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JEAN-PHILIPPE Vassal

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Jean-Philippe Vassal is one of the most influential contemporary French architects and co-founder of Lacaton & Vassal, the Paris-based architectural practice established in 1987. Together with Anne Lacaton, he has developed an architectural approach founded on the principles of sustainability, adaptive reuse of existing buildings, and the enhancement of quality of life through minimal intervention and the maximum use of existing resources.

After graduating from the Bordeaux School of Architecture, Vassal worked in Niger, where he gained experience that profoundly shaped his architectural philosophy. Over the past three decades, he has completed numerous residential, public, and cultural projects across France and Europe, distinguished by their respect for the existing built environment, social responsibility, and innovative approaches to the transformation of the building stock.

The work of Lacaton & Vassal has received the highest international architectural honours, including the Pritzker Architecture Prize (2021), the European Union Prize for Contemporary Architecture – Mies van der Rohe Award (2019) for the transformation of 530 dwellings in Bordeaux, France's Grand Prix National de l'Architecture (2008), and the Soane Medal (2023).

Jean-Philippe Vassal is also an active educator and visiting lecturer at a number of leading European universities. His ideas on sustainable architecture, renovation instead of demolition, and the social responsibility of architecture have had a significant influence on the development of contemporary architectural practice worldwide.



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