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## SELECTED WORK LIST

- **City of Winterthur High-Rise Concept**  
Strategic framework and guidelines, since 2020
- **OFFICINE Bellinzona**  
Masterplan for the transformation of an industrial area into mixed-used center development, since 2019
- **City of Karlsruhe High-Rise Concept [GER]**  
Strategic framework and guidelines, 2019
- **Rheinfelden Strategic Masterplan**  
Spatial framework to guide the transformation of the city, since 2018
- **Russian Federation, International Benchmark & Planning solutions for greenfield development [RUS]**  
Expertise und study, 2018
- **Central station Karlsruhe [GER]**  
Urban study for the transformation of a former railway site into a mixed-use urban neighbourhood, since 2018
- **Riverside Böttstein**  
Masterplan for the transformation of a former industrial area into a mixed-used neighbourhood, since 2016
- **Swiss federal railway - brownfield site development in Geneva, Lausanne, Berne**  
Urban studies for the transformation of railway areas into a high density urban quarters, 2016-2018
- **SPA town Bad Zurzach**  
Masterplan for the restructuring of a national heritage city center and adjoining touristic spa zone, since 2014
- **City of Geneva - Bernex Grand Project**  
Urban study for a large-scale urban development, 2013
- **City Region Luzern**  
Urban study for the development of the Lucern area into a mixed-used urban district, 2012
- **THE CIRCLE AT ZURICH AIRPORT**  
Masterplan for landside development of Zurich Airport into a new city district of international scale, 2007-2010
- **ETH Zurich Science City**  
Campus design competition 1st price with follow up contract, 2008

## POSITION

Founder and co-owner sa\_partners

## KEY COMPETENCE

Livable and Resilient City; Transformation of former industrial, rail and harbour areas; Downtown revitalisation; Climate change adaptation; Village centre planning and townscape preservation, High-rise concepts

## EDUCATION & PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- Founder and co-owner sa\_partners– agency for urban design and planning Zurich, since 2007
- Doctor of Sciences (Dr. sc. ETH Zurich), Prof. Kees Christiaanse (Advisor), Prof. Dr. Marc Angélil (Advisor), 2009
- Research and teaching at the Institute for Architecture and Urban Design ETH Zurich, Prof. Kees Christiaanse, 2005-2008
- Collaboration at agps.architecture Zurich – Los Angeles, 2000- 2005
- Collaboration at chora architecture + urbanism, London, 1999- 2000
- Diploma in Architecture ETH Zurich, 1999

## AWARDS, EXPERTISE, JURY MEMBER

- Klotten, Urban Design Competition, Jury, 2017
- Uznach, Masterplan Neuer Linth-Park, Jury, 2015
- Urban Design Competition, Landstrasse Wettingen, Jury, 2012
- EUROPAN 8 international innovation competition, 1st Prize, 2007
- EUROPAN 7 international innovation competition, 2nd Prize, 2005
- International Innovation Competition for Sustainability ETH Zürich, 1st Prize (ex aequo), 2008

## PUBLICATIONS / OTHER ACTIVITIES

- Dissertation ETH "City as a Brand" supported by Swiss National Fund (SNF)
- Publications in journals such as Werk, Bauen + Wohnen, Archithese, Arch+
- Book chapters and contributions with focus on architecture and urban planning