ARCHITECTURE
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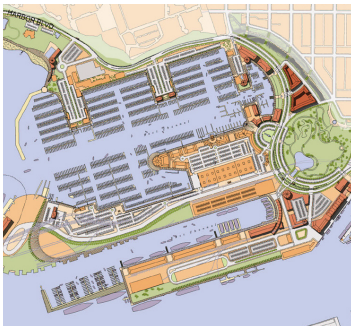
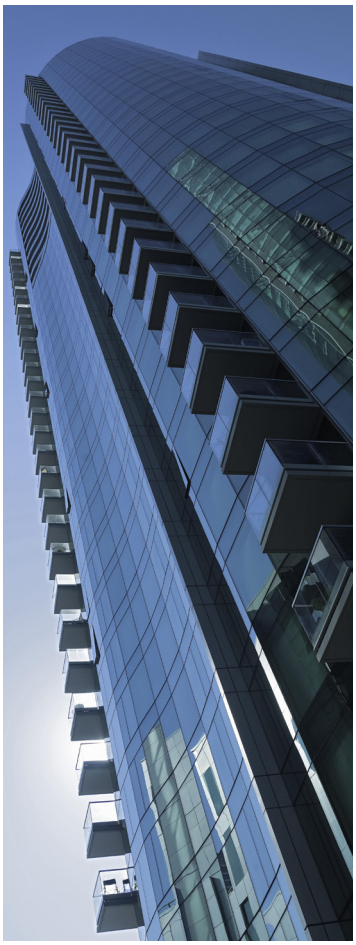
FIRM PROFILE & EXPERIENCE





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Firm Profile

nKLOSURES [n.kloh.zhers] is a full service Architecture, Planning and Landscape design firm that was founded in Orange County, California, USA. The firm has grown successfully with multiple design projects locally, nationwide and internationally. The practice is based on Architectural and Interior Design for residential, commercial and hospitality projects that range from the planning and design of new projects to the optimization of existing buildings and spaces. In addition, the firm's strength in Planning and Landscape design has led to many successful projects which vary from recreational and mixed-use developments to waterfront and master planning of new communities around the world.

The firm's philosophy and practice are founded on understanding each clients' needs and project goals. We are committed to excellence in design, service, ecological responsibility and utilizing state of the art design tools and techniques with a hands-on approach.

Design Approach

At nKLOSURES, our design philosophy is based on creating dynamic and elegant design solutions. We aim to create an efficient balance between architecture and landscape by erasing the boundaries between the inside and outside. We believe that outdoor space is an integral part of a good design and as such, should be given equal importance as the building itself.
With a wide array of experience and attention to detail, we work towards combining aesthetics and feasibility in order to design spaces that maintain everyday liveability.

Practice

nKLOSURES is a full service Architecture firm offering various services including but not limited to the following:

Design and Documentation
Master Planning
Landscape Design
Feasibility Studies
Planning and Approvals
Interior Space Planning and Design

Site Selection
Programming & Existing Space Analysis
Tenant Space Planning
3D Renderings & Visualizations
Renovations and Remodeling
Construction Administration

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Nikhil Kamat, AIA

Principal and Founder

Nikhil Kamat is the founding Principal of nKLOSURES. Nikhil studied architecture from the renowned Sir J.J. College of Architecture in Mumbai (formerly Bombay), India. Soon after receiving his architecture degree, Nikhil was accepted in the master's degree program in landscape architecture at the University of Southern California in Los Angeles (U.S.A). His decision to pursue a higher degree in landscape architecture was made to broaden his expertise and was also based on his philosophy that outdoor space is an integral part of good architectural design. As part of his master's thesis project, Nikhil was invited to work on a project that involved California State Parks under the guidance of distinguished Professor Achva Stein, a recipient of multiple international design awards. The main objective of his thesis was to manage the conflict over public and private land use between the State of California and the residents of El Morro mobile home community through design solutions. Nikhil's proposed solutions were instrumental in bringing the two sides to a peaceful resolution, which concluded in an extension of the community's lease on the property.

