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Profile

STEFAN KRUMMECK, Principal Director of Farrells, holds over 30 years of experience designing awardwinning buildings, master plans and infrastructure- related projects that have shaped towns and cities throughout the world. His portfolio of built work covers Europe, Australia, Africa, and in particular the Asia-Pacific region

In addition to championing placemaking in the reshaping of existing urban environments, Stefan is involved in large-scale, strategically complex master planning on the northern shore of the world-famous Victoria Harbour. Recently Stefan led the WKCD Development Plan Consultancy Team with 15 world-class performing arts venues and the new cutting edge museum of visual arts M+ arguably the most significant cultural landmark for Hong Kong.

His interest in sustainable, transport oriented, high density development has also resulted in the opportunity to design several super high-rise towers, including KK 100, tallest completed tower in 2011, China Zun Tower – the tallest building in Beijing, Vattanac Capital Tower – first and tallest highrise in Cambodia and currently Jinan's 520m IFC Tower.

He is an advocate of big picture thinking and thought leadership, being an authority by delivering answers to big questions the market wants answers to, even to be seen as defining the big questions in the first place.

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Topic Title

SUPER DENSITY, THE 15-MINUTE CITY RETHOUGHT Hong Kong's Urbanity, a model for Sustainability and Wellbeing

Topic Abstract

Globally we edge toward unprecedented urbanization, what are the coming urban challenges urban dwellers are going to face in the future, particularly in high-dense cities like Hong Kong? How can we visualise design to address the urban challenges and constraints for better urban spaces and healthier urban living?

Perception of high-dense cities is undesirable with urban constraints. Through analysing Hong Kong and other high-dense cities with scientific data as case studies, showing that Hong Kong includes the crucial urban elements for forming a successful sustainable urban model.

Exiting urban complexity with limited urban extent, diverse urban and building typologies, and lack of public realm give challenges and constraints to Hong Kong. However, transit-oriented development and urban design with people first approach help addressing the three-dimensional relationship of buildings, spaces between and around them, and the surrounding landscape; fostering a creation of a liveable and sustainable urban environment for the high-density city.

Committed by the HKSAR Planning Department, the Urban Design Guidelines embrace the challenges and constraints, and provide strategic directions for the future city with regards to liveability, sustainability, walkability and wellness within a dense urban context. Hong Kong is a city that puts people first in the design of the built environment while embracing its distinctive natural assets and unique neighbourhood characters.

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