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### AS+P mourns the loss of Professor Albert Speer

AS+P Albert Speer + Partner GmbH mourns the loss of its company's founder and long-standing Managing Director Professor Albert Speer. Professor Speer, aged 83, passed away in the afternoon of September 15<sup>th</sup> suddenly and unexpectedly, surrounded by his closest family members and friends in Frankfurt.

Until the end of 2016, Professor Speer was part of the Management Board of AS+P and continued to be a valuable advisor and source of inspiration and ideas for our architecture and planning office. Together with the change of management successfully completed at the end of 2016, the transition to a new generation took place. This transition had already been initiated by Professor Speer himself at an early stage and was relevantly shaped by him. Until today, the philosophy and approach of AS+P are based on principles and values strongly represented by Professor Speer's ideals, and on the passion, curiosity and creativity with which he inspired everyone.

In deep sadness, we bid farewell to an extraordinary man who was always more a fatherly friend than a superior and who will remain an inspiration and idol to all of us. Our condolences and sincere sympathy go to the family of Professor Speer and all those close to him.

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. Professor Speer was Chair of Urban and Regional Planning at Kaiserslautern Technical University for over 25 years. In this function, he influenced many of his later colleagues already during their university studies. In 1964, he founded his own architecture and planning firm which he, together with partners and colleagues, further developed into an internationally successful and acknowledged company. Nowadays, AS+P employs more than 200 employees in its offices at Frankfurt and Shanghai.

Professor 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 which is dedicated to the training and promotion of young architectural and planning talents. 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). Prof. 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.

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## Professor Dipl.-Ing. Albert Speer

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 200 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 and for the EXPO 2000 in Hanover as well as 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. Since 2010, he worked on the strategic master plan for the City of Alexandria in Egypt. 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. 2013 saw the completion of the Fraport AG headquarters at Frankfurt Airport and one of the numerous passive apartment block projects, the "Lyoner Carrée". From 2012 to 2014, the office was working on the pioneering master plan and innovation manual for InnovationCity Ruhr | Model City Bottrop. The new construction for the HeidelbergCement Headquarters will be ready for use in 2019.

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Albert Speer



A. Speer and employees, 1966



Speer with Petra Roth (former Mayor of FfM), 2009



Albert Speer in Shanghai, 2011



Albert Speer, 2013

## Professor Dipl.-Ing. Albert Speer

### Timeline

<b>1934</b>	Albert Speer is born in Berlin
<b>1952 - 1955</b>	Carpenter's apprenticeship and certificate in Heidelberg
<b>1955</b>	High-school leaving certificate at night school in Nuremberg
<b>1955 - 1960</b>	Studies Architecture at the Technical University in Munich under Professors Döllgast, Hasenpflug, Ludwig and Wiedemann
<b>1960 - 1964</b>	Employed in companies in Germany, Sweden and Turkey, including Apel, Beckert und Becker (ABB) in Frankfurt/Main
<b>1964</b>	Wins second prize in the competition for the development concept for the relocation of the station and downtown Ludwigshafen
<b>1964</b>	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
<b>1964</b>	Awarded first freelance contract for a residential development in Limburgerhof nr. Ludwigshafen, Germany
<b>1966</b>	Winner of the German Young Architects' Prize (Deubau Essen)
<b>1966</b>	Takes part in the competition for the tourism-related development of the region around the ancient town of Side on the Turkish Riviera
<b>1968</b>	Gains first international contract: urban and regional planning of West Tripolitania, Libya
<b>1968 - 1970</b>	Handles urban renewal projects and legal zoning plans in Lübeck, Speyer and Worms, Germany
<b>1970</b>	Citizens' initiative against a tunnel under the "Zeil" in Frankfurt/Main
<b>1970</b>	Made a member of the Association of German Architects (BDA) and member of the German Academy of Urban and Regional Planning
<b>1971 - 1972</b>	Develops tourism master plan for the Kingdom of Nepal
<b>1972</b>	Wins planning contract for the DG Bank headquarters in Frankfurt/Main
<b>1972 - 1997</b>	Appointed Chair of the Department of Urban and Regional Planning at the University of Kaiserslautern
<b>1973 - 1981</b>	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)
<b>1973</b>	Founds Speerplan GmbH
<b>1975</b>	Starts regional development planning in the State of Rhineland-Palatinate



