

Global Design

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Profile

GDW founding partner Brent Thompson specializes in destination design: the master planning and architectural design of public places, including retail, resort, entertainment and town center destinations. Thompson has over twenty-five years of experience in architecture, concept design, master planning and urban design for a wide range of domestic and international clients, including every major entertainment company, with a rich portfolio of projects in the Middle East, Asia, Europe and North America.

Thompson's history is unique among architects. He was educated traditionally as an architect and planner, a course he followed in his first ten years of practice. He further had opportunity to live and work in Prague, where he was a founding partner of Architects' Atelier Praha and refined his theoretical approach to architectural design. Upon his return to the United States two years later, he began a five year parenthesis, designing entertainment venues for most of Hollywood's major studios. Entertainers are students of human psychology, and expert at the idioms of story telling and metaphors. Hollywood is extremely pragmatic in its approach, and places great emphasis on the "guest experience," and Thompson emerged from that time a unique designer. Though now running a more traditional architecture and planning practice, he has learned to combine design theory with entertainment based pragmatism.

His projects are media rich, multi-layered, metaphorical, expressive and culturally relevant. Perhaps more important, they work. He has throughout his varied career been involved in the pragmatic study of the way people use spaces, and the knowledge gained is the basis for each of his designs. He has further learned how to hear the vision of clients and to translate their vision into reality.

Recently, he has been designing projects in Dubai, China and Korea. He designed a number of projects throughout those regions, completing retail and entertainment centers, major resorts, parks, public art, urban design and a complete city. Examples include the Dubai Bazaar in the United Arab Emirates, and the Cloud Lake resort in Chengdu, China. He has been privileged to create urban scale master plans complete with resort hotels, amusement parks and aquariums.

In North America, for Time Warner's new headquarters in New York City, he worked with the Cuningham Group, serving as lead designer for Time Warner's corporate showcase and visitors' center. He created a media rich variety of "experiences" and "spaces" for the project. More recently, he has created the design concept for the Celebration retail center in Los Angeles.

In Europe, he was a founding partner of Architects' Atelier International; a Prague based firm specializing in retail centers, master planning and urban renewal projects.

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Experience

CEO, GlobalDesign Workshop Inc.; Los Angeles, California - 2004 - Present

CEO, BrentThompson Architects Inc.; Malibu, California - 2004 - Present

Design and management of a portfolio of large, international projects. Project types include resorts, retail and entertainment centers, large-scale residential developments, master planning, urban and city planning, and civic arts facilities. Responsibilities include concept design and management of design and production teams, business development, contract negotiation and office management.

Associate, Cuningham Group; Marina del Rey, California - 1998 - 2004

Design and management of large, high profile domestic and International Projects. Project types included entertainment facilities, retail centers, corporate visitor centers, master planning, resorts, urban planning and public parks. Responsibilities included concept design and management of the design team, business development and contract negotiation.

Design Director, Studio Avanti; Pasadena, California - 1996 - 1998

Design and management of world-renowned domestic and international entertainment projects. Project types included urban entertainment centers, theme parks, retail centers and cruise ships. Duties included design responsibility for all stages of project development and direction of the design team.

Principal, Architects' Atelier International; Prague, Czech Republic - 1993 - 1996

Design and management of projects in and around Prague. Project types included master planning, adaptive reuse of historical buildings, office, residential and retail centers. Responsibilities included concept design and management of design and production, business development, contract negotiation and office management.

Associate, Johannes Van Tilburg & Partners; Santa Monica, California - 1986 - 1993

Design of retail, office, mixed-use and residential projects.

Designer, Designworks Architects; Santa Barbara, California - 1984 - 1986

Design of retail, industrial and residential projects.

Designer, CYP, Inc.; Irvine, California - 1983 - 1984

Design of residential, resort and master planning projects.

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Education

California Polytechnic State University, San Luis Obispo, California - Bachelor of Architecture, 1983

University of Southern California, Los Angeles, California - Visiting Critic

Art Center College of Design, Pasadena, California - Visiting Critic

License

California Licensed Architect Number 17,467

Select Client List

Time Warner Inc.

Sony Development

Walt Disney

Paramount Pictures

Warner Bros.

