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on the 80th birthday of
Prof. Albert Speer and
the 50th anniversary of AS&P
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Two big birthdays at AS&P in Frankfurt
In 2014 Prof. Albert Speer is celebrating his 80th birthday and AS&P - Albert Speer & Partner GmbH its 50th anniversary

Frankfurt/Main. In 2014 two big birthdays are being celebrated at AS&P in Frankfurt: Architect and urban planner Prof. Albert Speer turns 80 in July, and the architecture and planning office he founded in 1964 is celebrating its 50th anniversary. He and his team can look back with pride at the experiences gained from half a century of international planning practice, over 4,000 projects completed in over 23 countries, and a constantly expanding interdisciplinary team of more than 160 employees. “I’m proud of how my office has developed – the international team and the successes,” says Albert Speer.

Albert Speer, who for 25 years was professor of urban and regional planning at the University of Kaiserslautern, is one of the most important German urban planners, and is considered a pioneer of sustainable urban planning. The man who elected to live in Frankfurt coined the central concept of the “intelligent city” and became active early on in working to combat the decay and desolation of city centers. In 1972 he received his first large architectural commission from DG Bank in Frankfurt/Main. Today, the name Speer is associated with large-scale projects such as EXPO 2000 in Hanover and planning projects in Saudi Arabia or for megacities in China and Egypt. Albert Speer was internationally oriented from the start, and he and his office handle projects around the globe. “My work is for me profession, hobby and challenge,” says Speer, who since 1984 has headed AS&P - Albert Speer & Partner GmbH together with his partners Gerhard Brand and Friedbert Greif.

Founded in 1964, AS&P now has offices in Frankfurt/Main and Shanghai, and employs over 160 architects, urban planners, traffic planners and landscape architects. The architecture and planning office boasts 50 years of international planning and construction experience, an inter-
disciplinary and sustainable approach. Its current contracts include the strategic master plan for Alexandria in Egypt, the functional master plan for EXPO 2017 in Astana, Kazakhstan, planning for the Ministry of Commerce and Industry (MCI) Business Park in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia, the master plan and innovation manual for InnovationCity Ruhr | Model City Bottrop, the House of Logistics & Mobility (HOLM) at Frankfurt Airport, as well as various other architectural, urban and traffic planning projects.

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Biography

Professor Albert Speer was born in 1934 in Berlin; he initially trained as a carpenter and gained his high school leaving certificate before studying Architecture in Munich; he then went on to specialize in planning entire cities and regions worldwide. Prof. Speer was Chair of Urban and Regional Planning at Kaiserslautern Technical University for over 25 years. Nowadays the architecture and planning firm he founded in 1964 has a payroll of more than 160 employees. From the outset there was an international thrust to Albert Speer’s work. In 2007 AS&P-Albert Speer & Partner GmbH opened a branch office in Shanghai.

His most important projects include the master plans for several new cities in China, for the EXPO 2000 in Hanover and the successful bid for the FIFA World Cup™ 2022 in Qatar. Among other things Prof. Albert Speer designed the Diplomatic Quarter in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia and drew up concepts for the central area of Abuja, the Nigerian capital. In Germany he developed the master plan for Cologne city center and the memorandum “Frankfurt for Everyone”, a strategic urban development study whose target horizon is 2030. The firm is currently working on the future-oriented master plan and the innovation manual for “InnovationCity Ruhr”, with Bottrop as a model city, and the strategic master plan for the urban development of Alexandria, Egypt’s second largest city.

Albert Speer has been a member of the German Academy for Urban and Regional Planning since 1970. In 1995 he founded the Professor Albert Speer Foundation. In 2004 he received the Leading Architecture Award from the German Association of Architects and Civil Engineers. Since 2008 he has been a member of the Board of Trustees of “Nationale Stadtentwicklungspolitik” (National Urban Development Policy). Albert Speer has received the Goethe Badge of the City of Frankfurt/Main, the Leading Architecture Award, and the Federal Order of Merit. In 2011 he was made an Honorary Professor of the Technical University in Munich.
Professor Dipl.-Ing. Albert Speer

