

PRESS NOTE

Jean Nouvel and Jose Maria Tomás Llavador sign the winning proposal of the international ideas competition for Valencia new marine

- *The project from Ateliers Jean Nouvel and Tomás Llavador Arquitectos share first prize ex aequo with GMP International Architects.*
- *The study directed by the architect Jose Maria Llavador contributes with the knowledge obtained with 'Balcón al mar' and its experience in other European competitions for recovering coast fronts.*

(Valencia. 06/03/07) The jury of 'Valencia del mar – Marina real Juan Carlos I' Competition announced yesterday his decision about the design that will guide the future development of the city in its marine facade. The proposal presented by Ateliers Jean Nouvel in association with Tomás Llavador Arquitectos will share the first prize of this international ideas competition with the German study Gerkan, Marg und Partner International Architects. The event, summoned by Valencia 2007 Partnership –where is represented the State Administration, the Generalitat Valenciana and the City council of Valencia- supposes the most important opportunity for planning an urban development that has been recently organized in Europe.

The winning projects agree in their propose to recover for civic use the inner dock port, that would be connected with the Turia river, and in reorganizing the city coast front to create a new urban centrality area in the marine district of Valencia. Nouvel and Tomás Llavador design plans the creation of a green delta in the old mouth of the Turia River and the recovery of the coast located in the south area of harbour dock. The architects raise the verticality –with several buildings of high altitude- like own characteristic of urban zones in 21st century.

Jose Maria Llavador Takings won in 1998 the 'Balcón al mar' ideas competition with a proposal of remodelling the harbour zone of Valencia and later participated in its adaptation to the necessities derived from the election for organizing 32nd America's Cup in the city. Tomás Llavador's study also has made the bases of Team Alinghi, Team BMW-Oracle and Team Germany for its use during the sport competition and is present in other competitions with waterfronts proposals for the Vigo (Spain), Istambul (Turkey) or La Spezia (Italy).

According the dimensions of the area -1' 5 million of m2- Valencia's new marine competition is the most important opportunity of the last years for urban development in a Mediterranean city.

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