David Morley is an honorary scholar of King’s College Cambridge, graduating with First Class Honours in 1977 and winning the Richard’s Prize. He obtained the Diploma in Architecture in 1980. His student work featured in the Royal Academy Summer Exhibition as well as being published in the Sunday Times. He joined Foster Associates in 1977 where he worked on the successful competition entry for the Hong Kong and Shanghai Bank Headquarters in Hong Kong. In 1985 he became a director and in 1986 a director of Foster France S.A. David set up David Morley Architects in 1987, initially working in healthcare and then gaining a reputation in sport after the Indoor School at Lord’s and most recently the London 2012 Olympic Games Water Polo Venue. The practice has grown steadily to become one of the UK’s top 100, with a reputation for simple solutions to complex briefs in a broad cross section of sectors. David’s work has been recognised with over 50 awards and he has lectured at many universities and conferences. He acts as an awards and competition assessor for the Royal Institute of British Architects. David’s work has been widely published and, in 2012, his book about the practice’s architectural philosophy, ‘Five by 5’, was launched at a major exhibition at the RIBA.

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- Lord’s Indoor School, London
- Lee Valley Athletics Centre, London
- Kent Institute of Medical Science
- The Rolle Building, Plymouth
- Maplethorpe Building, Oxford
- National Cricket Academy, Loughborough
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