After receiving his master's degree, Nikhil joined the prestigious architecture and planning firm, Gruen Associates, based in Los Angeles, California. During his tenure with them, Nikhil's prior experience of working on various projects in India helped him to develop the master plan for a new community consisting of more than 10,000 acres for the Sahara India Pariwar. The community was planned to include seven distinct neighborhoods developed around recreational facilities, themed entertainment centers, and educational and high-tech employment centers. In addition, Nikhil also managed various projects for high-end retail stores located throughout the United States, Canada and Mexico, such as Louis Vuitton, Lladro and Neiman Marcus.

After working with EE&K Architects on a waterfront development project in San Pedro, California, in 2004 Nikhil joined Arquitectonica, a multinational firm with projects in over 40 countries around the world. In addition to managing a variety of projects, Nikhil went on to become the Project Manager and assumed role of Project Architect of one of the single largest residential development projects in San Francisco for Trinity Properties. The project named "Trinity Place," includes a total of 1,900 residential units and more than 60,000 square feet of retail space in multiple phases of completion: phase-one construction was completed in February 2010, and phase-two construction is scheduled to begin in January 2012.

Since its inception in 2011, nKLOSURES's work has been published and getting recognition. Over his 15-year professional career, Nikhil has worked on a variety of projects involving architecture, interior, landscape and planning, not only diversifying his portfolio but also showcasing his design talents and expertise.

EDUCATION

Master of Landscape Architecture
University of Southern California

Bachelor of Architecture
University of Bombay, India

PROFESSIONAL ACCREDITATION

California Licensed Architect

Architect Member,
The American Institute of Architects

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EXPERIENCE

Architecture

High Rise Residential

Grand Avenue Parcel M - Los Angeles, CA*
The Infinity - San Francisco, CA*
201 Folsom - San Francisco, CA*
Trinity Place*-
Phase 1 (1188 Mission) - San Francisco, CA
Phase 2 (1190 Mission) - San Francisco, CA
Figure - San Francisco, CA
41 Tehama - San Francisco, CA*

Low Rise Residential

Vacation Bungalows - Lonavala, India
Belmont Place Residence - Cerritos, CA
Market & Buchanan - San Francisco, CA*
The Gables - Van Nuys, CA
Noor Residence - Los Angeles, CA
Rose Residence - Los Angeles, CA

Retail/ Interior Architecture

Louis Vuitton Stores-
Rodeo Drive - Beverly Hills, CA^
Century City Mall - Century City, CA^
Caesers Palace - Las Vegas, NV^
Santa Fe - Santa Fe, NM^
Pioneer Place - Portland, OR^

Lladro Stores-
Aventura Mall- Miami, FL^
Ala Moana- Honolulu, Hawaii^

Neiman Marcus Stores-
Fashion Island - Newport Beach, CA^
Union Square - San Francisco, CA^

Hotel and Resort

HLand Hotel - Hollywood, CA
Hotel NUE - Hollywood, CA
Hotel LIVE- Los Angeles, CA
Carpinteria Hotels - Carpinteria, CA
IKON Boutique Hotel - North Hollywood, CA
LUXEN Hotel - Newhall, CA
Fairfield Inn & Suites (Marriott)- Alameda, CA
Downtown Hotel- Los Angeles, CA
Burbank Hotel- North Hollywood, CA
Pacoima Hotel- Pacoima, CA
Hotel and Convention Center- Mumbai, India

Educational/Institutional

Center for Early Education- Los Angeles, CA^
Norwood Elementary School -Los Angeles, CA^

Master Planning

The Gables - Van Nuys, CA
Aamby Valley City - Lonavala, India^
Trinity Place - San Francisco, CA*
New Istanbul - Istanbul, Turkey*
Vacation Bungalows- Lonavala, India
El Morro Village - Laguna Beach, CA
Jabaal Al Kabaa Development- Makkah*

Landscape

Mini Park- Los Angeles, CA
Private Residence- Orange County, CA
Crematorium- Surat, India
Joggers Park - Mumbai, India
Small Lot Design- Lonavala, India
Pentagon Memorial Competition- Arlington, VA

* WHILE EMPLOYED AT ARQUITECTONICA

^ WHILE EMPLOYED AT GRUEN ASSOCIATES

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"Hotel Breaks Ground, pub-restaurant brewing in Downtown Newhall".

Princeton Architectural Press, 2007
"Coney Island: The Parachute Pavilion Competition"

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