

Press release

The Museu d'Art Contemporani de Barcelona (MACBA) Consortium names the five candidates shortlisted to draw up proposals for the museum's expansion

The competition winner will be announced in March 2021

MACBA, Barcelona, 22 December 2020. The Museu d'Art Contemporani de Barcelona (MACBA) announces that it has named the shortlisted candidates selected to draw up proposals for the expansion of the museum. Over thirty architectural firms from home and abroad submitted entries to this first phase of the competition.

The jury of the competition for projects for the design of the preliminary plan for the extension and refurbishment of the museum at the Convent dels Àngels consists of representatives of all the members of the consortium – Barcelona City Council, the Government of Catalonia, the Spanish Ministry of Culture and the MACBA Foundation – as well as representatives of the museum and members of the Architects' Association of Catalonia (COAC).

The members of the jury have each studied the documentation submitted by the various participants in phase one of the competition and have unanimously agreed and approved the final decision. In accordance with their assessments during the jury's working sessions, the following companies have been shortlisted:

Estudio Barozzi Veiga, SLP
UTE Camps Felip Arquitectura, SLP, and Tuñón Arquitectos, SLP
UTE Harquitectes and Christ & Gantenbein
UTE David Chipperfield Architects and b720 Arquitectura
Caruso St John Architects, LLP

The MACBA Consortium is pleased to invite the shortlisted firms to move to phase two and to submit their proposals in accordance with the competition specifications, terms and conditions. In this second phase, the competition will receive the prior studies by these five shortlisted companies. In March next year, the jury will announce the winning project and its designers will be commissioned to draw up the plan for the museum's expansion.

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