Universal Studios

Royal Caribbean Cruise Lines

Parsons

Caruso Affiliated Holdings

Hanmi Parsons

Lotte

Pusan Development Bank

TEDA Holding Company

City of Seoul, Korea

City of Incheon, Korea

Province of Ganwan-do, Korea

City of Tianjin, China

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City of Tanggu, China

Gary Goddard Entertainment

Leader Group, Dubai

City of Shenfu, China

Chengdu Zhixin Co., Ltd., China

Genercon Group Inc., United States and China

His Royal Highness Prince Mohamed Bin Salman Bin Abdulaziz al Saud, Saudi Arabia

His Highness Prince Bader Bin Abdullah Al Farhan Al Saud, Saudi Arabia

Select Project List

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RoseValley Main Entry Complex, Chengdu, China

Shenfu Mixed-Use Leisure Development, Shenyang, China

Riverfront City, New City Urban Design, Chengdu, China

RoseValley Residential Project, Chengdu, China

RoseValley Clubhouse, Chengdu, China

Islands, Tianjin Housing Project, Bin Hai New Area, Tianjin, China

Two Springs Lake Resort Master Plan, Kunming, China

Circles, Shenfu Mixed-Use Development, Shenyang, China

The Wave, Shenfu Waterfront Retail Center, Shenyang, China

Exhibition Hall, Shenyang, China

ArtDeco City, New City Urban Design, Chengdu, China

GreenTea Lake Resort Master Plan, Szechuan Province, China

DiscoveryCove, 7 Red Sea Palaces for 7 Saudi Princes, Jeddah, Saudi Arabia

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Tanggu Mixed-Use Retail and Entertainment Center, Bin Hai New Area, China

Encinal Grand View, Private Residence, Malibu, California

RoseValley Retail Center, Chengdu, China

RoseValley Master Plan, Chengdu, China

Dubai Bazaar, Dubai, United Arab Emirates

Celebration Retail Center, Los Angeles

Cloud Lake Resort, Chengdu, China

TEDA Technical Park, Tianjin, China

Phoenix Centre Urban Town Center, Tianjin, China

CheongNa Golf and Residential Community, Incheon, Korea

Chong Po Lake Town Center, Marina, and Resort Hotels, Muan, Korea

Paramount Theme Park Resort Master Plan, Tianjin, China

Peace Valley Resort Village, Gangwan-do, Korea

Yongyu Muui Resort, Incheon, Korea

Aphae Island Resort, Sinan-gun, Korea

Aphae Butterfly City, Sinan-gun, Korea

Sinan Diamond Resort, Sinan-gun, Korea

Aphae Resort Retail and Entertainment Center, Sinan-gun, Korea

Aphae Island Ferry Terminal, Sinan-gun, Korea

Seoul Music Hall, Seoul, Korea

Seoul City Park, Seoul, Korea

Zuma Meadow Farm, Malibu, California

Raptor and Conch House, Malibu, California

Cunningham Group

TEDA Promenades Master Plan, Tianjin, China

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TEDA Promenades Lagoon Walk, Tianjin, China

TEDA Promenades Water Features, Tianjin, China

TEDA Promenades Lagoon Water Feature, Tianjin, China

TEDA Promenades International Retail and Entertainment Center, Tianjin, China

TEDA Promenades Rail Station, Tianjin, China

Blossom Tang Gu, Tang Gu, China

Haihe Beach Park, Tang Gu, China

Haihe River South Master Plan, Tang Gu, China

Hangu Resort Master Plan, Hangu, China

San Cha Kou Master Plan, Tianjin, China

Warner Bros. Movie World, Madrid, Spain

Bon Carre Town Center, Baton Rouge, Louisiana

AOL Time Warner Experience, New York, New York

Adelas por la Bahia, Santander, Spain

Dream Island Master Plan, Bahrain

Rioparque and Parque Natura, Alcorcon, Spain

Tusayan Village, Grand Canyon, Arizona

Studio Avanti

Major Attractions, Tokyo Theme Park for Walt Disney Imagineering

Main Entry Complex, Tokyo Theme Park for Walt Disney Imagineering

Two Train Stations, Tokyo Theme Park for Walt Disney Imagineering

Second Paris Theme Park, Walt Disney Imagineering

Major Attraction, Universal Studios Florida

Cruise Ship Entertainment Attractions, Royal Caribbean

Rancho Mirage Marketplace, Rancho Mirage, California

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Taste of San Francisco, Sony Development

Architects' Atelier International

Praha West Retail Center, Prague, Czech Republic

30,000 m2 retail shopping mall at the new terminus of Prague's Metro Yellow Line. Design of center, including site planning, building layout, food court and retail frontage. Creation of center imagery and identity.

Ruzyne Hotel and Shopping Center, Prague, Czech Republic

New shopping center near the Praha Airport. 22,000 m2 of retail and restaurant space, with adjacent 80 room hotel and theme gardens. Creation of vital multi-use complex on the city's western edge.

Karlovo Namesti Commercial Complex, Prague, Czech Republic

Renovation and adaptive re-use of existing building to included: 2,335 m2 office space, 950 m2 retail space, 305 m2 restaurant and cafe, 450 m2 cinema and 12 existing flats on six residential levels in one of Prague's premier shopping areas.

Elisky Peskove 15, Prague, Czech Republic

1,100 m2 office building for a law firm in Prague 5. Complete refurbishment and adaptive reuse of existing turn of the century building.

Belgicka 3 - Residential Building, Prague, Czech Republic

Twelve 100 m2 luxury flats in Vinohrady, Prague 2. Complete refurbishment and reuse of existing historical building.

