



HOLZER KOBLER ARCHITEKTUREN

Holzer Kobler Architekturen was formed in Zurich in 2004 by Barbara Holzer and Tristan Kobler and has further studio in Berlin since 2012. The office operates internationally, covering a broad spectrum of activities from urban planning to architecture, from scenography to exhibition curatorship.

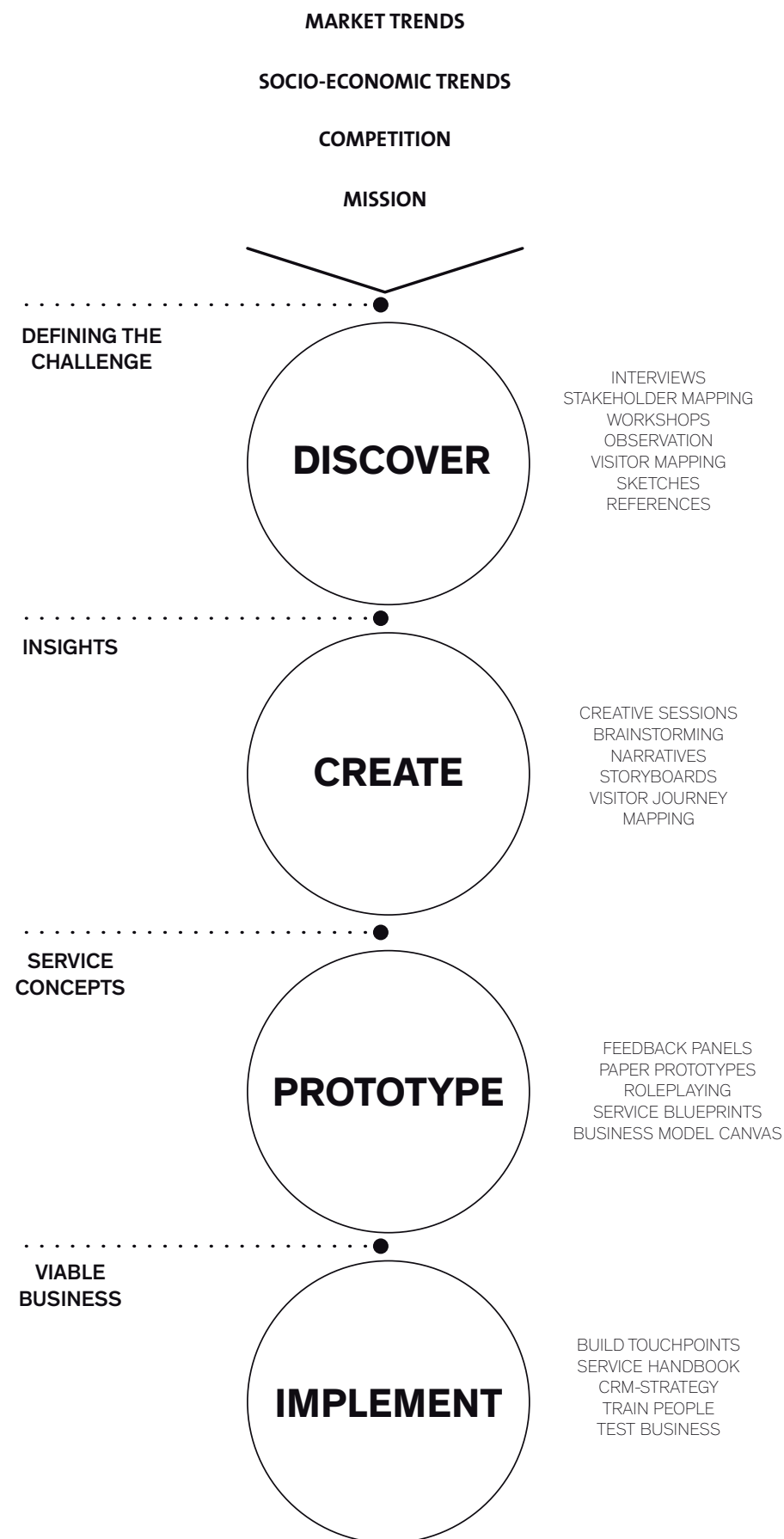
A multidisciplinary team comprising architects, designers, graphic artists and curators shapes its special approach to projects. Close collaboration with clients in both public and private sectors is integral to their projects, as is a tightly knit network encompassing business, academia, research, arts and culture.

