



JULIEN DE SMEDT

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BIOGRAPHY

Julien De Smedt is the founder and director of JDS Architects based in Brussels, Copenhagen, Stockholm and Shanghai. A designer and architect whose work is internationally spread, Julien's commitment to the exploration of new architectural models and programs has helped re-energize the contemporary architecture discussion.

Seminal projects include the VM Housing Complex, the Mountain Dwellings, Lille's ABC, the Iceberg, Kalvebod Waves and the Holmenkollen Ski Jump.

Born in Brussels to French art enthusiast Jacques Léobold and Belgian artist Claude De Smedt, Julien attended schools in Brussels, Paris, and Los Angeles before receiving his diploma from the Bartlett School of Architecture in London.

Prior to founding JDS Architects, Julien worked with Rem Koolhaas in Rotterdam, and co-founded the architecture firm PLOT with Bjarke Ingels in Copenhagen.

In 2013 he co-founders with William Ravn the agenda-driven design label Makers With Agendas, addressing matters of society to create meaningful products.

Among other awards and recognition, Julien received the Henning Larsen Prize in 2003 and the Eckersberg medal in 2005, the Maaskant Award in 2009 and the Prix Dejean in 2014 from the French Academy of Architecture. In 2004 the Stavanger Concert Hall received the Golden Lion as the World's Best Concert Hall at the Venice Biennale, the Maritime youth House won the AR+D award in London and was nominated for the Mies van der Rohe award. The Mountain received the World Architecture Festival Award and a MIPIM Award in 2009, while the Iceberg received the Architizer Award for housing in 2013, the MIPIM Award that same year and the Best Building Award in 2015 from Archdaily.

Julien has been a guest lecturer in numerous venues worldwide and a professor at Rice University in Houston, Texas and the University of Kentucky and currently teaches at MIT (Cambridge, USA) and at the Royal Institute of Technology in Stockholm.

His work is published and exhibited internationally.

CAREER

- 2015 Curator of Brussels Design Talents at Northmodern, Copenhagen
- 2015 Visiting Professor, MIT, USA
- 2015 Professor at KTH, Stockholm
- 2014 Curator of National, Brussels, Belgium
- 2013 Member of A10 Creative Board
- 2013 Co-founder, MWA/Makers with Agendas
- 2012 JDSA opens China branch office in Shanghai
- 2011 JDSA opens Brazil branch office, Belo Horizonte
- 2011 WAN 21 for 21 Award - World Architecture News Award for 21 Leading Architects of the 21st Century
- 2011 Completed New Holmenkollen Ski Jump for the Nordic World Ski Championships 2011
- 2011 Second Edition of AGENDA published
- 2009 Maaskant Prize for Best Young Architect 2009
- 2009 Publishes Book, AGENDA: Can We Sustain Our Ability To Crisis? with Actar Publishers
- 2008 Opens branch in Oslo, Norway
- 2008 Judge for the European Conference of Leading Architects 2008 awards, Berlin
- 2008 Opens JDS branch office in Brussels, Belgium
- 2007 CPH ADD 07 - Architecture & Design Days, JDS-OUT OF OFFICE, Copenhagen, Denmark
- 2006 Judge for the Equerre d'argent Architecture Prize, Paris, FR
- 2006 Collaboration with Olafur Eliasson, HZ and ARUP on Mondri And Elano Hotel project for Morgan's Hotel Group, Las Vegas, USA
- 2006 Judge for Medailles du Gouverneur General 2006, Canada
- 2005 Founder of JDS Architects, Copenhagen
- 2003 Member of CopenhagenX Advisory Board
- 2001-05 Director and Principal, PLOT, Copenhagen
- 2001 Co-founder of PLOT, Copenhagen
- 2000 OMA/Rem Koolhaas, Rotterdam
- 1998 The Bartlett, London. Diploma in Architecture with commendation in technical studies.
- 1999 Southern California Institute of Architecture (Sci-Arc), Los Angeles
- 1997-98 OMA/Rem Koolhaas, Rotterdam
- 1996 Architecture School of Paris-Belleville
- 1995 Superior Architecture Institute of the French Community La Cambre, Brussels
- 1995 Diploma of Candidate in Architecture, Superior Architecture Institute Saint Luc, Brussels
- 1975 Born in Brussels, BE

COMPLETED WORKS

- 2016 UCCLE SECRET HOUSE, Private Residence
400 M², Uccle, Belgium
- 2016 PREMIER CAMPUS KAGITHANE, Offices, Commercial
100 000 M², Istanbul, Turkey
- 2016 MARINE BIOTECHNOLOGY CENTER, Office, Exhibition, Museum
183 000 M², Qingdao, China

