

## Our Jurors for the 2015 AIA Hong Kong Honors & Awards Program



**Mr. Leslie Lu HKIA, AIA**

Principal | Hong Kong Design Institute / Hong Kong Institute of Vocational Education  
Head | Department of Design, Vocational Training Council (VTC)

Leslie Lu received his Master of Architecture Degree from Yale University, and was the recipient of the Japan Ministry of Culture Monbusho Scholarship, which enabled him to conduct research in design and urban theory in Tokyo, Japan.

Mr. Lu presently serves as the Principal of the Hong Kong Design Institute & IVE (LWL) and as the Academic Director of Design Discipline at the VTC. Prior to joining HKDI, he was the Head of the Department of Architecture, The University of Hong Kong.

Mr. Lu has been a Visiting Professor at both Yale University and Delft University of Technology. He has also lectured and served as a design critic at Columbia University, Princeton University, Shenzhen University, Tongji University, Tsinghua University and the Chinese University of Hong Kong.



**Mr. Michael Ngu FSIA, AIA, ARAIA, RIBA**

Chief Executive Officer | Architects61

Michael Ngu graduated with a Bachelor Degree in Architecture from the University of Melbourne in 1980, where he was also the recipient of the Nell Norris Award. He subsequently obtained a double Masters Degree, in Architecture and City Planning, at The University of Pennsylvania.

Upon graduating, Ngu joined the office of IM Pei, in New York City. He was involved in various projects including The Mount Sinai Hospital Modernisation in New York City, the Creative Artists Agency in Los Angeles and the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum in Washington DC. After a brief time with KPF in New York and Sydney during the construction phase of The Bond Building, Ngu joined Architects 61 in 1990 and became a Director when the firm was incorporated in 1994 and now leads the firm's overseas projects in China, Malaysia, Indonesia and the Middle East.

Michael Ngu is registered in the US, Australia and Singapore. He is a member of the AIA, the Royal Australian Institute of Architects (RAIA), the Singapore Institute of Architects (SIA) and the Royal Institute of British Architects (RIBA) as well as the Urban Land Institute (ULI).

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**Mr. Michael Thanner Assoc. AIA**  
Principal Architect | Tange Associates, Tokyo

Michael Thanner is an architect and urban planner with more than 20 years experience working on high-profile masterplanning and building projects throughout Europe, Asia, and the United States.

He joined Tange Associates as Principal Architect in 2010 and has been leading the design of the Louis XIII Hotel in Macau, the Menara-UOB Tower in Kuala Lumpur, the Singaporean Ministry of Education Headquarters Building and other large-scale projects in Japan, China, Taiwan, Korea and the U.S.

Thanner holds two Masters Degrees from Columbia University and a Dipl.-Ing. Degree from FH Regensburg, Germany. Before joining Tange Associates, he worked for Richard Meier & Partners, Perkins Eastman and Gensler, and taught design studios at the School of Visual Arts in New York City. He is licensed in New York State and is a LEED Accredited Professional.



**Mr. Rocco Yim BBS, JP, FHKIA, RIBA, Hon. AIA (HK)**  
Executive Director | Rocco Design Architects

Rocco Yim was born and educated in Hong Kong and is currently Executive Director of Rocco Design Architects.

Since winning a First Prize Award in the L'Opéra de la Bastille international competition in 1983, his works have consistently received awards both in Hong Kong and overseas. Recent accolades include ARCASIA Gold Medals in 1994 and 2003, the World Architecture Festival category winner in 2010, Chicago Athenaeum Architectural Awards in 2006, 2011 and 2013, and the German Design Council Iconic Award and ULI Global Award in 2014.

Rocco is a regular speaker at many local and international symposia. His works have been published in numerous regional and global journals, and have been exhibited four times at the Venice Biennale over the last decade. He is currently an Honorary Professor at the Chinese University of Hong Kong (CUHK) Department of Architecture, an Advisory Council member for the UHK Department of Architecture, Adjunct Professor at HKU SPACE, Museum Adviser to the LCSD and a member of the IAF Council of International Advisors for the University of Southern California. He was conferred an Honorary Doctor of Social Sciences by the University of Hong Kong in 2013.

Rocco's work was published in *The City in Architecture* in 2003, *Being Chinese in Architecture* in 2004 and *Presence* in 2012. A new monograph, *Reconnecting Cultures*, was released in mid-2013.

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**Mr. Hannes Pfau**

Director | UNStudio

Hannes Pfau is a Partner in UNStudio and the Director of UNStudio Asia, with responsibility for offices in both Shanghai and Hong Kong. He currently manages several large-scale, high profile projects in China and elsewhere in the region, including the West Kowloon Lyric Theatre Complex and the mixed-use development Raffles City, Hangzhou.

Using an integrated approach to design and construction, Hannes' work emphasises on materialization, strategically complex geometries and building processes. Two of notable projects include the Mercedes-Benz Museum in Stuttgart and the Music University/Music Theater in Graz, where Hannes turned strong design ideas into reality through a new approach to design, and innovative construction methods.

Hannes Pfau graduated from the Technical University, Vienna, and joined UNStudio in 1997.