Holzer Kobler Architekturen thrives on its fascination for a wide variety of visual fields, including architecture, exhibitions and design. In fact, architecture itself is not approached as a single entity but as a plurality of architectures opening up and extending the processes of architectural thought, action and research. Among these architectures, from the smallest exhibitions to vast urban planning projects, unifying elements, common ground and synergies are sought.

The visual diversity of the projects the company has worked on stems from its claim to find a solution specific to each task and location that brings together past, present and future and reinterprets the whole. Holzer Kobler Architekturen has never taken an interest in propagating a particular design language as its own trademark style, preferring instead to focus on approaching each design afresh and creating new styles that enrich our society.

“Object, discourse and design merge: no understanding without experiencing, no experience without emotion.”

Barbara Holzer and Tristan Kobler



SERVICES

ARCHITECTURE CULTURAL BUILDINGS

SITE DEVELOPMENTS

URBAN PLANNING

EDIFICIAL CORPORATE DESIGN

INTERIOR

WAYFINDING

SIGNAGE

EXHIBITION DESIGN

SCENOGRAPHY

CORPORATE DESIGN

GRAPHIC DESIGN

MEDIA DESIGN

LIGHT DESIGN

CONCEPT | DESIGN | PLANNING |

TENDERING | CONSTRUCTION SUPERVISION



"Many years' experience have heightened our awareness.
We are approaching places with an extremely focussed way.
Whenever possible, we are drawing parallels and are allowing ourselves to be inspired by new perspectives."



"Each project opens a whole new universe to us.
We are enjoying the privilege to immerse constantly in new worlds; this is what makes our profession unique."

"We are designing and building cultural as well as public buildings and exhibitions."





"Central to the process are
always human beings and their perception."



"Our creations are made to be used by people - this is the essence of our doing.
We want our works to be engaging, accessible and emotionally touching."

"Following a discursive working method is essential to us.
The utmost potential for creativity emerges from a dialogue, from a mutual exchange."



WORKS (SELECTION)

ARCHITECTURE / URBAN PLANNING

2021	Masterplan residential and business site development Sartorius Site , Göttingen, Germany
2019	Residential buildings and shopping mall LimmatSpot , Spreitenbach, Switzerland
2019	Residential buildings, Schlösslipark , St. Gallen, Switzerland
2018	Hospital Felix Platter-Hospital , with wörner traxler richter, Basel, Switzerland
2018	Student village Frankie, Johnny & Nellie , Berlin, Germany
2017	Culture and leisure center Colorful Zone , Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam
2017	Container hostel DOCK INN , Rostock, Germany
2016	Residential building and studio ELLI , Zurich, Switzerland
2015	New university complex with boardinghouse Campus Messestrasse , Vienna, Austria
2015	Residential buildings Schönberg Ost , Berne, Switzerland
2015	Shopping and business center INSIDE , Volketswil, Switzerland
2014	Three Pavilions Under one Roof , with Kengo Kuma and Associates, Ecole Polytechnique Fédérale EPFL, Lausanne, Switzerland
2014	Mixed use development Rex Max , Thun, Switzerland
2013	paläon – research and experience centre Schöningen spears , with pbr and Topotek1, Schöningen, Germany
2013	Site development Suurstoffi , Rotkreuz, Switzerland
2012	Residential building Wasserschloss , Gebenstorf, Switzerland
2008	Mixed use development former industrial site Cattaneo , Dietikon, Switzerland
2007	Visitor center and observation tower Nebra Ark , Wangen, Germany
2006	Transformation Shopping Center Schönbühl , Lucerne, Switzerland
2005	Transformation of a commercial building into lofts, Eichstrasse 25/27 , Zurich, Switzerland
2002	Architecture and landscape Arteplage Yverdon-les-Bains , with extasia, Expo.02, Switzerland

DESIGN

2019	Corporate design Humboldtforum , Berlin Palace, Berlin, Germany
2017	Corporate and interior design CoLab @ EPFL at Rolex Learning Center, Lausanne, Switzerland
2016	Interior design Berufsinformationszentrum BIZ , Zurich, Switzerland
since 2015	Corporate and interior design KITAG cinemas , various locations, Switzerland
2015	Corporate and interior design Swisscom Business Campus , Zurich, Switzerland
2012	Interior Penthouse S17 , Zurich, Switzerland
2004	Interior BarRouge , Messeturm, Basel, Switzerland

