

Shortlisted teams selected to proceed to final stage of Reinventing Cities Competition

- *More than 230 Expressions of Interest received from 1,200 companies and organizations*
- *82 teams invited to proceed to second round of competition*
- *Auckland, Chicago, Houston, Madrid, Milan, Montréal, Oslo, Paris, Reykjavik, Salvador, San Francisco & Vancouver announce the finalist teams that have been selected*

London, UK (27 September 2018) – 31 underutilized spaces in 12 global cities are one step closer to being transformed into new beacons of sustainability and resiliency. Today, C40 Cities announced the 82 teams of architects, urban planners, developers, entrepreneurs, environmentalists, start-upers and neighbourhood collectives, that will compete in the final round of the Reinventing Cities competition in each participating city.

The final winning teams will transform empty plots and abandoned buildings, historical mansions, underused car parks, and former industrial sites in Auckland, Chicago, Houston, Madrid, Milan, Montréal, Oslo, Paris, Reykjavik, Salvador, San Francisco & Vancouver.

Reinventing Cities, an unprecedented global competition to drive carbon neutral and resilient urban regeneration was launched in November 2017. The competition is designed to serve as a model for cities around the world, demonstrating how the alliance between cities and business can shape the future delivering healthier, greener and economically viable urban development.

During the 1st phase of the competition, C40 received **230 Expressions of Interest**, from **more than 1,200 companies and organizations**.

- Some of the world's greatest architects joined the competition: OMA, MVRDV, BIG, White Architektura, Carlo Ratti Associates, Rudy Ricciotti, Jacques Ferrier, Tatiana Bilbao, Miralles Tagliabue, Arup, Perkins+Will and Gensler.
- Hundreds of innovative solutions have been proposed, including creative solutions for energy; new types of material for construction; solutions to implement the circular economy and zero-waste approaches; urban farming and local food production ideas; and many new services to engage citizens and communities toward greener ways of living.

Supported by C40, each participating city organized a selection committee, based on common selection criteria, which favoured creative teams and ambitious climate solutions. C40 and 12 participating cities today announce the shortlisted teams that have been selected to participate in the final phase of the Reinventing Cities competition.

“The response to the Reinventing Cities competition has been incredible, with architects, designers, community and citizen groups submitting some truly thrilling proposals,” said, **Mark Watts, C40 Executive Director**. “The shortlisted teams, announced today, will now develop detailed proposals and we can soon look forward to the sustainable reinvention of these sites in cities around the world.”

The final submissions are expected early 2019 and the winning team for each site will be announced by May 2019.

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About C40 Cities:

C40 Cities connects 96 of the world’s greatest cities to take bold climate action, leading the way towards a healthier and more sustainable future. Representing 700+ million citizens and one quarter of the global economy, mayors of the C40 cities are committed to delivering on the most ambitious goals of the Paris Agreement at the local level, as well as to cleaning the air we breathe. The current chair of C40 is Mayor of Paris Anne Hidalgo; and three-term Mayor of New York City Michael R. Bloomberg serves as President of the Board. C40’s work is made possible by our three strategic funders: Bloomberg Philanthropies, Children’s Investment Fund Foundation (CIFF), and Realdania.

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