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Alexander Kneer 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 worked for SOM in Chicago and Auer & Weber Architekten in Munich before living for several years in China and the Emirates, involved in mostly large-scale urban development projects. He was a founder of Token, a cross-disciplinary design practice, which won the European 10 in Munich. Following an Urban Design Master at the ETH Zurich he joined Hosoya Schaefer Architects in 2012. He has been a project lead in successful urban design competitions such as the Tech Cluster Zug and the Wilhelmsburg Elbinselquartier masterplan and became a partner in 2019.

ALEXANDER KNEER

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Professional

2019 – Present	Partner // Hosoya Schaefer Architects AG // Zurich, CH
2012 – 2019	Associate // Hosoya Schaefer Architects AG // Zurich, CH
2010 – 2012	Owner // Token // Munich, D
2008 – 2010	Obermeyer // Abu Dhabi, AE and Guangzhou, CN
2006 – 2008	OME // Abu Dhabi, AE
2003	SOM // Chicago, US
2002	Auer & Weber Architekten // Munich, D

References

2019 – heute	Salinenhofquartier Salina Raurica // competition, 1st Prize // urban framework plan // Pratteln, CH
2019 – heute	Innovationspark Bergedorf // urban framework plan // Hamburg, DE
2015 – heute	Elbinselquartier Wilhelmsburg // competition, 1st Prize // urban framework plan // Hamburg, DE
2017 – heute	Bahnstadt Nürtingen // competition, 1st Prize // urban framework plan, design guidelines // Nürtingen, D
2012 – heute	Tech Cluster Zug // competition, 1st Prize // urban framework plan, transformation plan // Zug, CH
2015 – 2016	Elbbrückenquartier HafenCity // competition, 1st Prize // urban framework plan // Hamburg, DE
2014 – 2015	Masterplan Ebikon // Masterplan // Ebikon, CH
2014 – 2017	Innovationspark Schweiz // competition, 1st Prize // urban framework plan, study // Dübendorf, CH

Education

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

Hosoya Schaefer Architects is a Zürich-based office for architecture, urban design and research, and was founded by Markus Schaefer and Hiromi Hosoya in 2003. The office has won numerous international awards and is working on three new urban quarters in Hamburg, Germany, on studies on urban mobility for Volkswagen or stations for the UPEXpress in Toronto. In Switzerland, the office won first prizes for the Engadin Airport near St. Moritz, the Tech Cluster Zug, the railroad station area and station square project of Herisau, the conversion of the MEWA-Areal in Wädenswil, or the Christoph-Merian primary school in Basel.