EXHIBITION

2020	Beethoven-Haus Bonn , consultancy and permanent exhibition, Bonn, Germany
2019	Nawareum , permanent exhibition at the technology and support center, Strauging, Germany
2018	Dommuseum Magdeburg , permanent exhibition, Magdeburg, Germany
2018	Bauhaus Museum Weimar , permanent exhibition, Weimar, Germany
2017	Einsiedeln Abbey – 1000 Years of Pilgrimage , exhibition at Zurich National Museum, Zurich, Switzerland
2016	National Buchenwald Memorial , permanent exhibition, Weimar, Germany
2016	Filtermuseum MANN+HUMMEL , permanent exhibition, Ludwigsburg, Germany
2016	The Area. Documentation. Perspectives. Discussion. , Documentation center, Nuremberg, Germany
2015	UNESCO World Natural Heritage Wadden Sea Visitor Center , permanent exhibition, Cuxhaven, Germany
2015	Grimmwelt , permanent exhibition, Kassel, Germany
2014	Constructing Text. Swiss Architecture under Discussion , Swiss Architecture Museum S AM, Switzerland
2014	Fascination of Archeology , permanent exhibition at Museum of History and Ethnology, St. Gallen, Switzerland
2013	Qin – The Eternal Emperor and His Terracotta Warriors , Bernisches Historisches Museum, Berne, Switzerland
2013	Mathematisch-Physikalischer Salon , permanent exhibition, Zwinger, Dresden, Germany
2012	Glücksfälle – Störfälle. Aspects of Intercultural Communication , Museum für Kommunikation Berlin/Frankfurt, Germany
2012	Sasso San Gottardo , permanent exhibition, Sasso da Pigna, St. Gotthard, Switzerland
2011	Military History Museum Dresden , permanent exhibition, with hg merz architekten museumsgealter, Dresden, Germany
2011	REN: Good Design – Good Guys , exhibition at First Beijing International Design Triennial BIDT, National Museum, Beijing, China
2011	The Way to Nature – A History of Forest and People , permanent exhibition, visitor center, Hans Eisenmann-Haus, Bavarian Forest National Park, Neuschönau, Germany
2010	Realstadt. Wishes Knocking on Reality's Door , with Heller Enterprises and Angelika Fitz, Kraftwerk Mitte, Berlin, Germany
2010	Time and the Worlds of Messel , permanent exhibition at the visitor center of UNESCO World Heritage Site Grube Messel, Germany
2009	History of Switzerland and Gallery Collections , permanent exhibitions, Swiss National Museum, Zurich, Switzerland
2009	focusTerra , permanent exhibition of the collection, Department of Earth Sciences, Swiss Federal Institute of Technology (ETH), Zurich, Switzerland
2007	All We Need , Lux 07, Luxembourg and Greater Region, European Capital of Culture 2007, Esch-Belval, Luxembourg

AWARDS

2017	The American Architecture Prize 2017 , winner in architectural desin / cultural architecture with paläon – research and experience centre Schöningen spears
2017	Häuser des Jahres (Houses of the Year) 2017 for ELLI – residential building and studio
2017	Iconic Award architecture winner Wadden Sea Visitor Center
2016	Iconic Award architecture winner Campus Messestrasse
2013	Luigi Micheletti Award 2013 first prize for Military History Museum
2013	Iconic Award event / exhibition for Sasso San Gottardo
2009	World Architecture Community Awards , Nebra Ark
2008	Grand Prix Design , awarded by the Swiss Confederation for the complete works
2007	European Museum of the Year Award for Alpinarium Galtür

PUBLICATIONS

2011	Monograph Holzer Kobler Architekturen. Spatial Narratives , chinese-english, Architecture & Journalism, Beijing/Shanghai, China
2010	Monograph Holzer Kobler Architekturen. Mise en scène , Niggli Verlag, Sulgen, Switzerland
2010	Holzer Kobler Architekturen Mise en scène <ex.545> , Architektur Galerie Berlin, Germany
2007	Holzer Kobler Architekturen & iart (ed.) All We Need. A Book on Needs, Resources and Fairness , Lars Müller Publishers, Baden, Switzerland

TEACHING

since 2011	HEAD Haute école d'art et de design , Geneva, Switzerland, professorship Tristan Kobler
since 2010	PBSA Peter Behrens School of Arts , Dusseldorf, Germany, professorship Barbara Holzer
2009 – 11	ECAL Haute Ecole d'Art et de Design , Lausanne, Switzerland, professorship Tristan Kobler
2009	ETH Swiss Federal Institut of Technology , Switzerland, guest professorship Barbara Holzer and Tristan Kobler
2002 – 04	Ecole Nationale Supérieure des Beaux-Arts , Lyon, France, professorship Tristan Kobler