Timeline

1934 Albert Speer is born in Berlin
1952 - 1955 Carpenter’s apprenticeship and certificate in Heidelberg
1955 High-school leaving certificate at night school in Nuremberg
1955 - 1960 Studies Architecture at the Technical University in Munich under Professors Döllgast, Hasenpflug, Ludwig and Wiedemann
1960 - 1964 Employed in companies in Germany, Sweden and Turkey, including Apel, Beckert und Becker (ABB) in Frankfurt/Main
1964 Wins second prize in the competition for the development concept for the relocation of the station and downtown Ludwigshafen
1964 Albert Speer founded his own office in Frankfurt/Main and since then he works as a freelance urban planner and architect on national and international projects
1964 Awarded first freelance contract for a residential development in Limburgerhof nr. Ludwigshafen, Germany
1966 Winner of the German Young Architects’ Prize (Deubau Essen)
1966 Takes part in the competition for the tourism-related development of the region around the ancient town of Side on the Turkish Riviera
1968 Gains first international contract: urban and regional planning of West Tripolitania, Libya
1968 - 1970 Handles urban renewal projects and legal zoning plans in Lübeck, Speyer and Worms, Germany
1970 Citizens’ initiative against a tunnel under the “Zeil” in Frankfurt/Main
1970 Made a member of the Association of German Architects (BDA) and member of the German Academy of Urban and Regional Planning
1971 - 1972 Develops tourism master plan for the Kingdom of Nepal
1972 Wins planning contract for the DG Bank headquarters in Frankfurt/Main
1972 - 1997 Appointed Chair of the Department of Urban and Regional Planning at the University of Kaiserslautern
1973 - 1981 Acts as planning consultant (integrated planning team for the Algerian planning authorities: over 30 employees in Algeria for 2 years) for 15 cities for the State of Algeria (client: Cadat)
1973  Founds Speerplan GmbH
1975  Starts regional development planning in the State of Rhineland-Palatinate
1977  Awarded the contract for the planning and construction of the Diplomatic Quarter in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia
1979  Begins work as a consultant to the City of Frankfurt/Main
1979 - 1983  In charge of planning and construction of a residential development for employees of the Saudi Arabian Foreign Ministry
1980 - 1982  Devises development concept for the “Museumsufer” in Frankfurt/Main
1983  Consultant for the redevelopment of Paulsplatz square in Frankfurt/Main
1983 - 1985  Tables the master plan for downtown Frankfurt/Main and devises the master plan and high-rise development concept for the Mainzer Landstrasse axis in Frankfurt/Main
1984  Founds AS&P - Albert Speer & Partner GmbH
1986 – 1988  Prepares the bid book and master plan for the 2000 Olympic Games in Frankfurt/Main
1990  Designs the “Holbeinsteg” pedestrian bridge over the River Main and the DG Bank “City Haus” in Frankfurt/Main
1990  Awarded first major project in China: Development structure for Guang Fu Dao district in Tianjin
1990 - 1993  Implements numerous major national and international projects, including the Trianon high-rise and the Telenorma office complex in Frankfurt/Main, and the OAU Conference Center and prototype ministerial buildings in Abuja, Nigeria
1994  Visiting professor at the Swiss Federal Institute of Technology (ETH) in Zurich
1994 - 2000  Master planner and member of the Design Council for EXPO 2000 in Hanover
1995  Professor Albert Speer Foundation established
1997  Plans the Anting model town in Shanghai
1998  Starts master planning for the “Europaviertel” district in Frankfurt/Main
1999 - 2000  Devises plans for Shanghai International Automobile City and other major projects in China
1999 - 2001  Construction of Victoria Tower in Mannheim
2000 - 2002  Prepares tourism master plan for Croatia and Montenegro
2001  Opens a joint representative office in Shanghai together with Fichtner Engineers
2001 - 2004  Prepares development concepts for EXPO 2010 in Shanghai
2001 - 2005  Location selection, functional design and coordination services for the new “Allianz Arena” soccer stadium in Munich
2002  Urban design study for the 25-kilometer central urban axis in Beijing
2002 - 2004  Develops the City of Leipzig bid for the 2012 Olympic Games
2003  Receives the Goethe Award from the City of Frankfurt
2003 - 2004  Handles transportation and urban design framework planning for the 25-kilometer King Abdullah Bin Abdulaziz urban corridor in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia
2004  Leading Architecture Award bestowed by the Federation of Associations of German Architects and Engineers
2005  In charge of design and construction of a new court building in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia; 1st prize in the international competition
2006  Awarded the Federal Order of Merit on Ribbon by Udo Corts, Hessian minister for science and the arts
2006 – 2007  Manages revisions to the master plan for Abuja, Nigeria
2007  AS&P Architecture Consulting (Shanghai) Co., Ltd., a wholly-owned subsidiary, founded
2007  Develops a strategic general plan for “6th of October City / Sheik Zayed City”, Cairo
2007  Provides master plans for six selected regions in Russia to promote national tourism
2007 – 2008  Compiles strategic master plan for Cologne city center and the district of Deutz on the right-hand bank of the Rhine
2008  Made a member of the National Urban Development Policy Board of Trustees
2009 - 2010  Develops the successful Bid Book for the 2022 FIFA World Cup™ in Qatar
2009 – 2013 Handles planning and construction of the Fraport AG headquarters at Frankfurt Airport; certification with the “German Sustainable Building Quality Seal in Gold” by the German Sustainable Building Council (DGNB)

2010 Awarded the Special Prize of the 2010 ULI Leadership Award by the Urban Land Institute (ULI) Germany

2010 1st prize in the international competition for the master plan “North Bund”, Shanghai

