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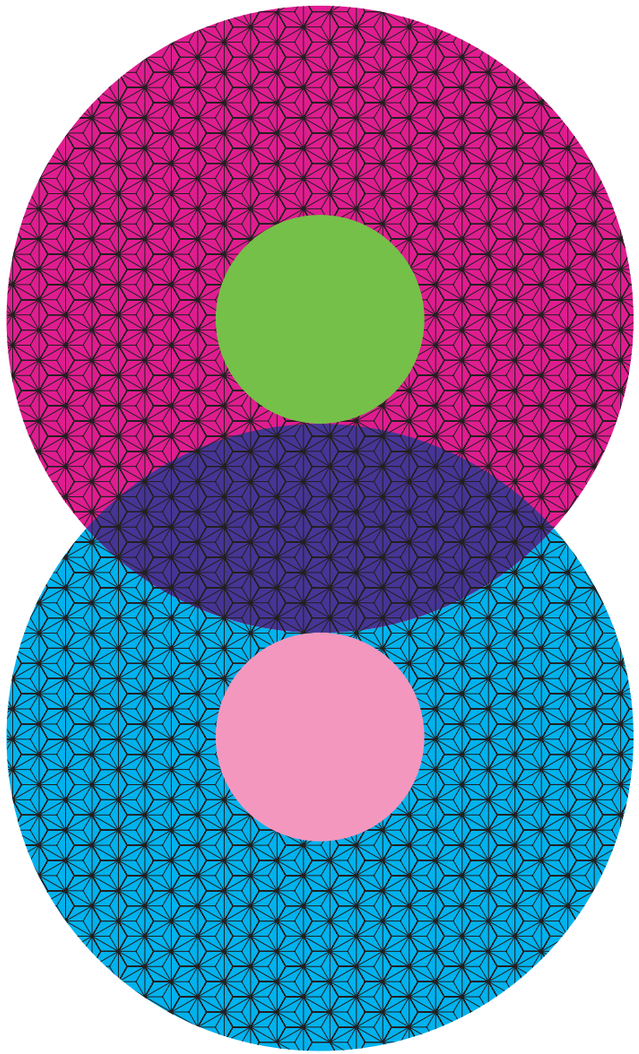

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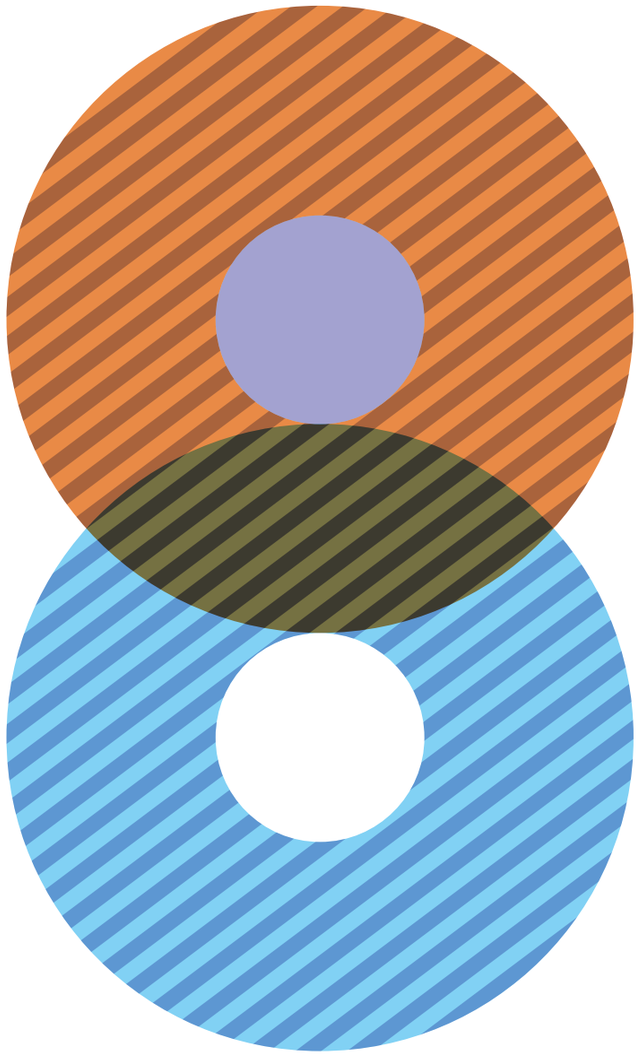

about group8

Founded in 2000, and consisting of 9 partners and a team comprising some 70 employees, group8 is an architectural firm whose R&D priorities are to redefine a number of boundaries in design. For each project, the aim is to come up with a specific configuration that best fits the context, the programme, and the social and environmental framework.

