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## SELECTED WORK LIST

- \_ **Eco-Land Park, Katar [QAT]**  
Masterplan for an ecological-oriented leisure and tourist district, since 2020
- \_ **OFFICINE Bellinzona Masterplan [CH]**  
Transformation of Bellinzona station precinct into central innovation eco-district 'Urban Living Lab', 2019-
- \_ **Neighbourhood 7 – St Petersburg [RU]**  
Masterplan for a mixed-used green-field development (23 ha) in the Leningradskaya Region, 2020
- \_ **High-Rise Concept City of Karlsruhe [GER]**  
Strategic framework and quality guidelines for the city, 2019
- \_ **Eco-Masterplan Limmat Valley [CH]**  
Preserving and restoring the landscape in the Limmat Valley Zurich, 2018
- \_ **University Campus Design Irkutsk [RU]**  
A national benchmark for district development transitioning to the future of industry, 2019
- \_ **Urban Territory – Standards for Development of the Russian City [RU]**  
Urban design studies for establishing guidelines and frameworks for the qualitative development of the Russian City, 2018
- \_ **"City of the Future" Karlsruhe [GER]**  
Transformation of a central former railway and industrial site into a mixed-use urban precinct, 2018
- \_ **Geneva - Bernex Grand Project [CH]**  
Residential development with mixed urban functions as part of the Grand Project development, 2013
- \_ **The Circle at Zurich Airport [CH]**  
Masterplan for landside development of Zurich Airport into a new city district of international scale, 2007-2010
- \_ **ETH Zurich Science City [CH]**  
Masterplan for a cross-sector innovation hub, 1st price with follow up contracts, 2008

## POSITION

Founder and partner of sa\_partners

## KEY COMPETENCE

Livable & Resilient City; Ecological 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 partner of sa\_partners– agency for urban design and planning Zurich, since 2007
- \_ Doctor of Sciences (Dr. sc. ETH Zurich), Prof. Kees Christiaanse (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, Prof. Raoul Bunchoten, 1999- 2000
- \_ Diploma in Architecture ETH Zurich, 1999

## SELECTED AWARDS & JURY MEMBER

- \_ International Innovation Competition for Sustainable Development, ETH Zurich, 1st Prize, 2008
- \_ EUROPAN 8 international innovation competition, 1st Prize, 2007
- \_ EUROPAN 7 international innovation competition, 2nd Prize, 2005
- \_ Klotten, Urban Design Competition, Jury, 2017
- \_ Uznach, Masterplan Neuer Linth-Park, Jury, 2015
- \_ Urban Design Competition, Landstrasse Wettingen, Jury, 2012

## PUBLICATIONS

- \_ 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