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## Siemensstadt 2.0 Berlin: Participants in the urban development competition

In the summer of 2019, Siemens and the State of Berlin selected and invited 18 architecture and urban planning firms to participate in the urban development competition for Siemensstadt 2.0 in Berlin. Seventeen firms took part. The teams had close to three months to create their designs, working together with – if necessary external – landscape architects and other experts for traffic, infrastructure, protection of historic buildings, and sustainability.

### **AS+P Albert Speer + Partner (Frankfurt am Main)**

Architecture, urban planning, traffic and open space planning, and the planning of cultural, educational and sports facilities, airports and trade fairs – so diverse is the expertise of the architectural firm founded by Prof. Albert Speer. Over the years, the firm – with its 200 employees – has developed, among other projects, the Audi IN campus in Ingolstadt as a research and development center, and a new residential district on the site of a former military barracks in Darmstadt. AS+P created the urban planning concept for the Siemens Campus in Erlangen.

[www.as-p.de](http://www.as-p.de)

### **ASTOC Architects and Planners (Cologne)**

When developing master plans for entire cities or urban districts, ASTOC covers every aspect from the project's social-spatial qualities down to the details of each individual house. The firm, with its 80 employees, followed this principle with its Europacity Berlin project, which it handled all the way from winning the urban design competition to planning the individual buildings. The firm has also secured its reputation as a developer of new urban districts with projects in Regensburg (Marina Quarter) and Hamburg (Holzhafen Quarter).

[www.astoc.de](http://www.astoc.de)

Landscape architect: ARGE Treibhaus&Lavaland (Berlin), [www.lavaland.de](http://www.lavaland.de)

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**Barkow Leibinger Gesellschaft von Architekten (Berlin)**

The architectural firm, founded in 1993 by Regine Leibinger and Frank Barkow, specializes in the planning and execution of representative and functional buildings for production, logistics and offices. With around 100 employees, the firm has, among other projects, transformed the Trumpf headquarters in Ditzingen into a modern production and administration site. In Berlin, the firm transformed the factory site of Bayer Schering Pharma into an attractive company campus combining research, development, production and administration facilities.

[www.barkowleibinger.com](http://www.barkowleibinger.com)

Landscape architect: relais Landschaftsarchitekten Heck Mommsen Part (Berlin),

[www.relaisla.de](http://www.relaisla.de)

**Dietrich | Untertrifaller Architekten ZT (Bregenz)**

*with Schulze+Grassov (Copenhagen)*

The Austrian architectural firm with a branch in Munich has experience ranging from single-family homes and buildings in existing ensembles, to large-scale buildings and urban planning structures. The firm is currently developing a new residential district on the western edge of Freiburg in Breisgau, as well as a residential area with over 3,000 apartments and businesses on a former industrial site in Toulouse, France. The buildings are being constructed with environmentally compatible wood-hybrid techniques.

[www.dietrich.untertrifaller.com](http://www.dietrich.untertrifaller.com)

Landscape architect: Ramboll Studion Dreiseitl (Überlingen), [www.dreiseitl.com](http://www.dreiseitl.com)

**Ernst Niklaus Fausch (Zurich)**

The Swiss firm of Ernst Niklaus Fausch regards architecture holistically – considering everything from the urban concept and construction of buildings all the way to their interior design. A new research and development facility is currently being built on a heritage-protected industrial site in Lindau on Lake Constance, and the former Northwest Railway Station in the center of Vienna will be developed into a new urban district in the coming years; both projects are based on plans of the Zurich firm.

[www.enf.ch](http://www.enf.ch)

Landscape architect: Hager Partner (Zürich), [www.hager-ag.ch](http://www.hager-ag.ch)

**GRAFT (Berlin)**

The Berlin architectural firm GRAFT has already earned a reputation in the city by adding a finished roof floor to the former post office in Schöneberg and converting the building for commercial use, and with its development concept for the Columbia Quarter located on the grounds of the historic Tempelhof Airport. The international firm's portfolio includes innovative high-rise buildings as well as multi-story apartment houses. GRAFT was awarded the "Best Residential Buildings in Germany" prize in 2019 for the Paragon Apartments project in the city's Prenzlauer Berg district.

