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spaceworkers® is an architecture and design studio located in Paredes, northern Portugal, founded by the current creative directors Henrique Marques and Rui Dinis and its financial director Carla Duarte. The atelier bases its practice on exploring and constantly seeking new paradigms of contemporary architecture in order to achieve a close relationship between form and emotions. The work of the studio reflects the pragmatic vision with which it faces the challenges and the critical spirit with which it evaluates the context that surrounds it, appealing to the sensitivity of its clients for a new way of looking and perceiving space in its sensorial dimension.

The spaceworkers® atelier was nominated in 2013 for The Great Indoors Prize with the Information Center of the Romanesque Route project which in 2014 received a special honorable mention from the Architizer online platform under its international prize architecture A + Awards. In the year 2015, with the project Sambade House, was winner of the **Building of the Year Award 2015** promoted by the site Archdaily and with the same project also won the **A + Awards 2015** in the category Private Houses XL Popular Choice promoted by the platform Architizer. In the same year the atelier also integrated the Architects' Directory promoted by the international magazine Wallpaper *, which every year selects the emerging architects around the world.

In 2017, with Cabo de Vila House, the studio won the **2017 Building of the Year Award** promoted by Archdaily, and was also honored by the German Design Council with the **Iconic Awards 2017 - Architecture Winner**. Also in that same year, spaceworkers was honored as **Best Portuguese Office** of the year 2017, a prize awarded by the magazine Construir.

In 2019, with Agrela House, the studio won the **Iconic Awards 2019 - Architecture Selection**. Also in that same year, spaceworkers won the **2019 Architecture Master Prize**, with the project Interpretation Centre of Romanesque Route, in the category Cultural Building. In 2020 with the project Interpretation Center of Romanesque, they were finalist for the **Building of the year Award** promoted by Archdaily, and also one of the winners of the **Obra do Ano 2020**. With the same building the office won the **Muse Design Awards 2020** and the **A Design Award 2020**. Also in the same year, they won the **TIDA 2020** in Taipei, in the Public Space category. In 2022 the architects Henrique Marques and Rui Dinis were distinguished with the **Europe 40 under 40 Architecture & Design Award 2021 - 2022** promoted by the European Center for Architecture Art Design & Urban Studies and the Chicago Athenaeum: Museum of Architecture & Design. In the same year, with the Panteão dos Almeida project they won the **Loop Design Awards - People's Choice Award 2022** in the Interior | Exhibition & Museum category and also received the Gold Award at the **MUSE Design Awards 2022**.

In 2024 the Pavilion in the Garden project was distinguished with an honorable mention at the **International Architecture Awards 2024**, promoted by The Chicago Athenaeum: Museum of Architecture & Design, and with the same project won the **Architecture MasterPrize** in the Hospitality architecture category.

In early 2025, the project Vila do Bispo Municipal Museum received a Special Honorable Mention at the **A+ Awards** promoted by Architizer. This same project was also distinguished at the **Muse Design Awards 2025** with the Platinum Winner recognition. With the Lousada Intermodal Interface project, the studio was also awarded at the **DNA Paris Design Awards 2025** in the category Architecture / Infrastructures & Transportation.



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O atelier **spaceworkers®** é um atelier de arquitetura e design localizado em Paredes, no norte de Portugal, fundado pelos actuais directores criativos Henrique Marques e Rui Dinis e pela sua directora financeira Carla Duarte.

O atelier baseia a sua prática na exploração e busca constante de novos paradigmas de arquitetura contemporânea, a fim de alcançar uma estreita relação entre a forma e as emoções.

O trabalho do atelier reflete a visão pragmática com que enfrenta os desafios e o espírito crítico com que avalia o contexto que o rodeia, apelando à sensibilidade dos seus clientes para uma nova forma de encarar e perceber espaço na sua dimensão sensorial.

