

**Honorary Swiss Solar Prize**  
for Lord Norman Foster

Lord Norman Foster's architectural masterpieces such as the Reichstag in Berlin, the «Gherkin» in London, the Millau viaduct in France, the international airport of Beijing or the Chesa Futura in St. Moritz with its optimal building insulation of 50 cm are all perfect examples for brilliant design, sustainable architecture and future-oriented urban planning. Lord Foster's outstanding buildings and infrastructure projects are sustainable landmarks shaping the skylines of modern cities on six continents. Evidently, he was therefore the perfect patron for the Swiss Solar Award and the ideal architect to initiate a new era of solar architecture in 2010. With the Norman Foster Solar Award for an aesthetically exemplary PlusEnergyBuilding solar architecture, Lord Foster laid the foundation to change the whole energy supply in the building and traffic sector to renewable and CO<sub>2</sub>-free energies. For this achievement Lord Foster obtains the Honorary Solar Prize 2015.

## Lord Norman Foster, Foster + Partners, London/GB

Lord Foster's oeuvre includes a large number of buildings that distinguish themselves in a perfect combination of technology, aesthetics and functionality. His buildings are characterized by an incomparable beauty that captures and fascinates the viewer. They are uncompromisingly modern while still respecting the past; they fit harmoniously into the environment but stand out at the same time. These typical characteristics were attested to the Reichstag of Berlin by Dr. Wolfgang Thierse, former president of the German Federal Parliament.

Lord Foster and his practice Foster + Partners have received almost 700 awards since it was founded in 1967, including all important architecture and sustainability awards worldwide. He was also appointed to the British House of Lords.

With the Norman Foster Solar Awards for aesthetically outstanding PlusEnergyBuildings (PEB), Lord Foster initiated a new era of solar architecture in cooperation with the Solar Agency in 2010. On the annual average, Lord Foster's aesthetically exemplary PEB produce more energy than they need, and energy-intensive buildings therefore belong to the past.

In the long term, an intelligent solar architecture with Lord Foster's new PEB and with PEB refurbishments will enable us to replace the whole fossil-nuclear energy supply by solar and other renewable energies. It is a privilege and an invaluable opportunity to co-operate with Lord Foster in order to advance sustainable solar architecture. We feel honoured to present him with the Honorary Swiss Solar Prize 2015.

**About**

**Milestones**

<b>2012</b>	The Domain, tallest residential building, Abu Dhabi/ARE
<b>2004</b>	30 St Mary Axe, Swiss Re HQ (The Gherkin), London/GB Millau Viaduct, France
<b>2000</b>	Millennium Bridge, London/GB
<b>1999</b>	Reichstag Parliament, Berlin/DE
<b>1993</b>	Centre for Contemporary Art Carré d'Art, Nîmes/FR

**Recent projects**

- Masdar City, the world's first carbon-neutral city, Abu Dhabi/ARE
- Bloomberg Headquarters, London/GB
- Apple Campus 2 - Apple Inc., Cupertino/US

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1 Lord Norman Foster, Foster + Partners, at the Swiss Solar Prize 2010 in Zurich.



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2 In 2005, Lord Norman Foster obtained the world solar prize at EPFL in Lausanne.



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3 N. Foster, G. Cadonau and W. Palz (from left to right) in 1993 in Florence: Already at that time, Lord Foster was committed to solar architecture, solar cars and renewable energies.