

## PRESS RELEASE

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Hong Kong West Kowloon Station by Andrew Bromberg at Aedas opens to the public



Hong Kong West Kowloon Station opened its doors to the public on 23 September 2018. When fully operational, it will be one of the largest underground train stations in the world.

Serving as a new gateway to Mainland China, the new section of the Guangzhou-Shenzhen-Hong Kong high-speed rail service, which is 142 km in length, connects with the National High-speed Rail network all the way to Beijing, the length of which is more than 25,000 km.

Handling passengers through border controls, this station is more akin to an airport than a mere underground train station. The approximate 400,000 square meters of usable floor area, however, ensures that the flow of the passengers is as smooth as possible.

As per the brief, the Hong Kong West Kowloon Station has a strong civic element, acting as a new landmark with an immediate sense of arrival, fit for the site's prominence on Victoria Harbour immediately adjacent to the future West Kowloon Cultural District.



The station is the first major construction project to complete in that district.

Andrew Bromberg's design of the station introduces over 3 hectares of 'green plaza' to the site. The outside ground plane bows down towards the entrance, whilst the roof structure above gestures towards the sky. The resulting space is a 45-meter high volume, whose energy and focus is directed towards the south façade, Hong Kong Central skyline and Victoria Peak beyond.

People are furthermore encouraged to walk up on the station's rooftop aligned with mature trees and shrubs and enjoy the new views and gain new connections with the city.

The interior of the hall is almost like a forest, with leaning steel columns robustly supporting a giant floating roof lifting up 4,000 glass panels to bring in natural daylight into the building and a glimpse of the city even from the lower levels of the station.

Unusual for the vertical city of Hong Kong, Bromberg's design of the station is ground-hugging. The architect was

keen to bring on the sense of fluidity reflecting on the idea of various forces converging on a global city.

The Hong Kong West Kowloon Station's openness and its people-centric, inclusive design will set the stage for the city's bright and exciting future ahead.

***Andrew Bromberg at Aedas says "I have been working on this station for nearly 10 years and it's great to see it now teeming with people. The new station is an opportunity for all people to discover new connections to the city of Hong Kong."***



## **Notes to Editors**

### **Project Data**

Project name: Hong Kong West Kowloon Station  
Location: West Kowloon, Hong Kong  
Usable floor area: Over 400,000 m<sup>2</sup> (Over 4,628,481 ft<sup>2</sup>)  
Site Area: 58,797 m<sup>2</sup> (632,886 ft<sup>2</sup>)  
Open Space: Over 3 hectares (322,917 ft<sup>2</sup>)  
Building Height: 29 m (95 ft)

### **Project Team**

Client: MTR Corporation Ltd.  
Architect: Andrew Bromberg at Aedas  
Detailed Design Consultant: AECOM-Aedas Joint Venture  
Structural Engineer: AECOM, Buro Happold  
M&E Consultant: Meinhardt  
Façade Consultant: ALT  
Landscape Architect: EDAW  
Quantity Surveyor: Windell  
Main Contractor: Leighton – Gammon Joint Venture  
Others: FMS, ROSTEK, MVA, Atelier Pacific



### **Some interesting facts about Hong Kong West Kowloon Station**

- The station's rooftop is scalable. Its green rooftop is aligned with hundreds of trees and shrubs, and people are encouraged to walk up on the station's fully accessible green rooftop and enjoy the panoramic view of the famous Hong Kong skyline upon arrival.
- The lowest level of the station is 25 m deep below ground, the highest level of the station 25m above ground.
- The usable floor area of the entire development is approx. 400,000sqm, the project introduces over 3 hectares of green plaza.
- The station is designed with 15 tracks below ground, nine long-haul tracks and six shuttle tracks (with six long-haul tracks and four shuttle tracks in service for Day 1 operation).
- The station connects Hong Kong to various cities in mainland China all the way to Beijing. The project cuts the journey times drastically and reduces the emission of gas and pollutants.
- Seven footbridges and two pedestrian subways have been built to connect the station with the local transport network and nearby developments. The Hong Kong West Kowloon Station is just a few minutes' walk from the MTR Tung Chung Line, Airport Express and West Rail Line.
- The travelling time from Hong Kong West Kowloon Station to the major business areas in the city, like Central, takes less than 15 minutes. Commuters can also use other public transport modes such as franchised buses and minibuses, as well as coaches with pick-up and drop-offs either at the ground level of the station or at the newly built West Kowloon Station Bus Terminus north of the station.

## **About Andrew Bromberg at Aedas**



Andrew Bromberg (RIBA, Assoc. AIA) is Global Design Principal at the international architectural practice, Aedas.

Bromberg, born in 1968, Colorado, US, has been steadily gaining recognition for his ground-breaking architectural design for large-scale mixed-use projects in China, the Far East, the Middle East, Europe and North America.

The architect's most notable projects include Sandcrawler, the regional headquarters for Lucasfilm Singapore, clad in energy-saving luminous facades, completed in 2014, and the place-making Nanfung Commercial, Hospitality and Exhibition Complex in Guangzhou, built on the bank of the Pearl River estuary, completed in 2013. Bromberg is currently working on an extension project with The Francis Winspear Centre for Music, home to the Edmonton Symphony Orchestra, in Edmonton, Canada.

A keen hiker and traveler since young age, Bromberg draws inspiration from nature and his interest in how people live in different cultures to create meaningful, people-centric architectural works.

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