2010 Award of contract to develop the strategic master plan for urban design and development of transport in Alexandria up to 2032

2011 Green Building Frankfurt RhineMain Architecture Prize for “Campo am Bornheimer Depot”, at the time Germany’s largest passivhaus-standard residential quarter on an inner-city redevelopment site

2011 The Technical University of Munich (TUM) appoints Albert Speer Honorary Professor, honored as a TUM Distinguished Affiliated Professor for Architects

2011 - 2014 In charge of object planning and monitoring of firms working on construction of the new European Central Bank (ECB) on the site of the former “Großmarkthalle” wholesale fruit and vegetable market in Frankfurt/Main

2012 - 2014 Preparation of a master plan and innovation handbook for the InnovationCity Ruhr, Model City Bottrop project

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The office of AS&P – Albert Speer & Partner GmbH combines innovative approaches in architecture, urban and transport planning with over 50 years of international planning and building experience. The projects range from multi-storey dwellings and high-rises, urban planning, urban and regional development and landscape architecture to recreation and tourism planning, conceptual transport planning and project management as well as planning-specific preparation of major events and expert opinions for policy advising.

In addition to its Shanghai branch and temporary project offices, AS&P’s home office is located in Frankfurt am Main. AS&P - Albert Speer & Partner GmbH has held a stake of 34% of the ordinary capital of PROPROJEKT Planungsmanagement & Projektberatung GmbH since 1996. Currently, AS&P employs around 160 professionals and thus consists of a capable and diverse team of highly motivated and multifaceted experts. Projects are developed by individually compiled teams. Due to the growing complexity and thematic diversity of assignments, AS&P relies on its experienced and constantly expanding network of specialists from varying disciplines.

AS&P’s creativity and knowledge is conveyed through its projects in many countries worldwide. On the other hand, the team consciously integrates its cultural, technological and human experiences collected internationally into its projects in Germany. Sustainability, broadly understood in terms of ecological, economical and social quality, is self-evident in high quality planning and, as a sign of common sense, is always the basis of AS&P’s work.

At a national level, AS&P conceived the master plan for downtown Cologne, the prospects for action for Frankfurt 2030 and the framework plan for Frankfurt’s new quarter Europaviertel. Other projects included the application to host the 2018 Winter Paralympics in Munich, the BMW Used Automobile Center in Dreieich, the ensemble on Baseler Platz in Frankfurt/Main, the EXPO 2000 in Hanover and numerous airport development planning projects and passive housing projects. 2013 saw the completion of the Fraport AG headquarters at Frankfurt Airport and the passive apartment block project “Wohnen am Riedberg”. Currently, the office is working on the pioneering master plan and innovation manual for InnovationCity Ruhr | Model City Bottrop.

Its international activities encompass Algeria, Azerbaijan, Belize, China, Croatia, Egypt, Kazakhstan, Libya, Luxembourg, Nepal, Nigeria, Oman, Poland, Qatar, Rumania, Russia, Saudi Arabia, Sweden, Switzerland, Turkey, Vietnam and the United Arab Emirates. AS&P has been present in Saudi Arabia since the 1980s with a host of projects. The first was the planning for the Diplomatic Quarter in Riyadh in 1980. At present, projects include the master plan for the Ministry of Commerce and Industry (MCI) Business Park in Riyadh and an urban planning concept plan for residential areas in the Eastern province. The “Criminal Court Complex” in Riyadh, for whose design AS&P won first prize in an international competition in 2005 is now reaching completion. In 2010, AS&P collaborated with PROPROJEKT GmbH and the Serviceplan Gruppe für innovative Kommunikation GmbH to draw up Qatar’s successful application documentation for the 2022 FIFA World Cup™. Moreover, in 2014 the office was commissioned with devising the “national master plan for public leisure and sporting facilities” in Qatar. In Egypt AS&P has been working...
on the strategic master plan for the city of Alexandria since 2010. In addition, AS&P is responsible for the master plan for 6th of October City in Cairo. In Russia, master plans are being drawn up for the Ministry of Economic Development of the Russian Federation for six new “special economic zones for tourism” and AS&P is developing a master plan vision for an area south-west of Moscow measuring roughly 400 square kilometers. In China, where AS&P has been active since 1999, and since 2007 has been represented with a local subsidiary, AS&P - Architects Consulting (Shanghai) Co., Ltd., the office has handled over 200 projects in more than 30 cities. They included a string of first prizes in international city planning, urban development and architecture competitions: for the extension Hanzhong Garden City, the urban extension Nanchang AVIC Hongdu, Zhonglou New Town Core in Changzhou, Shanghai North Bund master plan, International Automotive City, and the 120-square-kilometer expansion of Changchun, including the new administration centre, but also for the new district Jing Yue Ecological City for 500,000 inhabitants. Jing Yue Ecological City, the Nord Bund and the International Automobile City with Anting New Town in Shanghai are some of the projects now being realized.
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