



## HQ Architects ltd

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### **EREZ ELLA**

#### **Founding Partner, HQ Architects**

Erez Ella was born in Jerusalem in 1971 and studied Architecture at the Tel Aviv University and the TU Delft in the Netherlands.

Erez founded HQ architects in Tel Aviv in 2008 after spending several years as an Associate at OMA (1999 and 2005) and as Principal at REX (2006 to 2008). There, he led the TVCC project in Beijing, directed the design of the second scheme of the Whitney Museum in New York and oversaw, together with his former partner, the design of the Wyly Theatre in Dallas.

From Tel Aviv, Erez leads HQ Architects' design work of more than 20 different projects in Israel and around the globe, various in scale and program. HQ Architects exhibit an expanding portfolio of work among various sectors, including public spaces and infrastructure, a wide range of cultural and educational projects as well as offices, hotels and retail projects.

Recently, the practice's ability to rethink and challenge conventions led it to be part of US-Israeli team for NASA challenge "Habitat on Mars" - a challenge to establish a 3D printed habitat for future astronauts on Mars.

Erez's involvement extends far beyond the world of architectural design. He co-curated the Israeli Pavilion at the 2012 Venice Biennial of Architecture, and is the co-editor in chief of the architectural book titled "Aircraft Carrier - American Ideas and Israeli Architectures after 1973" (Hajte Cantz, 2012).

In 2011, Erez established and currently leads the 'Mechanism of Design and Urbanism' research unit at the Bezalel School of Architecture. Erez lectures extensively in Israel and abroad.

Erez Ella was named "The Most Promising Architects Under the Age of 40" by the Wallpaper Magazine, and in "The Most Promising Professionals Under the Age of 40" in Israel by The Marker Magazine.

He is also a member of the 'Jerusalem Season of Culture' board of directors.



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### **MATAN SAPIR**

#### **Partner**

Matan Sapir is a partner at HQ Architects.

He holds a Bachelor of Architecture from the Faculty of Architecture and Town Planning at the Technion (2002) and an MA from the School of Architecture at the Polytechnic University - Madrid (2007).

In 2009 Matan joined HQ Architects, and has since served as the head of the studio, currently managing a team of about 30 architects.

Prior to joining HQ Architects, Matan worked at Lot Architects (2002-2006) and at De Lapuerta + Asensio Madrid (2007-2009) where he was responsible for a variety of projects including a public housing project of 245 housing units in Seville and a Toledo theatre in Madrid.

Additional to his work at HQ Architects, Matan serves as a studio professor at the Department of Architecture in Bezalel Academy.

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### **RANNY SHOR**

#### **Project architect**

Ranny Shor is a project architect at HQ Architects.

He is a graduate of the faculty of Architecture and Town Planning at the Technion Institute (2009). Ranny Has worked in several architecture firms prior to joining HQ Architects in 2017. He Worked on various projects of all scales - from private houses, through residential buildings, office towers, and urban design.

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### **ISAM QAYMARI**

#### **Architect**

Isam Qaymari, born and raised in Jerusalem. Upon finishing high school he continued his undergraduate studies in Cyprus. He is a graduate of the Faculty of Architecture from the Eastern Mediterranean University / Cyprus (EMU) 2015.

He has worked in several firms as an intern before joining HQ Architects in 2015 as an architect. Since then, he has been working on a wide variety of projects, from concept to construction.



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### **RAZ ROZKIN**

#### **Architect**

Raz Rozkin has a Bachelor of Architecture from the Bezalel Academy of Arts and Design (2015). Since joining the HQ Architects in 2016, Raz has been involved in numerous projects, developing the early concept designs for projects of various scales and programme. In addition to her work at the office, she is an assistant adviser at the Architecture Department at Bezalel.