2016	ABC LILLE, Youth Hostel, Business Incubator, Kindergarten 6 980 M ² , Lille, France
2015	HANGZHOU GATEWAY, Offices, Commercial 23 600 M ² , Shanghai, China
2015	MACDONALD HOUSING N4, 60 Apartments 4 800 M ² , Copenhagen, Denmark
2015	MACDONALD HOUSING S4, 30 Apartments 3 700 M ² , Copenhagen, Denmark
2015	JURA HOUSE, Family House 130 M ² , Jura, France
2015	FAABORG HARBOR BATH, Harbor Bath 2 100 M ² , Faaborg, Denmark
2014	GANGNAM GWELL OFFICETEL, 700 live/work units 38 000 M ² , Seoul, South Korea
2014	SIBLINGS FACTORY, Commercial Store 200 M ² , Copenhagen, Denmark
2013	THE ICEBERG, Residential Development, Parking, 21 600 M ² , Aarhus, Denmark
2013	ANTWERP POLICE DEPARTMENT, Police Station convertible to housing 672 M ² , Antwerp, Belgium
2013	KALVEBOD WAVES, Waterfront Development 4 500 M ² , Copenhagen, Denmark
2011	BIRKEGADE Penthouse Apartments and Shared Roof Terrace and Park 900 M ² , Copenhagen, Denmark
2011	HOLMENKOLLEN SKIJUMP: Ski-Jump, Arena (50 000 capacity) 32 000 M ² , Oslo, Norway
2011	BROOKLYN NIGHT BAZAAR, Market Layout, Furniture 3 720 M ² , Brooklyn, USA
2011	HOLMENKOLLEN SKIJUMP, Skijump, Stadium, Retail 32 000 M ² , Norway, Oslo
2011	HEDONISTIC ROOFTOP PENTHOUSES, Penthouses, Roof Terrace 900 M ² , Copenhagen, Denmark
2010	TWO SEASONS HOTEL, Hotel 8 500 M ² , Stavanger, Norway
2008	MOUNTAIN DWELLINGS, Residential and Parking 33 000 M ² , Copenhagen, Denmark

- 2007 VM HOUSE, 230 Residential Units and Retail
25 000 M², Copenhagen, Denmark
- 2007 SJAKKET, Youth and Culture House
2 000 M², Copenhagen, Denmark
- 2006 HELSINGØR PSYCHIATRIC HOSPITAL, Hospital Extension
6 000 M², Helsingør, Denmark
- 2004 MARITIME YOUTH HOUSE, Youth House and Boat House
1 600 M², Copenhagen, Denmark
- 2004 BRUUNS BAZAAR, shop interiors and identity, 12 shops, 50-300 M², Copenhagen,
Stockholm, Aarhus, Oslo
- 2003 COPENHAGEN HARBOR BATH, Harbor Bath
2 500 M², Copenhagen, Denmark

SELECTED AWARDS

- 2015 IAKS All Time Award for the Skijump
- 2015 Archdaily Best Building of the Year, category housing, the Iceberg, Aarhus,
Denmark
- 2014 WAN Urban Design Award for Kalvebod Waves
- 2014 AIT Award for Kalvebod Waves
- 2014 Prix Dejean of Architecture, French Architecture Academy, Paris
- 2014 International Award at the Belgian Building Awards, Brussels
- 2014 Kalvebod Waves nominated for the Big Arne Award, Copenhagen
- 2013 Norwegian Council Design Award for Stoop
- 2013 Architizer A+ Award for the Skijump
- 2013 Architizer A+ Award for the Iceberg, Aarhus, Denmark
- 2013 MIPIM Award for the Iceberg, Aarhus, Denmark
- 2012 Commendation for the Hedonistic Rooftops in Copenhagen - WAN House of the Year
Award
- 2011 Best Buildings and Urban Environments of Copenhagen Award, Hedonistic Rooftop
from the Copenhagen Municipality
- 2011 Silver Award International Olympic Committee IOC/IAKS for Sjakket/the Gang
School
- 2011 WAN 21 for 21 Award - World Architecture Award for the 21 Leading Architects of
the 21st Century
- 2011 European Steel Design Awards, Düsseldorf, Germany for the Holmenkollen
Skijump
- 2011 Norwegian Steel Construction Prize for the Skijump
- 2011 Mies Van der Rohe Award Nominee for the New Holmenkollen Ski Jump
- 2011 Infosteel Award Nomination for the New Holmenkollen Ski Jump
- 2011 Jorn Utzon Statuette Concrete Element Award for the Mountain Dwellings
- 2011 Copenhagen Kommune Prize for the Birkegade Rooftop
- 2010 Archdaily Best in Housing, Mountain Dwellings
- 2010 Infosteel Award Nomination for VM House
- 2009 Chicago Atheneum International Architecture Award for the Mountain Dwellings
- 2009 Maaskant Prize for Best Young Architect 2009
- 2009 ULI, Urban Land Institute Prize for Best in Residential, Mountain Dwellings

