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Biography:

Thomas Coldefy is an architect who graduated from the Ecole Spéciale d'Architecture (ESA, Paris) in 2002. While still a student, he worked his apprenticeship first with Yves Lion, and then, attracted by the prospect of international experience and of taking on the challenge of “flagship projects”, he joined a number of well-known architecture and urban planning agencies as a trainee. These included Skidmore Owings & Merrill in New York, then Swanke Hayden Connell Architects, in London. After graduation in 2002, this experience opened the way to a fruitful collaboration with Tadao Ando at SCAU in Paris, for the Pinault Foundation project (unbuilt), then to the role of project manager with Franck Hammoutène, before returning to New York with Kohn Pedersen Fox (2004-2006), where he contributed to the design of offices and shopping centres in Europe and Asia (China). Thomas Coldefy has a global approach to the programme, seeking to work in cooperation with the client, always guided by a fundamental objective, to respond to function while giving users quality of life. In forging the image of the project and, beyond that, the identity of the site, he focuses on the environmental, urban and social context. Rejecting anecdote and exuberance, he is nevertheless keen to create surprise, whilst seeking precise solutions. He believes that a building should be legible, sensitive and vibrant, innovative in changing habits and pushing back boundaries. “Thomas COLDEFY has been awarded of the “Prix Tour Eiffel – 2007” for the winning of the HKDI competition”, and the «Prix Spéciale Hiver - 2009» for the winning of the Ougadougou Conference Centre competition.

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