[www.graftlab.com](http://www.graftlab.com)

Landscape architect: hutterreimann Landschaftsarchitektur (Berlin), [www.hr-c.net](http://www.hr-c.net)

**HENN (Munich)**

"Forms and spaces are no mere objective, they are developed from the processes, demands and cultural contexts of each project in architectural design," sums up the credo of the Munich architectural firm Henn and its 380 employees. The firm's philosophy is clearly reflected in its master plan for BMW's new FIZ Research and Innovation Center in Munich, the award-winning expansions of Merck's premises in Darmstadt, and in Henn's complete interior redesign of the iconic, heritage-protected HVB high-rise in Munich.

[www.henn.com](http://www.henn.com)

Landscape architect: WES LandschaftsArchitektur (Berlin), [www.wes-la.de](http://www.wes-la.de)

**Kim Nalleweg Architekten (Berlin)**

Founded in 2015, the architectural firm and its 12 employees is the youngest and smallest participant in the competition. With its concepts for the new Rosa Luxemburg Foundation building, the redesigned German Institute for Standardization, and a residential development on Michelangelostrasse – all in Berlin – the firm has already gained a reputation well beyond the city itself. "We develop buildings and ideas for people who want to master the demands of an increasingly complex world with independence and clarity, without losing their identity."

[www.kimnalleweg.com](http://www.kimnalleweg.com)

Landscape architect: Lützwow 7 C.Müller J.Weherberg (Berlin), [www.luetzow7.de](http://www.luetzow7.de)

**Kleihues + Kleihues Architekten (Berlin)**

Jan Kleihues and his team of architects are committed to going beyond what is merely necessary in their designs. They have impressively proven this several times in Berlin alone with both heritage-protected ensembles and new buildings. Their work includes converting the former NSDAP Ministry of Propaganda into the headquarters of the Federal Ministry for Labor and Social Affairs; their redesign of the Ku'damm Square; and their design for the new Hotel H10 near the Ku'damm.

[www.kleihues.com](http://www.kleihues.com)

Landscape architect: Rainer Schmidt Landschaftsarchitekten (Berlin),

[www.rainerschmidt.com](http://www.rainerschmidt.com)

### **Kuehn Malvezzi Associates (Berlin)**

*with KCAP Architects & Planners (Zurich) and pasel.künzel architects (Berlin)*

The Kuehn Malvezzi team has earned a reputation for its work with museums and exhibitions by reorganizing a number of contemporary and historical art collections. In addition, housing projects like the villa gardens on Stuttgart's Rehlenberg or the Tannenhof in Baden-Baden are among the highlights designed by the Berlin firm, which was founded in 2001.

[www.kuehnmalvezzi.com](http://www.kuehnmalvezzi.com)

Landscape architect: SINAI Landschaftsarchitekten (Berlin), [www.sinai.de](http://www.sinai.de)

### **LINArchitekten Urbanisten (Berlin)**

LINArchitekten sees itself as "a laboratory for architecture, urban planning and design with the aim of providing flexible and highly adaptable solutions." Projects like the "Cité du Design" on the grounds of a former arms factory in Saint-Etienne, France; the conversion of the former PSA production site in northern Paris to a new city district; and the densification of a 14-hectare housing development in southwest Munich to create new living space, are notable proof of the firm's sustainable approach.

