

” THE OPERATING (EBIT) MARGIN FOR THE 200 LARGEST GROUPS WAS 5.9%

porting shortage of projects as being the principal challenge facing the sector.

Europe's largest groups

The three As at the top of the European chart have increased to five. Altran is still the largest group in Europe followed by Alten and Arcadis. After this, AKKA Technologies and AECOM (EMEA figures) have joined the others. The American company AECOM is followed by two other American consultancies WSP and Jacobs Engineering. The north American groups continue to take major market shares in Europe. For example, Tetra Tech acquired the British firm WYG plc with 1 600 employees. Tetra Tech now has 20 000 employees globally. The Nordic giants are performing well in the competition and consolidation trend. Among the 200 largest European companies, measured in terms of number of personnel, Sweco holds eighth place followed by AFRY (12), Ramboll (14) and COWI (25).

World's largest

In the chart of the world's largest engineering consultancies, the Australian company Worley (previously Worley Parsons Engineering) has grown and climbed up to second place, with 57 831 personnel. The largest company is still AECOM, with 86 000 employees. Four European groups are listed on the chart: Altran, Alten, Arcadis and AKKA Technologies.

Listed companies

In the table showing the listed companies, the figures reported are based on the final accounts. Any acquisitions are not accounted for proforma here. Three companies have been delisted during the year and have therefore disappeared from the table. These companies are Pöry which was acquired by ÅF at the end of 2018 (now AFRY), WYG plc which was acquired by Tetra Tech and the Italian company Ansaldo STS, which was acquired by the Japanese consultancy Hitachi Rail.



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THE TOP 50 EUROPEAN ARCHITECTURAL GROUPS

2019	2018	Group	Country	Annual Report	Average number of employees	(Previous year)	Turnover MEUR
1	2	AEDAS Architects Group *	UK	18	1400	1400	
2	1	Foster & Partners Ltd	UK	18/19	1317	1423	344.1
3	4	BDP Building Design Partnership	UK	18/19	1302	954	142.4
4	3	SWECO Architects (incl. Årstiderne & Tovatt Architects & Planners) *	Sweden	18	1200	1096	174.7
5	6	Rambøll Architects & Urban Planning (acquired Henning Larsen Architects, Dec-19)	Denmark	18	1072	800	
6	7	ATP Architects Engineers	Austria	18	813	700	92.6
7	9	Tengbom group	Sweden	18	702	677	64.7
8	8	White Architects	Sweden	18	673	680	82.2
9	5	Broadway Malyan Ltd *	UK	18	660	821	68.0
10	11	AIA Life Designers*	France	18	650	600	66.0
11	10	Gmp Architekten von Gerkan, Marg und Partner *	Germany	18	594	606	90.7
12	24	Norconsult architects (incl. Nordic office of architecture & Monarken) *	Norway	18	576	440	79.2
13	13	Grimshaw Architects LLP	UK	18/19	564	539	98.6
14	12	IDOM (Architecture)	Spain	18	550	545	57.0
15	15	LINK Arkitektur (Multiconsult)	Norway	18	496	486	52.3
16	16	Arkitema (COWI)	Denmark	18	493	477	49.8
17	17	HPP Architects	Germany	18	445	420	59.8
18	14	Benoy Limited (Architects)	UK	18	430	489	69.9
19	23	RKW Architekten & Co, KG *	Germany	18	410	350	40.0
20	18	Herzog & de Meuron Architekten AG *	Switzerland	18	400	400	
21	25	Zaha Hadid Architects	UK	17/18	363	345	58.0
22	21	Chapman Taylor LLP	UK	17/18	356	350	47.1
23	33	Allies and Morrison Architects Ltd *	UK	18	355	319	65.3
24	22	HENN Architekten	Germany	18	350	350	
25	20	Sheppard Robson *	UK	17/18	347	352	36.4
26	27	Barton Willmore Group	UK	17/18	341	336	45.9
27	26	Arup associates, architects *	UK	17	337	337	
28	29	Stride Treglown Group PLC	UK	18	330	319	32.4
29	19	Burckhardt+Partner AG *	Switzerland	18	313	360	88.1
30	31	Heinle, Wischer und Partner *	Germany	18	310	310	
31	36	Arkitektfirmaet C.F. Møller	Denmark	18	288	286	38.4
32	47	PE architects	Sweden	18	278	229	36.7
33	34	O.M.A. Office for Metropolitan Architecture *	Netherlands	18	276	300	
34	39	Wilmotte & Associés *	France	18	270	270	33.8
35	37	AFRY, incl. Gottlieb Paludan, SandellSandberg, Koncept Ark & Design *	Sweden	18	267	278	37.0
36	43	Scott Brownrigg Architects	UK	17/18	254	269	25.8
37	32	Purcell Architects	UK	18	247	302	
38	42	Aukett Swanke Group plc	UK	18	246	246	19.2
39	45	Snøhetta Group *	Norway	18	240	240	22.0
40	35	PRP Architects Ltd *	UK	17/18	236	292	34.3
41	46	IBI Group Europe *	UK	18	235	230	25.4
42	40	Tyréns architects (incl. Pyramiden & AQ arkitekter) *	Sweden	18	230	250	27.4
43	48	BIG / Bjarke Ingels Group *	Denmark	18	222	216	47.7
44	51	Arkitekterna Krook & Tjäder	Sweden	18	215	195	22.9
45	28	INBO Architects/Consultants *	Netherlands	18	210	330	46.0
46	30	Pascall+Watson	UK	18	210	317	40.9
47	44	MVRDV *	Netherlands	18	203	240	
48		Bureau d'études Greisch *	Belgium	18	203	194	19.5
49	49	UNStudio (Van Berkel En Bos) *	Netherlands	18	196	210	
50	52	Keppie Design	UK	17/18	192	191	