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who we are

Zeidler Partnership Architects is led by Senior Partners Alan Munn and Tarek El-Khatib and eight Partners: Vaidila Banelis, Stephen Carruthers, Jurgen Henze, Francis Kwok, Ron Nemeth, Andrea Richardson, Gerald Stein, and Don Vetere. As Senior Partner Emeritus, Eb Zeidler continues to provide support and advice to the team.

The firm has been established for 50 years in Toronto which now serves as headquarters for the firm with other offices in Calgary, Edmonton, Vancouver and Victoria (Canada), Beijing, Shanghai and Chengdu (China), Abu Dhabi (UAE), Berlin (Germany), London (UK), and West Palm Beach (USA). Zeidler Partnership has over 220 professional and support staff members. Most senior personnel have been with the firm for 10 to 30 years.

Zeidler Partnership's projects cover virtually the entire range of architectural, urban design and interior design. The scale of projects varies from large, mixed-use complexes to small residences and offices. The firm's major body of work is located in Canada and the United States, but it has also more recently, developed a significant international presence in Europe, the Middle East and Asia. Some of our most recently completed buildings are the Canadian Diplomatic Complex in Seoul, Korea, the Assuta Medical Center in Tel Aviv, Israel and Canada Place at Canary Wharf in London. In the Toronto area, we are presently building an Electronic Learning Centre at Mohawk College's Fennell Campus and the GO Transit Roof—a glass atrium over part of the Union Station train shed in Toronto.

what we believe

The pursuit of quality is the foundation of our practice. Our most accomplished work springs from the distinct relationship with our clients and those with whom we collaborate, such as Snøhetta whose Norwegian sensibilities are similar to our own and is the reason we both chose to collaborate on the Ryerson Student Learning Centre project. Our work results from an familiarity that only years of successful experience can bring. It involves a complete understanding of the site and its surroundings, the historical and cultural context, and the constitution of the project itself.

Our design process offers considered insight and a depth of understanding. It stands for our commitment to the client, the building's users and the urban environment. The result is one part necessity and one part invention and a building that is a pleasure rather than a duty to own—a building that is at once enduring, relevant and innovative.

how we work

Our commitment is to deliver projects on time, on budget and of the highest possible quality. Like Snøhetta, our work too is both multi-national and collaborative—with other architects, with our consultants and with our clients.

The firm is large enough to undertake major projects and small enough to foster a strong relationship between partners and clients. In addition, a number of our partners and associates have highly specialized expertise in an extraordinary range of techniques and building types. Tarek El-Khatib will be the principal architect leading the Zeidler team on the Ryerson Student Learning Centre project. Tarek's experience includes many educational buildings, performing arts centres and urban, mixed-use buildings.

Because of our reputation and client list, we have been able to attract the very best people in the field to join and stay with us. In addition to architecture, their specialties include: interior design, landscape design, signage, master planning, feasibility studies, urban planning and programming.

recognition

Zeidler has been recognized by its peers with over 136 national and international awards. These include 5 Governor General's Medals for Architecture, 4 Massey Medals for Outstanding Canadian Architecture, 9 Awards of Excellence from Canadian Architect magazine, and 6 Ontario Association of Architects Awards; as well as a Progressive Architecture Design Award, American Society of Interior Designers International Design Award.

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