- 2009 Marcus Prize for Architecture Award Nominee
- 2009 FORUM AID Award 2009 for Mountain Dwellings Best in Architecture Scandinavia
- 2009 WAF World Architecture Festival Award for best housing, the Mountain
- 2009 MIPIM Award for Best Residential Development, Mountain Dwellings, Cannes Festival, France
- 2009 Mies Van der Rohe Award Nominee for the Mountain Dwellings
- 2009 Urban Land Institute Award for Excellence for the Mountain Dwellings
- 2009 World Architecture Festival Award for Best Housing, the Mountain Dwellings, Barcelona, Spain
- 2008 The Danish Wood Award for the Mountain Dwellings, Denmark
- 2008 Europe 40 Under 40, Europe's most important and emerging young architects and designers
- 2008 Forum AID Award, Sjakket nominated for Best Interior and Best Architecture
- 2008 Contractworld Award 2008, Sjakket for Best Educational/Learning/Cultural Facility 2nd Prize
- 2007 Special Distinction for the Harbour Bath at the IOC/IAKS AWARD 2007 (International Olympic Committee and the International Association for Sports and Leisure Facilities)
- 2007 Helsingør Psychiatric Hospital nominated for Forum Prize
- 2007 Helsingør Psychiatric Hospital nominated for the Mies Van der Rohe prize
- 2006 VM House receives the Copenhagen Municipality Prize
- 2006 VM House nominated for the Mies Van der Rohe prize
- 2006 Scandinavian Forum Prize for VM House
- 2005 PLOT website nominated at the Cannes Festival
- 2004 AR+D Award for the Maritime Youth House
- 2004 Maritime Youth House nominated for the Mies Van Der Rohe Award
- 2004 Maritime Youth House receives the Copenhagen Municipality Prize
- 2004 Golden Lion for Stavanger Concert Hall, Venice Biennale
- 2004 European Prize for Urban Public Space, Copenhagen Harbour Bath, honorable mention
- 2004 Young Architect of the Year Award, London, 2nd prize
- 2004 Scanorama Design Award
- 2003 Henning Larsen Prize
- 2002 Nykredits Architecture Prize
- 2002 Young Architect of the Year Award, London, 2nd prize
- 2001 Henning Larsen Prize
- 2001 The State Art Fund Scholarship

SELECTED EXHIBITIONS

- 15 BORN II group show with Jun Igarashi, MAD, NL Architects, Tom Wiscombe and Xefirotarch, Seoul, South Korea
- 14 Urban Plunge, Roca Gallery, London
- 14 Reprogramming the City, Danish Architecture Center, Copenhagen
- 14 A Matter of Perception, Kortrijk, Belgium
- 14 NEW RULE, aiima Gallery, Tokyo
- 14 100 years of Design by Belgian Architects, at the Atomium, Brussels
- 13 In Vitro, La Maison de l'architecture en Ile-de-France
- 13 (Un)City, Pavillon de l'Arsenal, Paris
- 13 This Might Not Be Appropriate, Galleries Vanhaerents, Brussels
- 12 Wild Wild West – Young Architects from Belgium, AIT Salon Stuttgart, Cologne, Rotterdam