O atelier **spaceworkers®**, esteve nomeado em 2013 para o prémio The Great Indoors com o projecto do Centro de Informação da Rota do Românico projecto esse que no ano de 2014 obteve uma menção honrosa especial atribuída pela plataforma online Architizer no âmbito do seu prémio internacional de arquitectura A+ Awards. No ano de 2015, com o projecto Casa de Sambade, foi **vencedor do Building of the Year Award 2015** promovido pelo site Archdaily e com o mesmo projecto **venceu também o A+Awards 2015** na categoria Private Houses XL Popular Choice promovido pela plataforma Architizer. No mesmo ano o atelier integrou também o Architects' Directory promovido pela revista internacional Wallpaper*, que todos os anos selecciona os arquitectos emergentes em todo o mundo.

Em 2017, com a casa Cabo de Vila, **venceu o Building of the Year Award 2017** promovido pelo site Archdaily, e foi também distinguido pelo German Design Council com o prémio **Iconic Awards 2017 - Architecture Winner**. Ainda nesse mesmo ano, foi distinguido como **Melhor Atelier Português do ano 2017**, prémio atribuído pela revista Construir.

Em 2019, com a casa Da Agrela, o atelier foi distinguido com **Iconic Awards 2019 - Architecture Selection**, neste mesmo ano, venceu o **2019 Architecture Master Prize**, com o projecto do Centro de Interpretação da Rota do Românico, na categoria Cultural Building. Em 2020, com o projecto **Centro de Interpretação da Rota do Românico**, foram finalistas do prémio **Building of the Year 2020**, promovido pelo site Archdaily, e ainda um dos vencedores do prémio **Obra do Ano 2020**, com o mesmo edifício. Com o mesmo edifício venceram o prémio **Muse Design Awards 2020** e o prémio **A Design Award 2020**. Ainda neste mesmo ano e com o mesmo edifício venceu os **TIDA 2020** em Taipé, na categoria Public Space. No ano de 2022 os arquitectos Henrique Marques e Rui Dinis foram distinguidos com o prémio **Europe 40 under 40 Architecture & Design Award 2021 - 2022** promovido pelo European Center for Architecture Art Design & Urban Studies and the Chicago Athenaeum : Museum of Architecture & Design. No mesmo ano, com o projecto Panteão dos Almeida venceram o **Loop Design Awards - People's Choice Award 2022** na categoria Interior | Exhibition & Museum e receberam ainda o Gold Award nos **MUSE Design Awards 2022**.

Em 2024 o projecto Pavilhão no Jardim, foi distinguido com uma menção honrosa nos **International Architecture Awards 2024**, promovidos pelo The Chicago Athenaeum : Museum of Architecture & Design, e com o mesmo projecto venceram o **Architecture MasterPrize** na categoria Hospitality architecture.

No início de 2025 o projecto do Museu Municipal de Vila do Bispo, recebeu uma menção honrosa especial nos prémios **A+ Awards** promovidos pelo site Architizer. Este mesmo projeto foi distinguido também no prémio **Muse Design Awards 2025** com a atribuição da distinção **Platinum Winner**. Com o projeto para Interface Intermodal de Lousada o atelier foi também distinguido nos prémios **DNA Paris Design Awards 2025** na categoria de Architecture/Infrastructures & Transportation

Biography

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Henrique Marques

Born in 1981 in the city of Paredes. He graduated in Architecture from the Faculty of Architecture and Arts at Lusíada University of Porto (1998–2003). After completing his studies, he collaborated with several architects, including the studio HCAR – Helena Castro and António Raposo (Porto), and architects António Cabral Campello and Júlio de Matos. He completed an internship at the Municipality of Paredes (2004–2005), after which he was invited to join the technical team of Rarcon – Architecture and Consulting S.A., where he later became Director of Projects, a position he held until October 2008. In parallel with his professional activity, in 2007 he co-founded, together with Rui Dinis and Carla Duarte, the studio spaceworkers®, where since October 2008 he has worked exclusively as Creative Director, developing a wide range of public and private projects with diverse functional programmes.