Na Kocince - Office and Residential Building, Prague, Czech Republic

New office and residential building in the exclusive area of Dejvice, Prague 6. The project included 12 luxury residential flats and maisonettes between 105 m2 and 240 m2, with a total area of 1895 m2 residential and 565 m2 office. Includes underground parking structure.

V Sareckem Udoli - Villa, Prague, Czech Republic

Existing turn of the century 500 m2 residence on 1.5 hectare hillside site; Complete redesign of interior; glassed-in conservatory with pool.

Trnova Village Master Plan, Southern Bohemia, Czech Republic

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100 Hectares on a world class golf course site in Southern Bohemia; 700 homes, and 3000 m2 country club and international business center.

Johannes van Tilburg and Partners

Palm Desert Mall, Palm Desert, California

170,000 s.f. high-end fashion mall. A shaded outdoor mall with two anchors and a village street-like concourse. Heavy, desert inspired stoned finished architecture. Complete design of center, facades and parking.

Oxnard Factory Outlet Center, Oxnard, California

400,000 s.f. outlet center located on the 101 Ventura Freeway in Oxnard. The center is harmonious with the surrounding farms; with architectural details inspired by farm buildings, landscaping by orchards, and signage by fruit crates.

San Diego Design Center, La Jolla, California

240,000 s.f. design center for San Diego. Three story tilt-up construction with ceramic tile surface treatments.

Compton Manufactures' Retail Center, Compton, California

Design of a factory outlet center on the 405 Freeway. Design called for an outdoor mall covered by tensile structures.

Wilshire Shopping Center, Los Angeles, California

Beverly Canon Walk, Beverly Hills, California

Atrium Food Pavilions, Various Locations

Renaissance La Jolla Shopping Center, La Jolla, California

Venice Renaissance, Venice, California

85,000 s.f. mixed-use building on Main Street in Venice Retail, senior housing and luxury condominiums.

Riviera Village, Redondo Beach, California

1650 luxury condominiums with shops, restaurant and market located on Pacific Coast Highway.

Seaside Village, Long Beach, California

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302 luxury condominiums with shops on the site formerly occupied by the world famous roller coaster "The Pike". Project was immediately adjacent to planned Disney aquatic theme park on Long Beach's harbor.

Sea Mist Place, Playa Del Rey, California

Retail, office, restaurant and artist lofts by the beach.

Little Tokyo Redevelopment, Los Angeles, California

Pan Pacific Auditorium Redevelopment Project, Los Angeles, California

Panorama Office Complex, Panorama City, California

Three building complex on the Metro Link train line. 150,000 s.f. of office space.

Little Santa Monica Office Building, Beverly Hills, California

25,000 s.f. of glass and French limestone on Little Santa Monica Boulevard.

The Courtyards, Culver City, California

Project for 216 luxury and low-cost condominiums and senior units on the site of the former Culver City drive-in. Planning based on the Town Planning paradigm.

Renaissance La Jolla, La Jolla, California

900 Luxury Condominiums in the planned community of Renaissance La Jolla.

Palm Avenue Apartments, West Hollywood, California

Playful apartment building featured in the Steve Martin Movie "LA Story". A satirical look at the developer apartment buildings of the late 80's.

Terra Bella Patio Homes, Mission Viejo, California

Satirical project based on the typical patio home.

Misc.

PA Low Cost Housing Competition

Project for a culturally adaptable, economical house. Project made innovative use of existing building technologies to create affordable architecture.

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Bolton Residence, Santa Monica Mountains, California

Building forms clustered around a courtyard. Project addresses family lifestyle preferences and construction realities and exploits the views of the surrounding Santa Monica Mountains, yet at the same time responds to the volatile nature of its environment.

Ryan's Roost, Pacific Palisades, California

Extensive addition to a 1932 Monterey Spanish style home. Great care was taken to harmonize with the existing architecture, and to enhance the courtyard feel of the home.

Schilz Abode, Santa Monica, California

Extensive addition to a California Bungalow style house, including a second floor. The resultant home is fresh and new, and includes all the amenities that we associate with 90's living, yet manages to compliment both the existing and neighboring homes.

Bolton2, Santa Monica Mountains, California

New home with a view high in the Santa Monica Mountains, this efficient home makes the most of a very difficult, hillside lot.

Coast Village Road Retail Center, Montecito, California

20,000 s.f. retail center on Santa Barbara's most fashionable shopping street. A fresh approach to the indigenous Santa Barbara Mission style of architecture.

Las Positas Meadow, Santa Barbara, California

21 homes clustered among the oaks near Santa Barbara's Hendry's Beach. Plan preserved the surrounding oak forest and created a large, oak filled meadow.

Circon Research, Administrative and Manufacturing Facility, Goleta, California

Triple use facility for the high-tech manufacturing company Circon.