



Press release

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### **Images of the Kunsthaus Zürich extension**

**Unauthorized pictures of the winning project for an extension to the Kunsthaus Zürich have been disseminated by the media. The images published are in fact draft designs used by the jury in its decision-making process; and while they do suggest the high calibre of David Chipperfield's submission, the pictures can only convey an initial impression of its quality.**

Last Friday, an international jury selected by a large majority the submission made by David Chipperfield Architects and gave the team responsible the go-ahead for further development. The winning project, along with the projects submitted by the other 19 contenders, will be presented at a press conference to be held on 15 December at 10 a.m. in the Kunsthaus Zürich, where they will then go on to be exhibited to the public from 16 December 2008 until 11 January 2009.

The publication of the unauthorized but now available pictures offers a first glimpse of the English architect's plans for the Kunsthaus extension, whose quality won the jury over. As is customary with competitions of this nature, at this stage there is as yet no completed work to examine. Furthermore, the project as currently shown will undergo modifications as it is adapted in the course of the process: for instance, since the re-design of Heimplatz and the traffic plan for the area were not themselves objects of the competition, the view of the square as shown in the images merely represents the architect's idea, and is not a component of the overall plan.

The jury must now complete and sign its report, which together with the four-week appeal period means that there will be no further information forthcoming until the press conference.



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See [www.kunsthhaus.ch](http://www.kunsthhaus.ch) for a list of jury members and participating architectural offices as well as to read documentation of the project's aims and status. Information on the competition winner, Chipperfield Architects, is available at [www.davidchipperfield.co.uk](http://www.davidchipperfield.co.uk).

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