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Panoramic view of the new Palau Blaugrana © FC Barcelona

FC Barcelona has announced that the Espai Barça jury has selected the bid by the **HOK + TAC Arquitectes** team as the winner of the architectural tender for the new Palau Blaugrana. The jury, formed by five members of FCB, three members of the COAC and one member of the City Council, made their decision after a careful study of the different proposals.

The new Palau will be located in the Miniestadi's current location, and will have three spaces that can operate independently. From now on, the winning team will be working together with the FCB technical teams and the Barcelona City Council to make further specifications and work on the integration of the new facilities with the rest of the Espai Barça and the city. Construction works on the new Palau are expected to begin during the 2017-2018 season and

to be completed in 2019-2020.

The team **HOK Architecture** is a major US firm with experience in architectural and engineering projects worldwide. HOK has built the American Airlines Arena in Miami, the Nationwide Arena in Ohio and the Stockton Arena in California. On the local side, **Eduard Gascón**, of **TAC Arquitectes**, leads a team with extensive experience in the development of all kinds of projects, such as the Turó de Can Mates Park, the Manresa Technology Centre and various office buildings in Barcelona.

The jury congratulated all of the teams for the high level and quality of the different bids presented for tender: Pattern Architects + Massip-Bosch Arquitectes, GMP + GCA Arquitectes, Make + BCQ Arquitectes, Francisco Mangado Arquitectos + Bach Arquitectes + R. Sanabria Arquitectes + I. Paricio and Wilkinson Eyre Architects + Alonso Balaguer Riera Arquitectes.

Over the coming weeks it is expected that the Jury will choose the winning project for the new Camp Nou. As for the Miniestadi, **Batlle i Roig Arquitectes** were the winners of the competition that concluded in May.

For further information, visit the FC Barcelona website [2].

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