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Curriculum Vitae

Manuel Der Hagopian (born in 1971 in Geneva, Switzerland) graduated from the Geneva Institute of Architecture, Geneva, Switzerland (IAUG) and Belleville School of Architecture, Paris (ENSAPB). He is one of the original Partners of group8 architects, established in Geneva in 2000, and is a Co-founder and Partner at G8A in charge of operations at the Singapore and Ho Chi Minh offices. He also co-manages the offices in Geneva and Hanoi. His main responsibilities include design leadership and direction across the company for projects from their conceptual onset to completed construction.

In collaboration with international and local institutions, Manuel co-curates exhibitions at event hub TB80 Space in Singapore whilst simultaneously contributing to research and education through architectural studios and juries for a diversity of international architectural schools and cultural institutions.

Through G8A's think tank, aptly named 8+, he also pursues his strong interest in the consequences of a rapidly growing population's impact on the residential housing situation in Southeast Asia and in Modernism Architecture for its economic and social impacts in the architectural practice.

Manuel Der Hagopian is member of Federation of Swiss Architects (FAS) since 2012 and became member of Singapore Board of Architect (BOA) in 2022.

Professional Career

2007–present	Partner & Co-founder of G8A
2000–2013	Partner & Co-founder of group8
1998–2000	Practice as an independent architect with DHZ architects, Geneva

Professional Associations

2022	(BOA) Board of Architects, Singapore
2012	(BSA FAS) Federation of Swiss Architects
2006	(AGA) Association Genevoise d' Architectes
1998	(MPQ) Mandataire Professionnellement Qualifié

Education

1998	Master Degree in Architecture IAUG, Geneva Institute of Architecture. Geneva, Switzerland
1995–1997	Correspondence year in Paris Belleville School of Architecture Paris, France

Academic Experience

2017	Invited Professor at the Singapore University of Technology and Design (SUTD) studio " <i>High Density Seafront Housing</i> "
2016	Invited Professor at the Singapore University of Technology and Design (SUTD) studio " <i>Industrial Shelter</i> "

2015	Invited Professor at the Singapore University of Technology and Design (SUTD) studio <i>"New Sustainable Housing Mass"</i>
2006–2007	Invited Professor at the Master of Architecture University of Hanoi, Vietnam
Lectures	
2022	<i>"Contrast and Cohesion"</i> , RMIT Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam
2022	<i>"New Urban Housing"</i> , 12th Annual Affordable Housing Projects Forum Singapore
2021	<i>"Contrast and Cohesion"</i> , Van Lang University Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam
2020	<i>"Urban Manufacturing"</i> , NUS Singapore
2019	<i>"Contrast and Cohesion"</i> , Future Cities Laboratory ETH Centre Singapore
2018	<i>"Life In-Between - Contrast as Community Incubator"</i> Archifest 2018, Design for Life Singapore
2017	<i>"Punggol Waterway Terraces: Nature as Process"</i> , Urban Redevelopment Authority (URA) Singapore
2017	<i>"Contrast & Cohesion"</i> , Swiss Technology Impact Platform Singapore
2017	<i>"Architecture is Context"</i> , TEDxBadinh Hanoi, Vietnam
2017	<i>"Tropical Mass Housing Prototype"</i> , World Architecture Festival Berlin, Germany
2016	<i>"A Singapore Prototype"</i> , ETH Centre Singapore
2015	<i>"Architectural Paysage"</i> , Green Urbanscape Asia Singapore
2015	<i>"Sustainable Architecture: Time Is Now"</i> Round-table organized by the Alliance Française of Singapore Singapore
2014	<i>"Swiss-itude"</i> , ETH Center Future Cities Laboratory Singapore
Exhibitions	
2022	Co-Curator of the exhibition <i>"Equatorial Utopia : 50 Years of Visionary Architecture in Singapore"</i> , Maison de l'Architecture, Geneva & Venice Biennale of Architecture
2019	Co-Curator of the exhibition <i>"Building on Art : the 1st exhibition of Le Corbusier 's art in Singapore"</i> , TB80 Space Singapore
Projects	
Non-exhaustive list	
2022–present	Partner in Charge of the project "The Cliff Residences" Architecture service GFA: 120'000 m2, 860 units Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam
2022–2023	Partner in Charge of the project "Urban Education and Technology Software" Masterplanning service Bac Giang Province, Vietnam
2021–2022	Partner in Charge of the project "Bac Ninh IT Campus" Masterplanning service Bac Ninh Province, Vietnam
2019-2020	Partner in Charge of the project <i>"Hotel in Halong"</i> Architecture service Halong, Vietnam

2019	Partner in Charge of the project <i>"HCMC East Innovation District"</i> Shortlisted International competition, 2nd prize Site Area: 3'040'400 Ha Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam
2018-2020	Partner in Charge of the project <i>"New Green Halong"</i> Masterplanning service Site Area: 150 Ha Halong, Vietnam
2017-present	Partner in Charge of the project <i>"Infinity village"</i> Architecture service GFA: 70'000 m2 of offices Hanoi, Vietnam
2017-2021	Partner in Charge of the project <i>"Tropical Chalet"</i> Architecture service Danang, Vietnam
2017-2023	Partner in Charge of the project <i>"Tampines GreenVine"</i> International architecture competition, winning project GFA: 185'000 m2, 1'260 units Singapore
2016	Partner in Charge of the competition <i>"The Parks"</i> International architecture competition, winning project GFA: 180'000 m2 of hotel, luxury apartments and commercial retails Quy Nhon, Vietnam
2016	Partner in Charge of the competition <i>"Green Vertical City"</i> Invited architecture competition, winning project GFA: 70'000 m2 of office, housing, facilities and commercial center Hanoi, Vietnam
2015-2019	Partner in Charge of the project <i>"The Alps"</i> International architecture competition, winning project GFA: 45'000 m2, 600 units / Budget: 70 million USD Tampines, Singapore
2014-2016	Partner in Charge of the project <i>"Concrete Lace"</i> Architecture service GFA: 27'000 m2 of offices Hanoi, Vietnam
2013-2019	Partner in Charge of the project <i>"GreenRidges"</i> International architecture competition, winning project GFA: 220'000 m2, 2'000 units / Budget: 240 million USD Tampines North, Singapore
2012-2013	Partner in Charge of the project <i>"High Tech Landscape"</i> and <i>"Dots"</i> Architecture service GFA: 15'000 m2 of offices and multi-function pavilion / Budget: 10 million USD Hanoi, Vietnam
2012-2023	Partner in Charge of the project <i>"Oerlikon Gem"</i> Architecture service GFA: 30'000 m2, 100 units, offices and facilities Zurich, Switzerland
2009-2016	Partner in Charge of the project <i>"Punggol Waterway Terraces I & II"</i> International architecture competition, winning project GFA: 255'000 m2, 1'876 units / Budget: 265 million USD Singapore
2007	Partner in Charge of the project <i>"Nest Village"</i> Master - planning service Site area: 85 ha of high tech park Hanoi, Vietnam