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## Press Release

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### Royal Institute of British Architects recognises the Passive House

#### Wolfgang Feist awarded Honorary Fellowship – Visits to projects in UK

*Darmstadt.* A prestigious recognition awaits Dr. Wolfgang Feist and the Passive House in London: The German pioneer in energy efficient construction will be awarded an Honorary Fellowship by the Royal Institute of British Architects (RIBA). The award ceremony will take place on 6 February with a gala dinner held at the head office of the renowned architects association. The founder and director of the Passive House Institute and professor of building physics at the University of Innsbruck will take advantage of this trip to visit a selection of innovative building projects and exchange information with major stakeholders involved in the development of the Passive House concept in the UK.

"I feel extremely honoured to have been selected for such a prestigious fellowship from such a highly regarded organisation as the Royal Institute of British Architects. The extent to which the Passive House Standard supports good architecture has been demonstrated by their recognition of my work in the field", says Feist. "High levels of energy efficiency and excellent architectural design go hand in hand, with all building shapes and styles possible. The increasing availability of high quality components for the building envelope is making this ever more apparent and stands as one of the key tasks in research and development as well as practical implementation."

The RIBA recognition also confirms that the Passive House has become established in the UK with many Passive House buildings already built throughout the country. This number is on the rise. In Norwich, Feist will meet with the designers of a new Passive House Centre for the University of East Anglia's Research Park where he will deliver a lecture. Feist will then continue on to see a residential complex with 14 Passive Houses in the town of Ditchingham, followed by a site visit in London's Camden district where he will be joined by members of the British Passivhaus Trust to visit a 53 unit Passive Houses project currently under construction.

RIBA Honorary Fellowships are awarded annually to individuals who have made a particular contribution to architecture. A total of twelve scientists, entrepreneurs, designers and journalists have been approved this year.

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