

# cityfōrster

## architecture + urbanism

CITYFÖRSTER was founded in 2005 as an interdisciplinary partnership of architects, engineers, and urban planners that operates internationally, with employees from more than 10 countries.

Our team, led by eight partners, is spread across offices in Berlin, Hamburg, Hanover, Tirana, and Rotterdam. With our cooperation partners throughout Europe, we operate locally, regionally, and internationally as a cross-border, interdisciplinary expertise network.

CITYFÖRSTER designs, guides, and implements projects. Our services cover the entire spectrum from concept to execution and project management. Our fields of activity lie in the areas of housing, working, learning, city, and region. We specialize in strategic planning, international development projects, and experimental, resource-friendly, and recyclable construction. Our areas of focus are educational architecture, new work environments, and forms of housing, sustainable tourism, public spaces, and innovative mobility concepts.



**MARTIN SOBOTA**  
architect /urban planner

Martin is a founding partner of CITYFÖRSTER architecture + urbanism and managing partner of the office in Rotterdam. Martin is responsible for strategic location development and international construction. He specializes in architecture and urban design with a socio-economic impact – in the Netherlands, Southeast Europe, and Southeast Asia, but especially in emerging economies such as sub-Saharan Africa. Martin works as a consultant for such organizations as the KfW Development Bank, the World Bank, and UN Habitat.



**ISABEL DRIESSEN**  
architect

Isabel is a senior architect at Cityörster in Rotterdam. She has 7 years of international experience in the field of architecture, interior design and urban planning. Isabel studied Architecture at TU Delft, where she graduated with a Master of Science in Architecture with Honours. During her studies she participated in an exchange program at SCIArc, Los Angeles. Isabel has worked at Royal Haskoning Architects in Amsterdam, Eric Owen Moss Architects in Los Angeles, Spark Architects in Beijing and co-founded KANTOOR in Beijing before joining Cityörster in Rotterdam.

