

O'Donnell + Tuomey pips Zaha to land RIBA London best building

LSE scheme chosen ahead of Aquatics Centre, while Haworth Tompkins sweeps up with trio of awards including Architect of the Year

LONDON O'Donnell + Tuomey's Saw Swee Hock Student Centre has scooped the London region's Building of the Year Award.

The project was selected from 33 regional prizewinners, including Zaha Hadid Architects' Aquatics Centre – the last of

the London Olympics 2012 projects to go through the awards process following the removal of its temporary wings in May 2013. The Stirling Prize-winner's Serpentine Sackler Gallery in Hyde Park missed out.

Meanwhile, Haworth

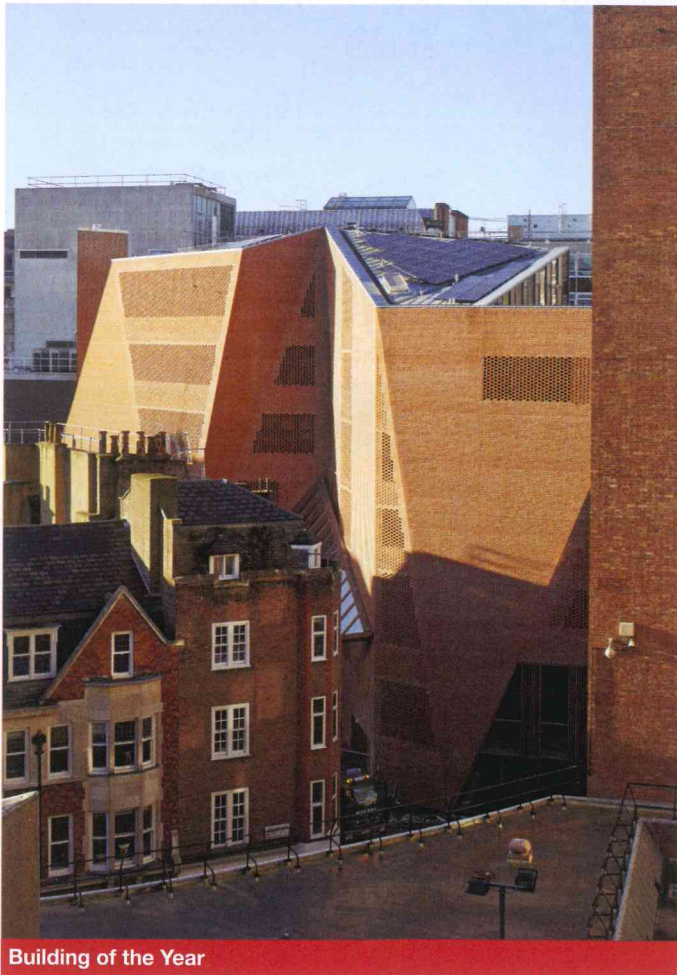
Tompkins Architects bagged a hat-trick of accolades – picking up more awards than any other for its work in the capital. The firm took home gongs for The Shed at the National Theatre on the Southbank, its revamp of the 'much loved' London

Library and for its 'thoughtful' Clothworkers' Centre at the V&A. The firm was also named Architect of the Year.

Some of the capital's highest profile projects of the last year were honoured, including Renzo Piano's 'omnipresent' Shard, the 'surprisingly delicate' Tate Britain by Caruso St John Architects and John McAslan + Partners' 'intricate and complex' King's Cross Station redevelopment.

The triumphant projects, which include five schools and six houses, were chosen from a shortlist of 64 schemes.

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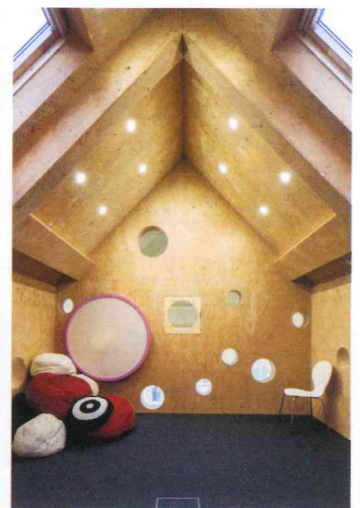


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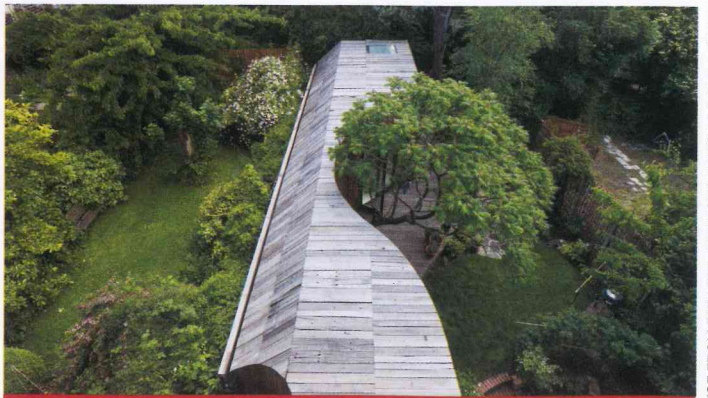
LONDON SCHOOL OF ECONOMICS SAW SWEE HOCK STUDENT CENTRE, O'DONNELL + TUOMEY ARCHITECTS



LONDON AQUATICS CENTRE, ZAHA HADID ARCHITECTS



OILY CART, HAWKINS\BROWN



Small Project Award

TREE HOUSE, 6A ARCHITECTS

CLOCKWISE FROM FAR LEFT: DENNIS GILBERT, HUFTON + CROW; TIM CROCKER, 6A ARCHITECTS