Since 2003, group8 has won many high-profile competitions, including the building designed for relocating the Etat de Genève's environmental department, as well as the international contest for WTO's delocalised HQ extension in Geneva. The firm has gained considerable experience in cooperating with public project owners such as FIPOI, WTO, ICRC, Etat de Genève, Ville de Genève, while also carrying out many private projects.

In 2007 the firm created its branch group8asia, based in Hanoi, Vietnam, in order to develop its Asian projects. In 2009, it won the international contest Punggol Public Housing in Singapore, comprising over 1800 units. group8's projects are regularly presented in many publications in Switzerland and abroad. In 2010, it was nominated for the Distinction Romande d'Architecture.

Aiming to innovate and produce creative strategies, group8 focuses on objects that can set the standard at all levels, in terms of economic and environmental efficiency. Integrating a cultural added value within each project is part of all actions and discussions within the team. group8's workshop culture contributes to increasing satisfaction and synergies through teamwork at both local and international level.

partners

Laurent Ammeter	Architect ETS	1970
Adrien Besson	Architect EPFL-SIA, ingénieur civil ETS, Doctor of Science	1969
Tarramo Broennimann	Architect IAUG-SIA	1971
Manuel Der Hagopian	Architect IAUG-AGA	1971
Grégoire Du Pasquier	Architect EPFL-SIA-AGA	1970
Oscar Frisk	Architect EPFL-ETS-SIA	1972
François de Marignac	Architect EPFL-AGA	1969
Christophe Pidoux	Architect EPFL	1969
Daniel Zamarbide	Architect IAUG-SIA	1972

associates

Didier Collin	Architect EPFL-ETS-SIA	1978
Blaise Fontaine	Architect HES	1979
Christian Giussoni	Architect EPFL	1975
Grégoire Thomas	Architect IAUG-ETS	1972

main references

2010	Geneva new offices designed by group8
2010	Hanoi new offices designed by group8asia
since 2010	Offices and industrial hall, Oerlikon, Zurich, Switzerland, client: A&A Liegenschaften Zürich cost: confidential
since 2010	Housing in Freienbach client: A&A Liegenschaften Zürich cost: confidential
since 2010	Diplomatic Towers, Hanoi, Vietnam, 600 apartments and commercial areas, client: Phu My Land/Icon4 cost: 80 mio$
since 2010	JTI Headquarters, Geneva, Switzerland client: Japan Tobacco International cost: confidential
since 2009	3 residential buildings in Troinex, Geneva, Switzerland, client: commune de Troinex cost: 18 mioCHF
since 2009	Punggol Waterfront, social housing, 1'800 apartments, Singapore client: Housing and Development Board (HDB) cost: 280 mio$
since 2009	Masterplan La Chapelle-Les Sciers, Plan-les-Ouates, Geneva Switzerland client: DGAT, commune de Plan- les-Ouates cost: confidential
since 2009	Visitor's centre, MICR-ICRC, International Committee of the Red Cross, Geneva, Switzerland, client: MICR-ICRC cost: 12 mioCHF
since 2009	Coalimex office building, Hanoi, Vietnam client: Vinacomin – coal import export joint stock company cost: confidential
2009	Gardens on Skyline, Hancom, Hanoi, Vietnam client: Hanoi Investment & Business Development Joint Stock Company cost: confidential
2009	FPT Hoa Lac High Tech Park, urban planning 85ha, Hatay, Vietnam, client : FPT Land Company Ltd cost: confidential
2009	Dan Phuong Hatay, urban planning, 260 ha, Dan Phuong, Hatay, Vietnam client: Song Da 9 Joint Stock company cost: confidential
since 2008	Palexpo, transformation of the Exhibition centre, Geneva, Switzerland, client: Palexpo SA cost: 117 mioCHF
since 2008	Logistics complex ICRC, International Committee of the Red Cross, Geneva, Switzerland, client: ICRC cost: 32 mioCHF
since 2008	Housing development, quartier Grand-Pré, Crans-près-Céligny, client: private cost: confidential
since 2007	World Trade Organization Headquarters, Geneva, Switzerland, massive transformation client: FIPOI, WTO cost: confidential
since 2007	Collective housing, Vernier, Geneva, Switzerland client: Implenia cost: 30 mioCHF
2007 - 2008	Red Houses, Residential development, Crans-sous-Voies 1, Vaud, Switzerland, private client cost: confidential
2007 - 2008	White Houses, Residential development, Crans-sous-Voies 2, Vaud, Switzerland, private client cost: confidential
2007	Residential building, les Grottes, Geneva, Switerland client: CODHA cost: 6 mioCHF
since 2007	Andermatt, high standard houses, Andermatt, Uri, Switzerland, client: ORASCOM cost: confidential
since 2007	Bamboo and Coral, two residential buildings in Chandieu, Geneva, Switzerland, client: A&A Real Estate Grand-Pré SA cost: 48 mioCHF
2006 - 2007	Industrial building, Satigny, Geneva, Switzerland client: private cost: confidential
2005 - 2006	CICG, International Conference Centre Geneva, interior refurbishing, Geneva, Switzerland client: FIPOI cost: 33 mioCHF
2005	Study for the reassignment of former SIG (Services Industriels de Genève) sites, Geneva, Switzerland, client: City of Geneva cost: confidential
Since 2004	Avenue de France Administrative Building, Geneva, Switzerland,client: FIPOI cost: 55 mioCHF
2004 - 2006	Three residential buildings in Bulle, Fribourg, Switzerland, client: Ambiance & architecture cost: 24 mioCHF
2004 - 2007	Four residential buildings in Gland, Vaud, Switzerland, client: Constructions Perret SA cost: 30 mioCHF
since 2003	Green House, relocation of the State of Geneva's environmental services Geneva client: State of Geneva cost: 50 mioCHF
2000 - 2004	Slatkine Reprints, administrative building in Chavannes-de-Bogis, Geneva, Switzerland, client : Slatkine Reprints SA cost: 10 mioCHF
1998 - 2002	4-star Hotel, 30 rooms, Nyon, Vaud, Switzerland client: private cost: 7 mioCHF

