



## Nuno Gonçalves Fontarra

Partner/Architect

With Mecanoo since 2002

**Professional qualifications** MArch Faculdade de Arquitectura da Universidade do Porto (FAUP); Registered with the Bureau Architecten Register (NL)

*"A site-based approach to design aims to enhance the context of its intervention, it strives to be inherently understanding, responding and relating to subtle contextual qualities - its people and its place"*

Nuno actively contributes to the scope and quality of Mecanoo's portfolio of work having engaged on numerous award-winning cultural projects and competition entries. Highly creative, innovative and flexible, Nuno has propelled the conceptualisation and design development of many of Mecanoo's most innovative and sculptural projects including the Natural History Museum Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates; National Kaohsiung Centre for the Arts (Wei-Wu-Ying), Taiwan; Longgang Cultural Centre, China and La Lotja Theatre and Conference Centre, Spain, amongst others.

He has also led multiple competition designs including the Nobel Qur'an Oasis, Saudi Arabia; Xiqu Theatre, Hong Kong; Urban Waterfront Development/Mediaspace Library, Aarhus, Denmark; and an urban campus for the European Space Agency, Germany. Nuno aims to enhance the context of an intervention by relating each project firmly to the landscape. Maintaining an active role in academia, Nuno has not only taught at the Delft University of Technology and the Piet Zwart Institute in Rotterdam, but he also taught a spring semester design studio at Soongsil University in Seoul.

### Selected projects



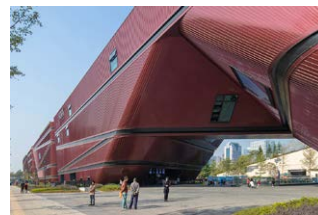
**Natural History Museum Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates**

Size: 35,000 m<sup>2</sup>  
Year: 2022 - 2025



**Macau Central Library, China**

Size: 15,000 m<sup>2</sup>  
Year: 2020 - 2025



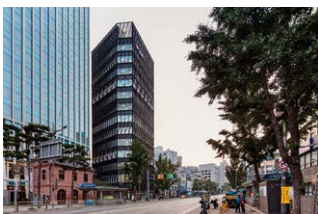
**Longgang Cultural Centre, Shenzhen, China**

Size: 99,000 m<sup>2</sup>  
Year: 2012 - 2019



**National Kaohsiung Centre for the Arts, Taiwan**

Size: 141,000 m<sup>2</sup>  
Year: 2007 - 2018



**Heungkuk Tower Namdaemun, Seoul, South Korea**

Size: 5,900 m<sup>2</sup>  
Year: 2014 - 2017



**Palace of Justice, Cordoba, Spain**

Size: 48,000 m<sup>2</sup>  
Year: 2006 - 2017



**Taekwang Country Club House Gyeonggi-do, South Korea**

Size: 300 m<sup>2</sup>  
Year: 2014 - 2015



**La Lotja Theatre and Conference Centre, Lleida, Spain**

Size: 37,500 m<sup>2</sup>  
Year: 2004 - 2010