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HOSOYA SCHAEFER ARCHITECTS AG is a Zürich based office for architecture, urban design and research founded in 2003. The office has won several international awards and is working on a wide spectrum of international urban design projects such as the new urban district Elbbrückenquartier in the Hafencity in Hamburg. In Switzerland the office won first prizes for the development of the Technology-Cluster in Zug, the station area of Herisau or the Salinenhofquartier, an urban district almost completely fabricated out of wood. The regional study "Metrobild" for the Metropolitan Region of Zurich and various urban planning projects within this region are part of the office expertise. A combination of academic work, project practice and research for clients allows the firm to develop and refine a solid, systemic and innovative understanding of our common urban future.

ALEXANDER KNEER joined Hosoya Schaefer Architects in 2012. He was involved as a project lead in successful urban design competitions such as the V-Zug masterplan and the Wilhelmsburg Elbinselquartier masterplan. He also lead other projects in various scales like the UPEXpress project in Toronto.

Alexander studied architecture at the TU Munich and the IIT Chicago as a scholar of the German National Merit Foundation, with a main focus on urban design and urban development strategies. He also worked on related projects for SOM in Chicago and Auer & Weber Architekten in Munich. After his graduation, he worked and lived several years in China and the Emirates, involved in mostly large-scale urban development projects. He is a founder of Token, a cross-disciplinary design practice, which won several competitions, among them European 10 in Munich. Following an Urban Design Master at the ETH Zurich - dealing with global, informal urban developments - he joined Hosoya Schaefer Architects in 2012 and became a partner in 2019.

Professional

- Hosoya Schaefer Architects (since 2012)
- Token, Munich (2010-2012)
- OME Abu Dhabi (2006-2008)
- Obermeyer, Munich and Guangzhou (2005-2006 and 2008-2010)
- SOM, Chicago (2003)
- Auer & Weber Architekten, Munich (2002)

Education

- Master of Advanced Studies (MAS) Urban Design, ETH Zurich (2011)
- Dipl.-Ing. Architektur, Technische Universität München (TUM), Munich (2005)
- One-year visiting student, Illinois Institute of Technology (IIT) Chicago (2002-2003)