

## Russian Federation

Growing for the World. Cultivating for the Future



architectural design  
bureau Speech, led by  
Sergei Choban

exposition area  
4170 m<sup>2</sup>



Russia has taken part in World Expos since 1851 in London. Over the years of Russia's participation, pavilion design has often been a priority consideration, and Expo Milano 2015 is no exception.

The 2015 Russian Pavilion is a dynamic structure, with a lightning motif, surging skywards. In its design and construction, there was a strong compulsion to work with green technologies. The basic element of the exterior of the pavilion is an ecologically sourced timber façade.

The architect Sergei Choban declared: "An important task in our architectural development was to inject the essence of Russia into the design. Russia is a country of vast expanses, of endless vistas, of huge tracts of forest. Therefore, as we have embodied 'Russian-ness' in our design by framing it an apparent infinite rhythm of wooden elements, there are obvious references to the typology of Russian landscape, with its rich forest cover and its gently sloping elevations, and to the traditions of wooden architecture of Russia, all coming together to create a modest, yet daring architectural statement."

The main theme of the Russian Pavilion is food security. In the words of Russia's participation slogan can be found its key message: that Russia has the size, the natural resources and the agricultural heritage to provide food for its own and the world's population, now and for future generations.

The Pavilion tells the stories of some key Russian scientists of international renown whose work has contributed to the development of agriculture and food security, whilst also demonstrating the wealth of Russia's natural resources and its rich and diverse culinary traditions. The pavilion highlights the role that Russia is playing, and can continue to play, in the vital aspects of food security and food supply.

Expo Milano 2015 introduces visitors to Russia as they have never seen it before, with cultural performances, an engaging business programme, the opportunity to meet the finest Russian chefs and, of course, the aromas and tastes of genuine Russian food and drink.

In Russia, food means hospitality, and the Russian Pavilion offers the full warmth and the delicious taste of true Russian hospitality at its best.