competitions

2010 Residential buildings in Cressy, Geneva, Switzerland, **2nd prize**
2010 Three residential and commercial buildings in Collonge-Bellerive, Geneva, Switzerland, **2nd prize**

2009 Punggol Waterfront, social housing, 1'800 apartments, Singapore, **1st prize**
2009 JTI headquarters, Geneva, Switzerland, **1st prize**
2009 Masterplan, La Chapelle-Les Sciers, Geneva, Switzerland, **1st prize**
2009 Three residential buildings in Troinex Geneva, Switzerland, **1st prize**
2009 Visitor's centre, ICRC - MICR, International Committee of the Red Cross and International Red Cross and Red Crescent Museum, Geneva, Switzerland, **1st prize**
2009 Child care centre in Pinchat, Geneva, Switzerland, **2nd prize**
2009 Housing and child care centre in Veyrier, Geneva, Switzerland, **2nd prize**
2009 Council building, Bernex, Geneva, Switzerland, **2nd prize**
2009 Giang Vo Complex, Hanoi, Vietnam, **2nd prize**
2009 Coalimex office building, **1st prize**
2009 FPT Headquarters, Hanoi, Vietnam, **2nd prize**

2008 Logistics complex ICRC - International Committee of the Red Cross, Geneva, Switzerland, **1st prize**

2007 Andermatt, high standard houses, Andermatt, Uri, Switzerland, **1st prize**
2007 Swiss pavillon at the world expo 2010 in Shanghai, (China), **2nd prize**
2007 Urban planning "Gas Factory" (Usine à Gaz), Geneva, Switzerland, **3rd prize**

2006 Residential building, les Grottes, Geneva, Switzerland, **1st prize**

2005 Housing complex, Bellevue, Geneva, Switzerland, **1st prize**
2005 Expansion and renovation of the Champ-Dollon prison, Geneva, Switzerland, **2nd prize**
2005 Expansion of the IUCN, World Conservation Union, Gland, Vaud, Switzerland, **special mention**

2004 Montreux Town Hall, Vaud, Switzerland, **3rd prize**

2003 International competition for the expansion of the WTO Geneva, Switzerland, **2nd prize, awarded project**
2003 Green House, Canton Geneva's department of environment, Geneva, Switzerland, **1st prize**
2003 School in Satigny, Geneva, Switzerland, **2nd prize**
2003 Local housing for the elderly, Genolier, Geneva, Switzerland, **2nd prize**

list of clients

A&A Real Estate Grand-Pré SA, Geneva, Switzerland
CODHA (cooperative for associative housing), Geneva, Switzerland
Commune de Troinex, Geneva, Switzerland
Commune de Plan-les-Ouates, Geneva, Switzerland
Commune de Vernier, Geneva, Switzerland
Etat de Genève, Geneva, Switzerland
FIPOI, Fondation des Immeubles pour les Organisations Internationales), Geneva, Switzerland
FPT Land Company Ltd.
Hanoi Investment & Business Development Joint Stock Company
HDB (Housing and Development Board), Singapore
ICRC, International Committee of the Red Cross, Geneva, Switzerland
IMPLENIA Developments, Geneva, Switzerland
JTI (Japan Tobacco International)
Karl Steiner AG, Genève-Zurich, Switzerland
ORASCOM, Altdorf, Switzerland
Palexpo S.A., Geneva, Switzerland
Song Da 9 Joint Stock company
Ville de Genève, Geneva, Switzerland
Vinacomin – coal import export joint stock company
WTO, World Trade Organization, Geneva, Switzerland

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