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Woods Bagot Global Workplace Expert Returns

Rosina Di Maria



Caption: Rosina Di Maria, Woods Bagot's Global Workplace Expert

Woods Bagot, internationally renowned architecture and design Studio has well and truly destroyed the myth of the 'brain drain', when it was revealed that, not only are Australians taking the opportunity to work overseas and gain valuable knowledge and experience, firms such as Woods Bagot are enabling them to bring the experience they gain back with them when they come home.

Rosina Di Maria has recently returned home to the Adelaide Studio from the London Studio where she has been leading the European Interiors Team.

Rosina is a Principal and has worked on a diverse portfolio of award winning cross sector projects throughout Australia, the Middle East and Europe.

Whilst in London she was lead designer on a series of significant lifestyle and workplace projects which include new Headquarters for HSBC and Barclays Capital, both at Canary Wharf in London's Docklands, the 'Eccleston Hotel'; a new boutique hotel in Central London and a new HQ for a major global provider of state of the art IT in St Petersburg.

Prior to moving to London, Rosina was a senior member of the team that delivered the Award Winning City Central Tower 1, Adelaide's first 5 Star Green Star rated building.

With a network of studios around the globe, Woods Bagot is a major global design firm who believes that people are critical to success and place great value on staff, their development and creating an environment where high standards of creativity and innovation are possible. Our people have a choice of location, which provides career-enhancing exposure to leading-edge international projects, each with their unique location-specific challenges.

Woods Bagot believes that it is important for architects and designers to spend time working in markets other than that which they call 'home'.

Thus as part of an ongoing investment in staff education and experience; four years ago, Woods Bagot moved Rosina to London to gain vital insights into current European design practices.

Rosina is also a qualified Lighting Designer; her strong design skills complement her strengths in project leadership and client management ensuring the successful delivery of projects.

James Calder, Woods Bagot Director of Research said of Rosina's return; "I am very pleased to have Rosina back in this part of the world, her wide ranging experience and knowledge combined with her exceptional client and communication skills make her easily one of our most innovative design talents.

He continued; "Rosina is committed to design excellence. Her enthusiasm & passion for high quality design based on rigorous research and business innovation makes her an invaluable part of the Woods Bagot Global design team."

Whilst in London, Rosina was instrumental in cementing Woods Bagot's recognition as 'Design Practice of the Year' in the prestigious Mixology Awards 2010.

Rosina said; "I am excited about again living in Adelaide, we have some very significant projects in Adelaide which I look forward to.

She continued; "The Adelaide Studio is a key part of the Global Practice and has significant input into major projects around the world. The Studio has also provided design input into projects in London, Russia, the Middle East and China, whilst staff in our other Global studios such as New York and London are involved in key Adelaide projects."

Rosina's European experience of working with large multinational corporations, as well as her past work with numerous tenant types, landlords and developers, puts her in a unique position at the cutting edge of contemporary workplace design.

Her commitment to innovation, professionalism and expert judgement will add value to the new Woods Bagot Australian Workplace Centre of Design Excellence.

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ABOUT WOODS BAGOT

Woods Bagot's commitment to global design excellence has resulted in a workforce of 500+ staff based in five regions, in cities including Beijing, Dubai, Hong Kong, New York, San Francisco, Sydney, Shanghai and London.

In Australia Woods Bagot has recently completed several award-winning flagship projects, including the Melbourne Exhibition and Convention Centre (with Joint Venture Architects NHA Architecture and the Plenary Group), Ivy, Sydney (with collaborative partners HP&G and Merivale), and several Qantas International First Lounges (with collaborative partners Marc Newson and Sebastien Segers).

Woods Bagot has also designed the new \$200 million South Australian Health & Medical Research Institute (SAHMRI).

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