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Profile

Young, passionate architect with international background looking for an entry-level role in an architectural firm in NYC where I can work on various projects from residential to large scale commercial. Hands-on experience designing the Austrian national TV station, ORF, headquarters, in Vienna, a major project. Sole designer of a six-unit penthouse in Vienna that will be built in 2019-2020.

During my studies at the Swiss Federal Institute of Technology, I designed a sustainable net zero energy building, which included assessing the energy needs of my design and ensuring that the planned solar panels would suffice. I then incorporated them into the design so that they enhanced the building rather than detracted from it. Represented my university in an international student competition in Singapore, where we planned an extremely high-density vertical city that won an honorable mention. Travelled as part of my academic program with professors on architectural trips to Rio de Janeiro, Shanghai, Tokyo, Paris, London and Prague; thus exposing me to international architectural styles and widening my horizon in architecture.

I am highly responsible, collaborative, and passionate about my work and eager to launch my professional career in NYC.

Education

ETH Zurich
2016 – 2018

Master of Science in Architecture [Prof. Xaveer De Geyter, Miroslav Sik, Adam Caruso, Dietmar Eberle]

- Diploma Project: designed a 350,000 square foot institute in the heart of Zurich, maintaining the city's small scale by utilizing a partial underground solution.
- Created an upscale residential housing complex with net zero energy standards and fully integrated solar design in Zurich. Building is named "Bourgeoise Bohemién"
- Extensive research on structural design.

ETH Zurich
2012 – 2015

Bachelor of Science in Architecture [Prof. Christian Kerez, Dietmar Eberle, Dirk Hebel, Kees Christiaanse]

- Vertical Cities Asia Competition – Planned a high-density mixed-use city for 700,000 people on only 7 square kilometers. Earned honorable mention in international student competition.
- Developed affordable housing proposal for Ethiopia's capital Addis Ababa. Proposal received national news coverage in Ethiopia.

BRG XIX
2002 – 2011

Bilingual education [German/English] at Bundesrealgymnasium XIX Vienna, Austria
[natural science high school grades 5-12]

Experience

DMP Project Development
Sep – Dec 2018

Sole designer of a penthouse addition to a 115-year-old Viennese apartment building, which included negotiating with Vienna's urban planning and cityscape bureau, as the building is located in a historic preservation zone. Collaborated with structural engineer and created plan materials for initial cost estimation.

Jun – Aug 2018
Jun – Aug 2017
Jul – Aug 2016

Internship DMP Project Development, Vienna

Designed a replacement new-build of an old veranda and feasibility studies for real estate projects. Designed an exhibition stand for amusement park ride producer, DyMoRides in Vienna.

RKB Architecture
Nov – Dec 2015
Jan – Jun 2016

Internship at Riepl Kaufmann Bammer Architecture, Vienna, Austria. Participated in preliminary design team for ORF TV Headquarters; developed furnishing systems; created presentation materials; conducted cost estimate calculation of building material quantities; participated in urban design study "Nordbahnhof;" translated office portfolio from German into English.

Professional Affiliations

2019

Swiss Society of Engineers and Architects (SIA) reception as a full member.

Skills

Languages

German native
English mother tongue and education

CAD

ArchiCAD [3D-modelling, 2D-drawings, 6 years]
AutoCAD [during time at Riepl Kaufmann Bammer]

Visualization

Cinema 4D

Layout

Adobe Photoshop
Adobe Indesign

Other Interests

Yacht master license – Coastal FB2
Glider pilot license
Alpine skiing
Creating culinary experiences
Traveling and experiencing different cultures