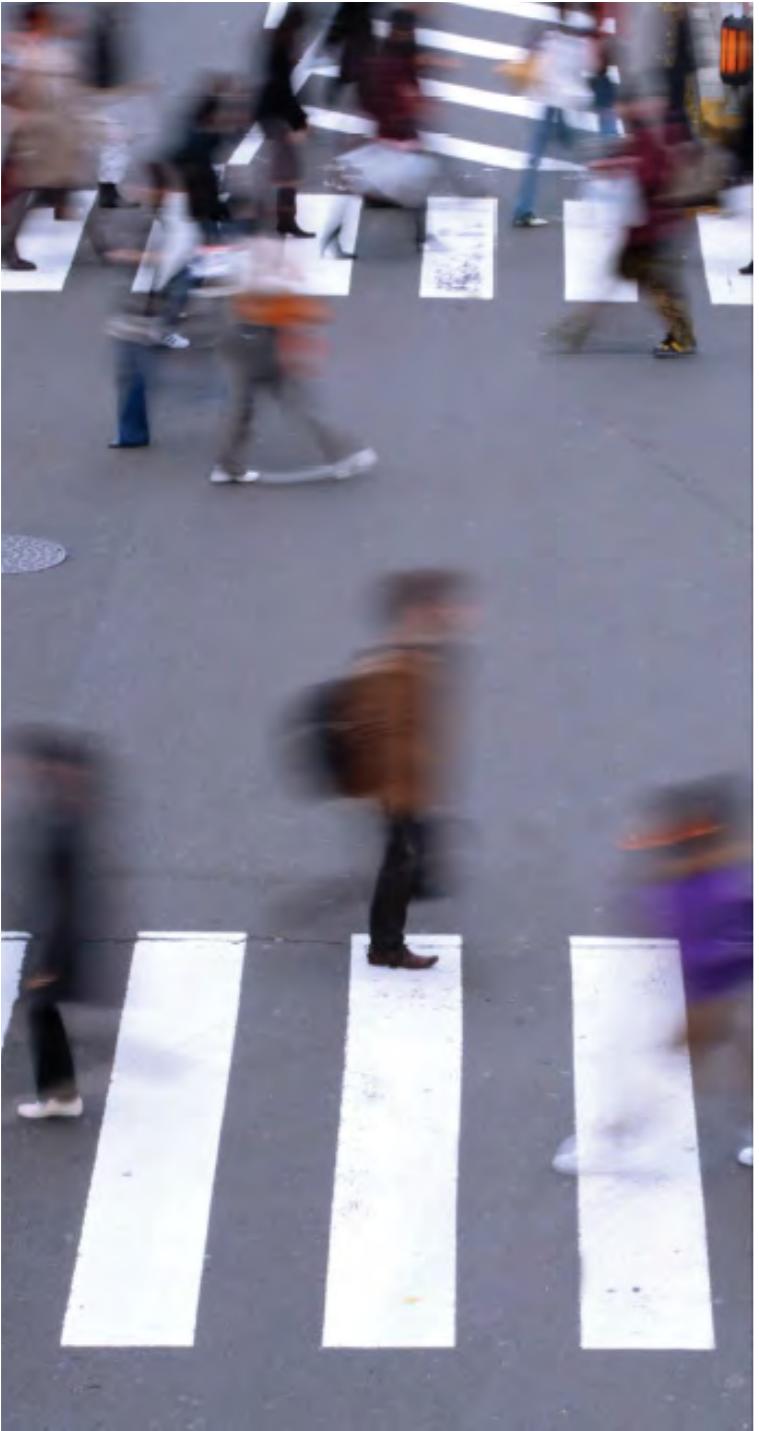


**PIOTR KALBARCZYK**  
architect

Piotr Kalbarczyk is currently an architect at CITYFÖRSTER in Rotterdam. He has wide international work experience, i.e. for Bauart Architekten und Planer in Zürich and for BARCODE Architects in Rotterdam. He has previously worked on feasibility studies and concept development on different scales, client consultancy, preliminary and detailed designs, tender drawings and documents, specifications, bills of quantities and site supervision. His background and experience have led to him, at a relatively young age, taking the role as project architect on the Cultural District in Bratislava for CITYFÖRSTER.

# **move mobility**

*smart moving cities*



## Who

We are experts in urban mobility. Our international team holds extended experience in mobility, urban planning, sustainability and communication. We look at the human side of mobility with an open mind and we are driven by our passion for improving the quality of urban space.

## What

We provide integrated urban planning and transport solutions to create liveable places. Our goal is to improve accessibility, liveability, safety and economic vitality in countries, regions and cities by providing guidance towards the establishment of a sustainable transport and mobility system.

## How

We connect people, networks and partners with a single goal: to create Smart Moving Cities! We participate in projects and business opportunities and define our projects in close collaboration with our partners.

## Where

In recent years we have worked on projects in Europe: The Netherlands, Germany, Georgia, Belgium; Africa: Uganda, Kenya, Mozambique, South Africa, Sao Tomé en Principe; the Americas: USA, Mexico, Argentina and Asia (the Middle East): Palestinian Territories, Iraq, Turkey.



## **TONNY BOSCH**

CEO of MOVE Mobility, senior traffic consultant

Tonny has more than 30 years of working experience in the field of traffic engineering and planning. "Creating better cities" – that's what motivates him. He studied Traffic Engineering at the Traffic Academy in Tilburg.

Tonny has worked on sustainable mobility and transport issues in and with cities all over the world: the Netherlands (various cities), Köln – Bonn (Germany), Tbilisi (Georgia), London (the UK), São Paulo (Brazil), Cuernavaca, Villahermosa (Mexico), Kampala (Uganda), Lagos (Nigeria), Houston, Memphis, Austin (the USA), Nairobi (Kenya), Cape Town (South Africa) among others.

### Key qualifications

- Integrated planning
- Traffic and transportation planning for large scale area development, experienced in strategic network, cycling systems, institutional arrangements and policy development
- Extensive experience in working with and leading multi-disciplinary teams
- Extensive experience in facilitating and moderating workshops and in managing stakeholders' consultation processes.



## **REYHANEH SAFARI**

Urban planner

My interests lie in "How to create resilient, sustainable and livable cities".

Increasing traffic congestion is a major factor in large and growing metropolitan areas across the world including most of the cities in Iran. I grew up in Tehran, a city that urgently needs sustainable solutions.

I studied Urban Development Engineering in Iran. With this background, I came to the Netherlands to study Urban and Regional Planning. When I arrived in The Netherlands I was amazed by the multimodality in this country. That is why I decided to do my internship and thesis on Mobility Planning in Iran at MOVE Mobility. I have been working at MOVE Mobility since 2017. This year I also joined the international team of Excellent Cities (partners are Goudappel, APPM and MOVE Mobility [www.excellent-cities.com](http://www.excellent-cities.com)). My ambition is to build a new bridge between Iran and The Netherlands.

