Council: Design Award

2016 - Interiors Design Award Honorable Mention: International Design Awards