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Architect David Mackay passes away

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British architect David Mackay joined Josep Martorell and Oriol Bohigas in 1959. Those were the years in which their architecture office, which incorporated Mackay as a partner in 1962, exploded. In which every project, regardless of the program and scale, is a tribute to public space. A tribute to a way of *making city* that will culminate with *Vila Olímpica*, which Mackay lived in the same way that Le Corbusier lived *Porte Molitor* or Sáenz de Oiza lived *Torres Blancas*: architects who literally took ownership of their work. David Mackay was the office man. The piece that kept it moving, a well-oiled machine that someone compared with Krupp. The liaison with international culture. The one who wrote about Catalan architecture in his native English. Good-natured, ironic, a reference for his peers, Mackay was a discreet presence for MBM. A structural one.

When preparing a monograph on MBM, Oriol Bohigas told me, about a drawing we had selected, that it was his work '*but there was probably the hand of David. There is always the*

hand of David.'

Public trajectories of each of the MBM members belong to each of them. The work of the office, however, is choral: to the point that in many pictures, it is almost impossible to distinguish the outlines of the three partners.

Thank you, David.

Jaume Prat, architect

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