<b>1977</b>	Awarded the contract for the planning and construction of the Diplomatic Quarter in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia
<b>1979</b>	Begins work as a consultant to the City of Frankfurt/Main
<b>1979 - 1983</b>	In charge of planning and construction of a residential development for employees of the Saudi Arabian Foreign Ministry
<b>1980 - 1982</b>	Devises development concept for the "Museumsufer" in Frankfurt/Main
<b>1983</b>	Consultant for the redevelopment of Paulsplatz square in Frankfurt/Main
<b>1983 - 1985</b>	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
<b>1984</b>	Founds AS+P Albert Speer + Partner GmbH
<b>1986 – 1988</b>	Prepares the bid book and master plan for the 2000 Olympic Games in Frankfurt/Main
<b>1990</b>	Designs the "Holbeinsteg" pedestrian bridge over the River Main and the DG Bank "City Haus" in Frankfurt/Main
<b>1990</b>	Awarded first major project in China: Development structure for Guang Fu Dao district in Tianjin
<b>1990 - 1993</b>	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
<b>1994</b>	Visiting professor at the Swiss Federal Institute of Technology (ETH) in Zurich
<b>1994 - 2000</b>	Master planner and member of the Design Council for EXPO 2000 in Hanover
<b>1995</b>	Professor Albert Speer Foundation established
<b>1997</b>	Plans the Anting model town in Shanghai
<b>1998</b>	Starts master planning for the "Europaviertel" district in Frankfurt/Main
<b>1999 - 2000</b>	Devises plans for Shanghai International Automobile City and other major projects in China
<b>1999 - 2001</b>	Construction of Victoria Tower in Mannheim
<b>2000 - 2002</b>	Prepares tourism master plan for Croatia and Montenegro
<b>2001</b>	Opens a joint representative office in Shanghai together with Fichtner Engineers
<b>2001 - 2004</b>	Prepares development concepts for EXPO 2010 in Shanghai
<b>2001 - 2005</b>	Location selection, functional design and coordination services for the new "Allianz Arena"

	soccer stadium in Munich
<b>2002</b>	Urban design study for the 25-kilometer central urban axis in Beijing
<b>2002 - 2004</b>	Develops of the City of Leipzig bid for the 2012 Olympic Games
<b>2003</b>	Receives the Goethe Award from the City of Frankfurt
<b>2003 - 2004</b>	Handles transportation and urban design framework planning for the 25-kilometer King Abdullah Bin Abdulaziz urban corridor in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia
<b>2004</b>	Leading Architecture Award bestowed by the Federation of Associations of German Architects and Engineers
<b>2005</b>	In charge of design and construction of a new court building in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia; 1st prize in the international competition
<b>2006</b>	Awarded the Federal Order of Merit on Ribbon by Udo Corts, Hessian minister for science and the arts
<b>2006 – 2007</b>	Manages revisions to the master plan for Abuja, Nigeria
<b>2007</b>	AS+P Architecture Consulting (Shanghai) Co., Ltd., a wholly-owned subsidiary, founded
<b>2007</b>	Develops a strategic general plan for “6th of October City / Sheik Zayed City”, Cairo
<b>2007</b>	Provides master plans for six selected regions in Russia to promote national tourism
<b>2007 – 2008</b>	Compiles strategic master plan for Cologne city center and the district of Deutz on the right-hand bank of the Rhine
<b>2008</b>	Made a member of the National Urban Development Policy Board of Trustees
<b>2009 - 2010</b>	Develops the successful Bid Book for the 2022 FIFA World Cup™ in Qatar
<b>2009 – 2013</b>	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)
<b>2010</b>	Awarded the Special Prize of the 2010 ULI Leadership Award by the Urban Land Institute (ULI) Germany
<b>2010</b>	1st prize in the international competition for the master plan “North Bund”, Shanghai
<b>2010</b>	Award of contract to develop the strategic master plan for urban design and development of transport in Alexandria up to 2032
<b>2011</b>	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
- 2014** Prof. Albert Speer celebrates his 80<sup>th</sup> birthday and AS+P Albert Speer + Partner GmbH its 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary
- 2015** Assignment for the new construction for the HeidelbergCement Headquarters in Heidelberg
- 2017** Prof. Albert Speer relinquished his management activities, but continues to be a source of inspiration and ideas for the company. The Management Board of AS+P Albert Speer + Partner GmbH continues to consists of three Managing Directors: Friedbert Greif, Axel Bienhaus and Joachim Schares.
- 2017** Completion of the FC Bayern Campus, a new sports ground with youth academy for FC Bayern München eV, for which AS+P had been awarded in 2014



Albert Speer in Cairo, 2010

## AS+P Albert Speer + Partner GmbH

About us

*In a world in which planning and building projects are becoming ever more complex, AS+P consciously opts for a multidisciplinary approach. Our team of 200 architects and urban planners, landscape architects and transport engineers develops and conducts projects on all scales together with BIM coordinators, geographers, interior designers, and project managers. From our offices in Frankfurt and Shanghai we are active on projects all over the world.*

Alongside our classic fields of work, including designing offices and housing, and providing urban planning and design services, we are active in a number of specialist fields such as culture and education, sports venues, airport and trade-fair planning, not to mention the planning of mega-events and major sporting events. It goes without saying that our objective is to create resource-saving, energy-efficient cities, neighborhoods, and buildings.

The start of 2017 marked the completion of the generation change in the Management Board of Albert Speer + Partner GmbH. At the end of the year 2016, Prof. Albert Speer relinquished his management activities, but continued to be a source of inspiration and ideas for the company. The Management Board of AS+P Albert Speer + Partner GmbH continues to consist of three Managing Directors: Friedbert Greif, Axel Bienhaus and Joachim Schares.



Managing partners with founder Prof. Albert Speer (from left to right): Friedbert Greif, Joachim Schares, Albert Speer, Axel Bienhaus

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