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Mr. Gibson Rhie is an architect with more than 30 years of experience in Architectural Design, Masterplanning and Project Management. His extensive project portfolio covers planning and design of Office buildings, Healthcare, R&D institutions, and large-scale Mixed-Use projects. From 2011, he served for many international clients in diverse regions including Asia, Africa and Middle East. His understanding of diverse urban forms and challenges of practice in different regions helped clients achieve better solution in building projects.

Gibson serves with clear communication skills, which ensures quality of design and smooth project delivery. He helped many global clients to establish their business presence in Asia. The list includes Gaw Capital partners, LAM research of USA, Embassy of Kuwait and Samsung Electronics.

He is a principal of a boutique architecture office -Studio 5- that focuses on Design and Project Management helping international clients to pursue project opportunities and design excellence in Asia.

Mr. Rhie is a LEED AP and an ardent supporter of sustainable development. One of his projects – Redevelopment of wholesale market is an exemplary project that successfully transformed old wholesale market in Seoul to a new global gourmet place, which received MIPIM award in “Sustainable Urban Development” category in 2016. He also led the team to design and construct the new Kuwait Embassy in Seoul, which is a successful renovation using an existing structure into a new diplomatic mission that represents Kuwait. Gibson also worked for many high-end projects such as Samsung Museum of Art in Korea. From 2009 to 2011, he was leading a design office in New York City that resulted in winning many design competitions with architects of diverse cultural backgrounds.

In addition to practicing architecture, he serves as the “Chair of International Relations Committee” at KIRA (Korea Institute of Registered Architects) - the sole professional institution that every Korean architect must join to practice architecture. As the chair of International Relations Committee, he is focusing on promoting architecture with growing awareness and commitment to 17 SDGs (Sustainable Development Goals) set up by the United Nations in 2015.

He is frequently invited by many institutes from Denmark to Sri Lanka to speak at architects’ conferences and urban forums. He is an author of a book – Architectural Odyssey of the 20th century, which Rem Koolhaas wrote an early praise. This book gained wide readership in Korea owing to its nomination as the “Book of the Day by NAVER- Korean equivalent of Google”.

Academic Background

BS Architectural engineering, Yonsei University: Seoul, 1987
MA Architectural engineering, Yonsei University: Seoul, 1989
Visiting Professor, Virginia Tech, Blacksburg, VA, USA, 2007-2008,

Registration

Korea Institute of Registered Architects, 1995
LEED AP, 2009

Lectures and seminars

Speaker, UIA World Congress, Copenhagen, Denmark, July, 2023
Keynote Speaker on sustainable development, ARCASIA forum, UlaanBaatar, Mongolia, 2022
Speaker on MetaVerse, e-Daehan Economic Daily, November, 2021
Speaker at Busan Architecture Festival on Smart Housing project, November 2021
Keynote Speaker on sustainable high-rise buildings, Symposium of Chinese, Korean and Japanese institute of architects, Osaka, Japan, October 2018
Keynote speaker, Convention of Sri Lanka Institute of Architects, Colombo, 2017
Guest Critic, Seoul studio, Harvard university, Boston, USA 2011
Lecturer, Radford University, Women achievement week, 2008
Adjunct Professor, Korea University, 2006-2007

Selected Project Experience

D Palace residential project/ Renovation, Seoul, Korea, 2016-2019
Solonggo Affordable Housing project, UlaanBaatar, Mongolia, 2021-2022
New Severance Hospital, Incheon, Korea, 2021-2023
Al Narjes Hospital, Riyadh, Saudi Arabia, 2016-7
Embassy of Kuwait/ Renovation, Seoul, Korea, 2015-2018
Souq Waqif Redevelopment Masterplan, Doha, Qatar, 2012 -2013
Sudirman mixed use development, Jakarta, Indonesia, 2017
South Port Area Redevelopment Masterplan, Manila, Phillipines, 2012
Foundation Headquarters Complex, Riyadh, Saudi Arabia, 2011
Korea Cultural Center, NYC, USA, World Architecture award, 2015- 2024
Garak Wholesale Market Redevelopment, 2009-2015,
(received MIPIM Asia award for sustainable urban redevelopment, 2016)
World Taekwondo Memorial Park Masterplan, Design-build competition, 2009
National Ecology Park, Design competition, winner, 2009
Seoul Cityhall, design-build competition winner, Seoul, Korea, 2006
Leeum, Samsung museum of Art, Seoul, Korea, 2004
Centennial Hall(Musuem +Library) , Korea university, Seoul, Korea, 2004
Cable Landing Station for GNG networks, Pusan, Korea, 2001
Cable Landing Station for Hansol iGlobe(formerly Hansol M.Com, Pusan, Korea, 2002
Data Center and Headquarters building for Tongyang SHL Co., Seoul Korea, 1998
Medical College, Sungkyunkwan University, Suwon, Korea, 2000
Auditorium, Sungkyunkwan University, Suwon, Korea, 2000
Provincial Hospital, Cheju Island, Cheju, Korea, 2003
Masterplan for a Science Park, Daejeon / 1995