



Michele Zini

Architect and designer with ZPZ Partners (www.zpzpartners.it).

He carries out professional work and research in architecture and design; he is professor at the Design Faculty at Milan Polytechnic Institute (1998 > until now); he has been professor at the Domus Academy Master Courses in Design and Urban Management from 1995 to 2002; he's art director of PLAY+. Researches and works carried on with Domus Academy Research Centre and Reggio Children.

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He covers diverse thematic fields and project scales focusing on designs for innovative facilities and structures, both in terms of concept and formal qualities, from the meta-project design to construction management, with attention to sustainable architectural design. The professional architectural work focuses primarily on designing public and community service spaces (like nurseries, schools, hospitals), commercial spaces (shops, commercial centers, hotels), residential quarters.

His work as a designer focuses on furnishing systems for schools, residential communities, public places and home. The ZPZ Partners activity also includes corporate image design (Motorola, Unilever_Algida, Fap, Atlas), vision design, interior design.

In parallel he carries out extensive research: since 1995 with Domus Academy, in Milan, in teaching, conducting Master's workshops and collaborating with the Domus Academy Research Center; since 1992 with Milan Polytechnic, Design Faculty, in teaching and research activity; since 1994 with Reggio Children, Reggio Emilia, on new Learning Environments and relationship between pedagogy and architecture.

He held seminars and conferences as visiting professor or consultant in Italy and abroad: Harvard University (USA), UIAH University, Helsinki; Carnegie Mellon University, Pittsburgh (USA); Hogskolen i Telemark, Notodden e Vestfold University (Norway); R.E.Institute, Stockholm; CUBE, Manchester (UK), Making Space Conference, Edinburgh (Scotland), New London Architecture (UK).

He coordinated (with Giulio Ceppi) the research and book: "children, spaces, relations - a metaproject for the environment for young children", by DARC and Reggio Children (Reggio Children edition, Reggio Emilia 1998).

He has designed, with ZPZ Partners, the "childhood" section inside the huge Yokohama and Kobe Italian design exhibitions "Italy and Japan - Design as a Lifestyle".

He has just written, with Tullio Zini, the new guidelines for the school of the future, from Pre-school to High School, for MIUR, Ministry of Education in Italy.

He designed, with architect Claudia Zoboli, the furniture line "Atelier³", a 150 items line for nurseries and pre-schools developed together with Reggio Children. He is now coordinating a new furniture line, named PLAY+ (including PLAY+ SOFT), with activity of art direction and product design.

He has recently designed, or is currently designing, with ZPZ Partners, 16 nurseries and pre-schools: in Roma, Venezia, Modena, Milano, Parma, San Francisco, Tokyo.

> Clients

Tetra Pak • Motorola • Unilever_Algida • Unilever_Findus • Mitsubishi Research Institute • Aprica • Fondazione Cassa di Risparmio di Modena • Fondazione Manodori (CRRE) • Gruppo Marazzi • Gruppo Atlas Concorde_FAP Ceramiche_Caesar Ceramiche • Ferrari spa • McDonald's • RAS Assicurazioni • Azienda Ospedaliera di Modena • Gruppo Capitalia_Banca di Roma_Medio Credito Centrale • Banca Intesa • Cariparma_Credit Agricole • Musei Civici di Modena • STS • Telecom TIM • Vodafone • LPSI • RCS Media Group • COOP Estense • CMB di Carpi • Conad • Municipalities: Venezia, Roma, Modena, Reggio Emilia, Castelnuovo R. (Mo), Brescello (RE) • Maestro Pavarotti • Nikkei, Tokyo • Comune Shiodome, Tokyo • Shineikai, Tokyo.

> Recents projects (a selection)

- **Children Park in EXPO 2015**
architectural design of one of the 5 thematic areas for the Universal Exposition in Milano and design of the exhibit units.
Ongoing, Milano - architecture and design With Reggio Children and S.Maffei.
- **Arid Zones Cluster in EXPO 2015**
architectural design of the Arid Zones Cluster: both the 10 pavillions and the public spaces (market, exhibit, food, events) for the Universal Exposition in Milano .
Ongoing, Milano - architecture and design With Politecnico Milano, A.Biamonti, B.Camocini
- **CReM-Centre for Regenerative Medicine**
Advanced technology labs for staminal cells cultivation (BLS3) - 3.000 sqm
2006-2008, Modena - architecture and interiors - built
- **Centro Internazionale Loris Malaguzzi**
International Centre for childhood, with experimental school (children 3-10 yrs old), laboratories, atelier, convention centre, Reggio Children offices, documentation and educational research Centre, exhibit areas, restaurant, bar. 11.640 sqm
*2003-2009, Reggio Emilia - architecture and interiors - built
2000, international competition, 1st prize with T.Zini*
- **Al Bada'a Campus**
Campus for 3.500 students, from 4 to 16 years old: an integrated environment for learning. 21.000 sqm.
2012, Dubai - preliminary project, under approval
- **Japly: Master Plan in Shiodome, Tokyo**
Master plan for residential, cultural and facilities area in Sio-site n°5, Shiodome, Tokyo; including project of buildings facades, central square, model shop and residential interiors, urban center and Triennale di Milano in Tokyo.
2004-2006, Tokyo - architecture and interiors - built with DARC + arch. T.Zini
- **Motorola Service Centres in Italiy**
Concept for 150 Motorola centres (flagship stores), interior and prodcut design for 10 pilot shops. Design for Vitra.
1999, competition, 1st prize 2000-2001 - architecture and interiors - built in 10 cities.
- **Algida (Unilever/Sagit) reational spaces**
Metaproject, brand image and interior design of:
- *Ice Cream Brand Development Center* for Unilever, R&D offices, Roma; - 1.000 sqm
- relax rooms and restaurant for workers in Unilever factory, in Caivano (Na) - 1.200 sqm
- brand image of the factory campus;
2000-2002 - architecture and interiors - built. with DARC
- **New wards in Modena General Hospital**
Obstetrics and delivery rooms (3.000 sqm), Surgery department (1070 sqm)
Endocrinology centre (600 sqm)
1998-2005, Modena - architecture and interiors - built
- **LPSI, nursery and preschool, for 60 children, 600 sqm**
2011, San Francisco -architecture + interiors - built
- **Ambassador Kindergarden, nursery and preschool, for 500 children**
2012, Dubai -architecture + interiors - built
- **Nido Takadanobaba, children centre, 180 children, 1.500 sqm**
2007, Tokyo -architecture + interiors - built