- 12 (Un)City, Istanbul Design Biennial
- 11 Stockholm Furniture Fair, Sweden
- 11 Innovation Festival - Vilnius Design Week, Lithuania
- 11 Milano Design Fair, Italy
- 11 Progressive Architecture Symposium, Mexico
- 11 Stad van Nederland, NAI, The Netherlands
- 10 Design September Brussels, Belgium
- 10 Belgium is Design. Design for Mankind. Hornu, Belgium
- 10 Second Cycle Artek, Finland Attitude, "TURTLE" Brussels, Belgium
- 10 London Design Festival and The Lollipop Shop
- 10 Biennial of Design Saint Etienne, France
- 10 la Biennale Venice, Mapping Contemporary Venice, Italy
- 10 ARCHITEST Exhibition, Singapore, Malaysia
- 10 City 2.0 - EYE of GYRE, Shibuya, Tokyo, Japan
- 10 Building For Brussels, BOZAR, Brussels, Belgium
- 10 Batibouw Expo, Danish and Belgian Design, Brussels, Belgium
- 10 Habitaire Fair - EcoDesign Exhibition, Helsinki, Finland
- 10 Delicious Architecture - The European Centre for Architecture Art Design and Urban Studies and The Chicago Athenaeum, Athens, Greece
- 10 Project Urban Loi, BIP, Brussels, Belgium
- 10 AGENDABITION, Tokyo, Japan
- 10 La 3ème dimension – Architecture Miniature, Maison de l'Architecture et de la Ville, Lille, France
- 10 Most Beautiful Books of Brussels and Wallonia, Fernand Baudin Prize 2009, BIP, Brussels, Belgium
- 10 THE HAGUE - Intense Lowrise/Intense Laagbouw for the City of Groningen, The Weave, the Netherlands
- 09 DAC - Danish Design Center - NEW URBAN SPACES / RUNDT OM HJØRNET Exhibition, Copenhagen, Denmark
- 09 Water & Living, Vilnius, Lithuania
- 09 CPH ADD 2009, JDS OUT OF OFFICE, Copenhagen Architecture and Design Days, Copenhagen, Denmark
- 09 Beyond Media 9th Edition, VISIONS, Florence, Italy
- 09 Convergence 142, Asian Art Festival in Ordos, Mongolia/China
- 09 Le Passe Muraille, Centre Wallonie-Bruxelles, Paris, France
- 09 ART Basel, ORDOS 100, Basel, Switzerland
- 09 World Future Energy Summit, European Future Energy Forum, Bilbao, Spain
- 08 International Architecture Model Festival, 100 rooms - 100 models, Budapest, Hungary
- 08 Design Terminal Kht, Budapest, Hungary
- 08 CPH ADD 2008, JDS OUT OF OFFICE, Copenhagen Architecture and Design Days, Copenhagen, Denmark
- 08 N|I|C|H|E, at the Centre for Fine Arts in Brussels, Belgium
- 08 For the Road: European Design Tour, Design Terminal, Budapest, Erzsébet Square
- 08 Architects Offices, Photography Exhibition, Switzerland
- 08 11th International Architecture Biennale, Venice, Italy - Twirl House at Next-Gen 20: Ao-Di Grand Land Architecture International Project, Taipei
- 08 11th International Architecture Biennale, Venice, Italy - Shenzhen at Italian Pavillion
- 08 5th European Landscape Biennial "Storm & Stress", Barcelona, Spain
- 08 Arc en rêve centre d'architecture, France
- 08 Hong Kong and Shenzhen Bi-City Biennale of Urbanism and Architecture, Shenzhen, China
- 07 WATERSIDES, Dal cucchiaio alla città Torino, Italy

- 07 Danish Architecture Center, JDS PIXL TO XL book opening and exhibition, Copenhagen, Denmark
- 07 IFHP, Future of Cities Exhibiton, Copenhagen, Denmark
- 07 Culture of Risk, Oslo Triennale 2007, Oslo, Norway
- 07 Le Passe Muraille is adapted to Itau Cultural in Sao Paulo, Brazil
- 07 ArchiWorld, New Trends in Europe and Asia-Pacific, 2007-2008, Perth, Australia
- 07 "The street belongs to all of us!", City on the move institute, Paris
- 06 The Good Life, Van Alen Institute, New York
- 06 Architecture of water, EDF Paris, FR
- 06 Scenographies d'architectes, Pavillon de l'arsenal, Paris, FR
- 06 Le Passe Muraille, Artist's Space, NYC, USA
- 06 New Faces in European Architecture, NAI, Maastricht, NL
- 06 New Trends of Architecture in Europe and Asia-Pacific 2006-2007, Patras, Greece
- 05 Mies Van Der Rohe prize 2005, Institut Francais d'Architecture, Paris, FR
- 05 Beyond Media 2005, Florence, Italy

