



Laura Podda, RIBA
Project Director

Laura is a Project Director at Darling Associates.

After studying Architecture and Building Engineer at the University of Cagliari, Italy, she went on to work for Massimiliano Fuksas' architectural practice in Rome. While there she worked on international and local projects of different natures, ranging from design competitions to working drawings. Her main project achievement was the New European Congress Centre in Rome, which she followed through all the stages of the design process.

After two years at Fuksas' she joined Fosters and Partners in London in 2007 and has since worked on the Central Market Project in Abu Dhabi, being involved in the design of the project through to overseeing construction. In 2009 she relocated to Abu Dhabi, joining the Central Market team on site.

On site, she was working in a team performing aesthetic supervision of the works, quality control, factory visits and tender reviews, liaising with the client, the design team and various contractors. She relocated to the London head office of F+P in 2012, working on a variety of prestigious projects such as the Zayed National Museum in collaboration with the British Museum, the interior design and fit-out of the Index Office tower, the winning competition of the Mobility Pavilion for Dubai 2020.

In June 2016 she joined Darling Associates Architects team, and has since worked on a high end profile residential project in central London which has been completed on site, and a new office building in Bristol from planning stage to construction, now on going.

She is currently working on new office buildings and refurbishments across Bristol, Reading, Birmingham and London.

Qualifications

2005, ARB
2005 Msc in Engineering and Architecture

Education

University of Cagliari

Experience

2016 – Present Darling Associates, London, Associate
2007 – 2016 Foster and Partners, London, Associate
2005 – 2007 Massimiliano Fuksas, Rome, Architect

Portfolio

Welcome Building, Bristol

Ealing Cross, London

R+, Reading

One Colmore Square, Birmingham

The Fairfax, Bristol

Ditton Park, Berkshire

Major refurbishment of 198,000 sq ft office development on a 200-acre site in Slough, Berkshire

38 Langham Street, Fitzrovia

Refurbishment and extension of Grade II listed building in Fitzrovia, home to a unique collection of seventeen beautifully designed studio, 1 and 2-bedroom apartments, duplexes and luxury penthouses

20-23 Lincoln's Inn Fields, Holborn

Reburbishment and extension of office overlooking Lincoln's Inn Fields

3 Glass Wharf, Bristol

New-build riverside office for HMRC, comprising 8 storeys of 109,255 sqft Cat A office workspace, situated next to Bristol Temple Meads station