

WZ Architecture, LP

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WZ Architecture

WZ Architecture is established with the belief that the key of meeting the challenges of the new century is through innovation and careful planning. Innovation in architectural design for the purpose of greater efficiency, functionality and durability is our primary objective. Creative design solutions combining imaginative use of building materials and new construction technologies with functional planning are essential to our professional practice.

Our firm is comprised of a group of experienced professionals that share these central beliefs. The principal members of our team consist of professionals with diverse backgrounds and expert knowledge in commercial, residential, institutional and retail architecture as well as neighborhood planning.

We draw from this reserve of professional expertise to form project teams with the necessary experiences and resources to address the unique conditions of specific sites, programs and architectural needs of each project. We strive to provide the highest standard of professional care and value for our clients.

Koonshing Wong

Partner

Koonshing Wong, founder and partner of WZ Architecture is an accomplished professional possessing nearly three decades of rich architectural experience. Mr. Wong's portfolio includes a broad variety of project typologies, spanning from large scaled civic and commercial mixed-use projects to volume retail branding and luxury retail design. This diverse project typology consistently adheres to the rigorous modern architectural language that expresses the importance of the place, physical and climatic, as well as historical and cultural context as part of the design narrative.

Professional History

Partner, WZ Architecture, LP, San Francisco
Principal, Brand + Allen Architects, Inc, San Francisco
Senior designer, Skidmore, Owings and Merrill, LLP, San Francisco
Project designer, Perry Dean Rogers and Partners, Boston

Publications

185 Post Street, Int/AR Journal, Rhode Island School of Design 2010
185 Post Street, AIA award in Architecture, 2008
US Embassy in Jordan, Architectural Record, 1993
Hamilton College Natatorium, Progressive Architecture, 1989

Education

Cornell University
Syracuse University

Shay Zak Partner

Shay Zak was born in Mill Valley, California. He received a Bachelor of Architecture from Syracuse University School of Architecture in 1984 and a Masters in Architecture from Harvard University Graduate School of Design in 1986. Mr. Zak cofounder and partner of WZ Architecture, is an accomplished professional possessing nearly three decades of experience in high end custom home design and resort architecture. Mr. Zak's portfolio includes a broad variety of custom homes and resorts in Hawaii and California. Mr. Zak consistently employ a rigorous architectural approach that acknowledges the importance of the place. The projects are expressive of the historical, cultural context and traditional building materials as part of the design narrative. Mr. Zak is a winner of several AIA Awards of Excellence and is an American Institute of Architects (AIA) member, National Council of Architectural Registration Boards (NCARB) certified, licensed to practice architecture in several states and currently serves on the Syracuse University School of Architecture Advisory Board.

Professional History

Partner, WZ Architecture, LP, San Francisco
Owner, Zak Architecture
Partner, Eklund & Zak Architecture, Mill Valley
Designer, Skidmore, Owings and Merrill, LLP, San Francisco

Publications

New Tropical Classics. Hawaiian Homes by Shay Zak, 2011
Hawaii, Sense of Place, Island Interior Design, 2005
Perspectives on Design California, 2010
Architectural Digest, 2008, 2010

Education

Harvard University
Syracuse University

Hourly Fee Schedule

Principal:	\$250/hr
Project Manager	\$125/hr
Project Architect:	\$100/hr
Draftsman:	\$75/hr

Portfolio of Work

(See attached package for in depth descriptions of projects)



240 Post Street

San Francisco, CA

Completed September, 2012

240 Post Street is a shell and core remodel of the 4 storey retail building. The project optimizes leasable retail space by reconfiguring the building's circulation system, including new exit stairs and escalators, connecting all floors.



301 Geary Street

San Francisco, CA
Under Construction

301 Geary Street is a shell and core remodel of the ground floor and basement retail spaces. The building systems have been repositioned to receive tenant improvement work.



55 Grant

San Francisco, CA
On The Boards

55 Grant Street is under going lobby and facade renovations.



272 O'Farrell

San Francisco, CA
New Project August, 2012

272 O'Farrell Street is a shell and core remodel of the 4 storey office and retail building. The work includes new elevator systems and exit stairs as well as office tenant improvement.



233 Post Street

San Francisco, CA
Completed December, 2012

233 Post Street is a shell and core remodel of the 6 storey commercial, office and retail building. The project's goal was to improve retail tenant visibility and create a cohesive office retail presence.



185 Post Street
San Francisco, CA
Completed June, 2008

The six storey masonry building received a complete shell and core renovation to create 26,200 sf of new retail space and commercial office space.

185 Post Street was completed while serving as principal at Brand + Allen Architects.



Porsche Design
San Francisco, CA
Completed March, 2011

3,153 sf luxury retail store at 100 Grant Avenue near Union Square for the iconic design company.



Marmot

San Francisco, CA
Completed March, 2011

6,000 SF San Francisco flagship store near Union Square for the northern California outdoor retail company.



Horizon Ridge Rehabilitation Facility

Henderson, NV

Under Construction 2012

Horizon Ridge is a 2 storey skilled nursing and rehabilitation center with a capacity of 69 beds and extensive therapy facilities in Henderson, NV. Expected to open in Spring, 2014.



Symphony Park Rehabilitation Facility

Las Vegas, NV

New Project August, 2012

Symphony Park is a 7 storey skilled nursing and rehabilitation center with a capacity of 190 beds in Las Vegas, NV. The project has received entitlements approval.



The Glassworks Condominiums

San Francisco, CA
Completed July, 2003

Eight-storey residential mixed-use new construction near AT&T baseball stadium in San Francisco, CA.

The Glassworks was completed while serving as principal at Brand + Allen Architects.



500 Terry Francois

San Francisco, CA
Completed Fall, 2006

Six storey 310,000 sf office building including 12,000 sf of ground floor retail space in San Francisco Mission Bay District, CA.

500 Terry Francois was completed while serving as principal at Brand + Allen Architects.



5800 3rd street

San Francisco, CA
Completed June, 2010

5800 3rd Street is a four building complex with 341 condominium units, 14,000 sf of ground floor retail and enclosed residential parking.

5800 3rd Street was completed while serving as principal at Brand + Allen Architects.