Rui Dinis

Born in 1981 in the city of Paredes. He graduated in Architecture from the Faculty of Architecture and Arts at Lusíada University of Porto (2000–2006). He interned with architect António Belém Lima (2006–2007), where he later took on the role of project coordinator. In parallel with his professional activity, in 2007 he co-founded, together with Henrique Marques and Carla Duarte, the studio spaceworkers®, where since October 2007 he has worked exclusively as Creative Director, developing a wide range of public and private projects with diverse functional programmes..

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Henrique Marques

Nasceu em 1981, na cidade de Paredes. É arquitecto pela Faculdade de Arquitectura e Artes da Universidade Lusíada do Porto (1998-2003). Após a sua formação colaborou com diversos arquitectos, entre os quais o atelier HCAR - Helena Castro e António Raposo (Porto), Arq. António Cabral Campello e Arq. Julio De Matos. Estagiou pela Câmara Municipal de Paredes (2004 - 2005), altura em foi convidado a ingressar nos quadros técnicos do atelier Rarcon, Arquitectura e Consultadoria S.A., na qual viria a ser director geral de projectos, função que exerceu até Outubro de 2008. Paralelamente à actividade profissional fundou em 2007 em conjunto com Rui Dinis e Carla Duarte, o atelier spaceworkers®, onde desde Outubro de 2008 exerce funções de director criativo, em regime de exclusividade, tendo desde então desenvolvido um conjunto de projectos públicos e privados com os mais diversos programas funcionais.

Rui Dinis

Nasceu em 1981, na cidade de Paredes. É arquitecto pela Faculdade de Arquitectura e Artes da Universidade Lusíada do Porto (2000-2006). Estagiou com o arquitecto António Belém Lima (2006 - 2007), onde viria a desempenhar as funções de coordenador de projecto. Paralelamente à actividade profissional, em 2007 funda em conjunto com Henrique Marques e Carla Duarte, o atelier spaceworkers®, onde desde

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Lectures / Conferências

2013

- La Mipa - Projecto associado Close, Closer da Trienal de Lisboa

2015

- Archi Summit - Porto

2014

- Universidade Lusíada - Lisboa
- Arquitectura Lusíada Porto Meeting - Porto

2016

- Archi Summit - Porto
- Encuentro Alumni MArch. Arquitectura y Diseño
March Valência - Fran Silvestre / Universidad Europea - Valência

2017

- Ciclo de Conferencias + Talleres Centro Internacional '17
Universidade de Guadalajara - México
- Momentos de arquitectura
Universidade Lusíada - porto
- Jornadas de Arquitectura e Design
Universidade Lusíada - V.N.Famalicão
- Digital Culture
ISCTE - Lisboa
- O interior na Nova arquitectura Portuguesa
UBI - Universidade da Beira Interior - Covilhã
- ARQ 3.0 - International Networking
by SERRALVES - New York
- Jiná Perspektiva
KRUH institute - Praga
- Mesturas III
Encontros internacionais de Arquitectura Galicia - Portugal - Pontevedra

2018

- FIL - Lisboa

2019

- Segundas Segundas
NAAV - Aveiro
- Building Home
Bucharest
- A modernidade a recuperar
Gondomar
- The place and the context, as opportunity to generate architecture
Universitat Siegen - Siegen - Alemanha

2020

- Aula Aberta
Pedro Vada - Brasil
- Aula Aberta
João Rapagão - Porto

2022

- Archi Summit
Porto

2023

- Dia da Arquitectura
Universidade Fernando Pessoa - Porto
- Secondary Advisors in Architecture thesis
U|Soa - Miami School of architecture
- Por Exemplo
Casa da Arquitectura - Matosinhos
- The Sixth International Congress SUSTAINABLE ARCHITECTURE
Belgrade - Serbia

2024

- OLAB Fall 24 - "Housing, Infrastructure, Transportation"
U|Soa - Miami School of architecture
- MOVIMENT'A
UBI - Universidade da Beira Interior

2025

- Archi Summit
Lisboa