[www.lin-a.com](http://www.lin-a.com)

Landscape architect: Vogt Landschaft (Berlin), [www.vogt-la.com](http://www.vogt-la.com)

### **Nieto Sobejano Arquitectos (Berlin)**

The architectural firm has often demonstrated internationally why it considers dialogues between contemporary architecture and concrete building contexts to be so important. In Madrid, the firm expanded a square in historic surroundings with a modern library as well as a sports hall and market hall with parking garage. In

Munich, they integrated an ensemble of five modern office towers into the well-established residential district of Bogenhausen. And in Graz, they expanded the city's historic State Museum by adding an underground level.

[www.nietosobejano.com](http://www.nietosobejano.com)

Landscape architect: TOPOTEK 1 Landschaftsarchitekten (Berlin),

[www.topotek1.de](http://www.topotek1.de)

### **O&O Baukunst (Berlin)**

In addition to designing important cultural buildings in major European cities, the architectural firm has completed numerous office and commercial buildings as well as renowned projects for urban living. In addition to planning Parkstadt Süd in Cologne – where they developed a completely new residential area – and designing the “New Marx” district on the site of Vienna's former slaughterhouse, the firm was also responsible for a major Berlin project. With its master plan for the Berlin peninsula, O&O won the urban development competition in 2015 for the “Urbane Mitte Gleisdreieck.”

[www.ortner-ortner.com](http://www.ortner-ortner.com)

Landscape architect: capatti staubach Urbane Landschaften (Berlin),

[www.capattistaubach.com](http://www.capattistaubach.com)

### **ROBERTNEUN Architekten (Berlin)**

The tradition-oriented architectural firm ROBERTNEUN is committed to finding contemporary answers to the questions posed by current architecture. The firm redeveloped the former railway site in Berlin Schöneberg/Kreuzberg as the “Am Lokdepot” residential park while preserving heritage structures and is currently working on transforming the former Duetz industrial site into a modern urban district. They also designed the conversion of the historic “Old Ice Plant” in Berlin into a future-oriented think tank.

[www.robertneun.de](http://www.robertneun.de)

Landscape architect: Atelier Loidl Landschaftsarchitekten (Berlin), [www.atelier-](http://www.atelier-loidl.de)

[loidl.de](http://loidl.de)

### **Snøhetta (Oslo)**

In its master plan for the new “South Gate Peninsula” district in Budapest, the architectural firm designed a completely new residential quarter for 12,000 students along the bank of the Danube River. Its plan for transforming the former Pittlerwerke

factory in Leipzig into a modern cultural, office and gastronomy center with public areas highlights the team's qualifications when it comes to working with existing ensembles. "Our work strives to change our feelings for our surroundings, identity and relationships with one another, and to improve the physical spaces in which we live – whether wild or shaped by humans."

[www.snohetta.com](http://www.snohetta.com)

### **UNStudio (Amsterdam)**

The declared goal of UNStudio is not only to anticipate the future, but to proactively shape it today in regard to sustainability. Just as they did with the master plan for the University for Technology and Design in Singapore, which features sustainable solutions offering space for interaction and collaborative learning. Or with the last section of the new Oosterdokseiland district in Amsterdam, where the architects designed an office and apartment campus with public spaces serving as a social hub. A new district with four high-rises designed by UNStudio is currently being built in the heart of financial center Frankfurt am Main.

[www.unstudio.com](http://www.unstudio.com)

Landscape architect: Felixx Landscape Architects & Planners (Rotterdam),

[www.felixx.nl](http://www.felixx.nl)

### **West 8 urban design & landscape architecture (Rotterdam)**

*with steidle architekten (München)*

With its multidisciplinary approach, the architectural firm has gained extensive international experience with projects ranging from large-scale urban master plans and landscape redevelopments to waterside projects, parks, public squares and gardens. For example, West 8 transformed the historic man-made New Holland Island in St. Petersburg into a vibrant recreational "city within a city." Their Colombia Circle project in Shanghai preserved historic structures and successfully integrated them into an ensemble of modern architecture. And in Eindhoven, the Netherlands, the architectural firm revitalized a former factory site with a master plan for a flexible, step-by-step transformation.

[www.west8.com](http://www.west8.com)

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