



Lincoln University Alumni International Medal (Joint Award)

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The international ranking of London as the ‘best city in the world’ owes a share of its global acclaim to Lincoln University landscape graduates and practitioners Leighton Pace and Sam Martin, principals of Exterior Architecture, one of Britain’s leading landscape architecture companies.

Together they have contributed to the transformation of many landmark London locations, with the 40-acre site of the iconic Battersea Power Station, and the huge 245 Hammersmith Road co-working facility just two of numerous examples.

Founded by Sam Martin in 2003, and co-owned with Leighton Pace since 2012, London-based Exterior Architecture Ltd works with external professionals and practitioners in architecture, engineering, interior design, lighting, product design and sculpture.

Leighton and Sam bring complementary strengths and expertise to their professional partnership, and they have lifted their company to the leading rank of British landscape design practices.

Localism and the endemic nature of ‘place’ are key inspirations for Leighton’s work, resulting in designs that reflect place, meaning and culture.

Leighton leads the practice’s master planning and international work sectors across Europe, the Middle East and North Africa, and now more widely in Africa.

Earlier work before partnering with Sam, included the Stonehenge Environmental Project, a regional hospital in

Austria, a park in Berlin, and a city district and public realm design in Beirut.

Sam too takes his design inspiration from the concept of ‘place’ and the way in which people use that place, ‘while always ensuring the natural environment can express itself’.

His earlier work includes the New Zealand Garden in Savill Garden, Windsor Great Park, one of Britain’s greatest ornamental gardens which, through Sam’s involvement, houses one of the largest collections of native New Zealand plants in Britain. He is also a past Excellence Award winner for design work at the Chelsea Flower Show.

Exterior Architecture’s landscaping work on the Battersea Power Station job, London’s biggest regeneration project on the last remaining large riverfront development space in the central city, stands as one of the company’s highest profile undertakings and was completed to great acclaim.

The company’s work on 245 Hammersmith Road, a huge collaborative co-working facility of office space, retail units, roof terraces, a public plaza, urban park and event locations, won similar plaudits.

Beyond London, the company’s notable projects include landscaping at Harwell Campus, near Oxford, the UK’s leading science and innovation campus.

Professionally, the contribution of Leighton Pace and Sam Martin to the betterment of the world’s ‘lived environment’, and to daily human pleasure, achieved through landscape design, fulfils the supreme essence of their calling.

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Professor Grant Edwards
Vice-Chancellor

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Bruce Gemmell
Chancellor