LECTURES AND ACADEMIA

- 13 Project City, Lille Grand Palais
- 12 FESTARCH, Perugia, Italy
- 12 New Nordic Identity and Architecture, Louisiana, Denmark
- 11 Guest Lecturer, University of Hong Kong, PRC
- 11 Guest Lecturer, STUK Kunstencentrum, Belgium
- 11 Guest Lecturer , DATUM: KL, Malaysia
- 10 Guest Lecturer, Universidade Presbiteriana Mackenzie, Sao Paulo, Brazil
- 10 Guest Lecturer, FAUUSP, Sao Paulo, Brazil
- 10 Guest Lecturer, Escola da Cidad, Sao Paulo, Brazil
- 10 Guest Lecturer, Rio Data Centro, Rio De Janeiro Brazil
- 10 Guest Lecturer, Columbia University GSAPP, USA
- 09 Guest Lecturer, Cornell University, Rome, Italy
- 09 Guest Lecturer, National Design and Architecture Forum (ENADII), Mexico City, Mexico
- 09 Guest Lecturer, Berlage Institue, Rotterdam, The Netherlands
- 09 Guest Speaker, ICON MINDS symposium, London, UK
- 09 Guest Lecturer, Experimenta Design in Lisbon, Portugal
- 09 Guest Lecturer, Staatliche Akademie Der Bildenden Künste Stuttgart Architektur, Germany
- 09 Guest Lecturer, IAAC Barcelona, Spain
- 09 Guest Lecturer, Disseny Hub Barcelona (DHUB), Barcelona, Spain
- 09 Guest Lecturer, Köln Zoo, Experimental Architectural Species, Germany
- 09 Guest Speaker, AIA Convention San Francisco, The Power of Diversity, USA
- 09 Guest Lecturer, Harvard GSD, Embracing Diversity, USA
- 09 Guest Lecturer, l'Institut Supérieur d'Architecture Saint-Luc de Bruxelles, Belgium
- 09 Guest Lecturer, Artesis Hogeschool Antwerpen, Belgium
- 09 Guest Lecturer, University of Kentucky, USA
- 09 Guest Lecturer, Vienna Technonlogy University, Austria
- 09 Guest Lecturer, Budapest Univeristy of Economics, Hungary
- 08 N|||C|H|E, at the Centre for Fine Arts in Brussels, BE
- 08 Guest Lecturer, Archipel at De Central in Gent, BE
- 08 Visiting Professor, University of Kentucky, Lexington, USA
- 08 Guest Lecture, Swiss University (USI), Lugano, Switzerland
- 08 Guest lecturer, La Citta Complessa, Pordenone, Italy

08 Guest lecturer, Festival du film d'architecture, Brussels, BE
08 Guest lecturer, NON FORMAL, Pontedera, Italy
08 Guest lecturer, After Stockholm 2008, Oslo
08 Guest lecturer, University of Southern California, Los Angeles
08 Guest critic, spring term open presentations, Architectural Association, London, UK
07 Guest lecturer, Mies van der Rohe pavilion, Barcelona, Spain
07 Guest lecturer, Musashino Art University, Tokyo, Japan
07 Guest lecturer, Sendai Mediatheque, Sendai, Japan
07 Guest lecturer, New Trends of Architecture in between Europe and Asia-Pacific 2006-2007, Tokyo, Japan
07 Guest lecturer, University for Arts and Industrial Design, Linz, Austria
07 Guest lecturer, Ecole d'architecture de Rennes, FR
07 Guest lecturer, Kansas University, USA
07 Guest lecturer, IDS, Toronto, Canada
07 Guest lecturer, Architectural Association of Ireland, Dublin
06 Guest lecturer, TU Darmstadt, DE
06 Guest lecturer, Forum Babel 2006, San Sebastian, Spain
06 Guest lecturer, Nai Maastricht, NL
06 Guest lecturer, St Luc Liege University, BE
06 Guest critic, Ecole d'Architecture Paris Malaquais, Paris, FR
06 Guest lecturer, La Ville mise en Scene, Marseille, FR
06 Guest lecturer, Tate Modern, London, UK
06 Guest lecturer, Pavillon de l'arsenal. Paris, FR
06 Guest lecturer, Museum of Contemporary Art, Marseille, FR
06 Guest lecturer, Mc Gill University, Montreal, CA
06 Guest lecturer, University of Toronto, USA
05 Guest critic, University of Houston, USA
06 Guest lecturer, Cottbus, DE
05 Guest critic, Rice University, Paris Department, FR
05 Visiting Professor, Rice University, Houston, USA
05 Guest lecturer, Yale University, New Haven, USA
04 Guest lecturer, SciArc University, Los Angeles, USA
03 Guest lecturer, Monterrey University, Mexico
00 Guest critic at the Eidgenossische Technische Hochschule (ETH), Zurich, CH
