

## Louis Becker Partner & Design Principal, Architect MAA, Professor (Adj.)

As Design Principal and partner, Louis Becker comprises half of the executive management at Henning Larsen, together with CEO Mette Kynne Frandsen. Over the years, Becker has played an integral role in the internationalization of Henning Larsen, and he remains a driving force behind expanding the practice's global impact. Becker is spearheading Henning Larsen's entry and positioning in the North American market: Having opened a New York City studio in the fall of 2018, Henning Larsen's expanding portfolio now includes the Carl H. Lindner College of Business at the University of Cincinnati in Ohio, the Consolidated Office Building in Minneapolis, Minnesota and the Etobicoke Civic Centre in Toronto, Canada. Over three decades at Henning Larsen, Becker has cultivated a wide spectrum of international experience, including expertise in cultural and commercial architecture, universities and masterplan development. Louis oversees and has ultimate responsibility for Henning Larsen's design profile, ensuring the quality of competition proposals and maintaining architectural standards in subsequent planning.

Taking a context-driven approach to the design process, Becker approaches every project with the conviction that architecture must speak directly to users and give back to the society in which it exists. His design philosophy represents a distinct blend of global stewardship, aesthetic commitment and personal sensibility. This approach is uniquely evident in the Harpa Concert Hall and Conference Center (winner of the 2013 Mies van der Rohe Award) in Reykjavík, Iceland, the Kiruna City Hall in Kiruna, Sweden, and the Eystur Town Hall in Norðragøta, Faroe Islands.

In 2008, Louis was appointed Adjunct Professor at the Aalborg University Institute of Architecture, Design and Media Technology. He is also a highly requested public speaker at universities throughout Denmark and abroad, and he regularly sits on the juries of international competitions. In 2011, he received the Eckersberg Medal from the Royal Danish Academy of Fine Arts, in recognition of his excellent contributions to elevating the global presence of Danish architecture.

## **Professional experience**

Henning Larsen, 1989

## Education

Aarhus Architectural School, 1989 Executive Education at The Wharton School, University of Pennsylvania, 2010