# OPENFABRIC

OPENFABRIC is a Landscape Architecture and Urban Design practice based in Rotterdam [NL] and Milan [IT], founded in 2011 by Francesco Garofalo. It is currently engaging in various countries such as Netherlands, Italy, Russia, China, UAE, Georgia, Albania, Colombia and Peru. Responding to the large variety of possibilities that the intersection of city, society and nature creates, our projects cover several fields of action. They range from urban installations through public space design, to large landscape strategic plans; waterfronts, campuses, squares, streetscapes, parks and playgrounds. We cover the many facets of public realm processes with our experience and by involving in our team, for each project, specialists from other fields of expertise. Openfabric work has been awarded and widely exhibited.

Openfabric is led by:

Francesco Garofalo [Founder]  
Jacopo Gennari Feslikenian [Team manager, Rotterdam]  
Matteo Motti [Team manager, Milan]



## FRANCESCO GAROFALO

Landscape architect

Francesco was born in France in 1983. He moved to the Netherlands in 2008 where he founded Openfabric in 2011; office specialized in landscape architecture for contemporary cities, with a special focus on complex social dynamics and public urban spaces. Francesco Garofalo studied Landscape Architecture in 'Van Hall Larenstein' Arnhem, the Netherlands and in 'Genoa University' where he graduated 'cum Laude' in 2009. Francesco is lecturing internationally on a continuous base. He has been adjunct professor in Amsterdam Academy, Rotterdam Academy and Politecnico di Milano since 2016.



## JACOPO GENNARI FESLIKENIAN

Architect / Urban designer

Jacopo studied Architecture at Politecnico di Milano, performing an Erasmus programme at DA/UAL in Lisbon (Portugal). He then moved to Porto to attend FAUP (Faculty of Architecture University of Porto).

In January 2016, he moved to Rotterdam, the Netherlands, where he joined Openfabric. Since then he has been leading a wide range of projects, ranging from small to large scale, as a project leader in the field of Landscape Architecture and Urbanism in Asia, Europe, South America and Middle East. Jacopo has been co-teaching the studio 'XL Feyenoord' at the RAOB Rotterdam in 2017.



## MATTEO MOTTI

Architect / Urban Planner

Matteo Motti was born in Italy in 1985. He study at Politecnico in Milan, Lisbon (Portugal) and KU Leuven in Belgium. In 2013 was part of a multidisciplinary team for the project "Historic City Conservation and Urban Regeneration", In Bryansk (RU) and in 2012 he was part of a multidisciplinary team (OSA/KUL and Leidal) for the "Hoog Kortrijk Structure Plan" in Kortrijk (BE). Since September 2017 is Adjunct Professor at Politecnico di Milano. In May 2017 he joined Openfabric where he has been involved as a project leader for landscape architecture and urbanism in a wide range of projects in Asia, Europe and Russia.

## **De locatie als kruising van driedimensionale stromen.**

Marconiplein is het kruispunt van verschillende systemen: mobiliteit, verdediging (dijken), ecologie en economie (ontwikkeling M4H). Maar om de aard van de locatie te begrijpen, kunnen deze stromen ook worden herkend aan hun verticale dynamiek: economie (winkels / detailhandel op verschillende niveaus), mobiliteit (metro / tram / auto's / fietsen), defensie (grondwaterpeil), ecologie (belang van de bodem en zijn verticale gelaagdheid).

### **Open-up.**

We stellen een strategie voor die gebaseerd is op subtraheren. Het creëren van doorzichten door het verwijderen van vloeren, muren (enz.), zal de verticale complexiteit zich ontspieren naar gebruiker en verder gaan dan de 'gelaagde scheiding' van natuur, infrastructuur, mobiliteit ten gunste van flexibele, gemengde en alomvattende oplossingen.

Open-up betekent ook een meer geïntegreerde manier van omgaan met water en het blootstellen hiervan om een motor te worden voor het verbeteren van de openbare ruimte.

### **Re-connect.**

De locatie zou opnieuw kunnen worden ontworpen op basis van nieuwe verticale verbindingen. Deze samenhang kan van aard verschillen, bijvoorbeeld: aanzicht, toegankelijkheid en programma. Dat laatste kan een belangrijke rol spelen bij het verbinden van niveaus die momenteel gescheiden zijn. Restaurants en winkels met meerdere verdiepingen kunnen programmatisch opnieuw verbinding maken met de ondergrond, de grond en het bovengrondse.

OV-Infrastructuren zoals fietsenstallingen kunnen actieve openbare ruimtes worden die op dezelfde manier nieuwe dwarsverbindingen genereren en de ruimte aantrekkelijker maken.

### **Ruimte voor voetgangers en openbaar vervoer creëren.**

Meer ruimte voor voetgangers en openbaar vervoer! Het grappige aan deze uitspraak is dat dit enkel ruimte oplevert! Kijk maar naar het plaatje!

