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Richard Hyams launches his own practice

Richard Hyams, formerly Aedas' design guru, has announced launched his new practice, ASTUDIO, just four months after walking away from the much-vaunted role at the major firm.

Hyams left his post as design director at Aedas to 'pursue other interests' in September, and at the time described his departure as 'tragic' ([Aedas design director Hyams in shock departure](#)).

His new practice, ASTUDIO, claims it will focus on 'providing sustainable design' as 'the environment is driving the need more than ever for a more holistic and integrated approach to building design'.

The practice will also boast Aart Koning, Karsten Huneck, Max Rengifo, and Kate Millen, formerly a partner with engineer Hoare Lea.

Hyams said: 'ASTUDIO brings together experts to enrich our design process, Kate will provide specialist environmental engineering advice to the team throughout the design and at the outset of a project to impact on the concept of the building.

'This will create a more holistic approach to design that will challenge the current industry.'

Hyams was formerly a rising star at Foster & Partners before being poached by Aedas.

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