

VANCOUVER WEST SIDE

The architect.

Arno Matis, principal — Arno Matis Architecture.

THE PEDIGREE.

TOP 40 LEADING GLOBAL DESIGN FIRM · TWO CONSECUTIVE YEARS

“Outstanding, forward-thinking people and organizations who have the demonstrable potential to be the next big thing in the architectural world.”

— WORLD ARCHITECTURE NEWS

THE PRINCIPAL.



Arno Matis — Principal

Arno Matis brings over 29 years of experience delivering award-winning architecture across greater Vancouver and internationally. As a former Senior Director of Bing Thom Architects, he designed and managed landmark projects including Arena Stage in Washington, D.C. and Vancouver's Sunset Community Centre, and led Hotel Georgia through the first rezoning under Vancouver's Tall Building Policy.

A mid-scale practice by design, Arno Matis Architecture keeps its principal personally involved in the design and management of every project — including Ōku.

EDUCATION

Master of Design Studies,
Harvard GSD
B.Arch (Hons), University of
Oregon
MBA, Queen's University
Certificate in Finance, LSE

APPOINTMENTS

Vancouver Planning
Commission
UBC Design Panel Chair
City of Vancouver Urban
Design Panel

SELECTED WORK.



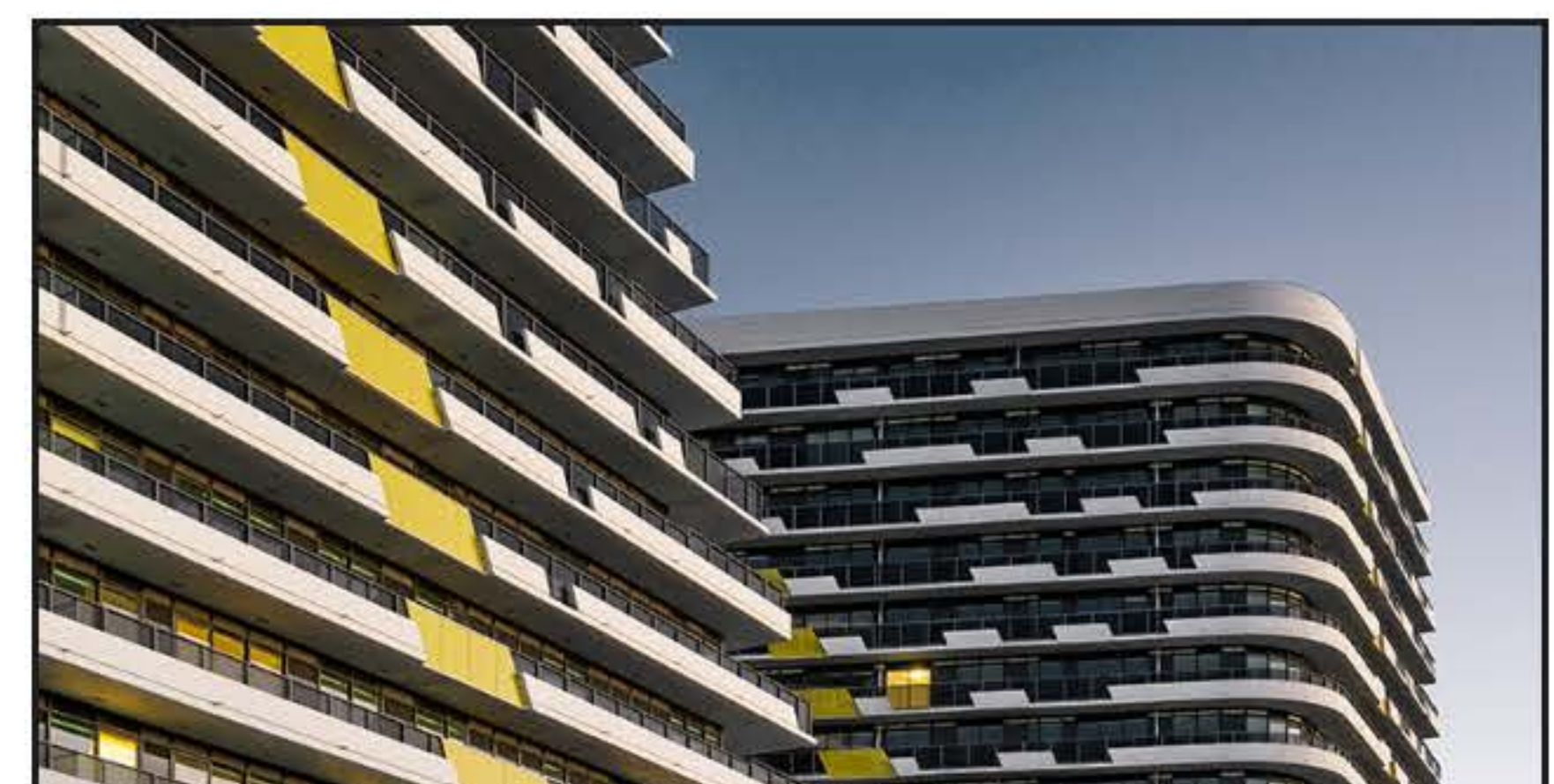
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American Architecture Prize 2017 ·
International Property Award, Best
Multi-Res, Americas



SEMAIAH • WHITE ROCK

Wind-shaped waterfront tower on
the Semiahmoo shoreline



CASCADE CITY • RICHMOND

Terraced twin towers defining
Richmond's civic core

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The design rationale.

FORM & SITE.

Situated at Vancouver's southern gateway, Ōku's striking form makes a visual statement in a prestigious, traditionally residential west side neighbourhood — pairing an enviable location with easy access to urban life along the Oak and Cambie corridors.

ENVELOPE & ENERGY.

The design begins with the Ōku shell: a high-performance envelope exceeding LEED Gold, with 30% thicker exterior walls, solid concrete construction, and window and wall design that reduces sound transmission by 35db. High-efficiency VRF air-conditioning and individual suite metering carry that thinking into every home.

INTERIORS, IN TWO PALETTES.

Living spaces are defined by floor-to-ceiling windows; select homes include moveable wall systems for a customizable live/sleep room. Interiors are designed by Portico Design Group in two refined schemes, Light and Dark, with fully-integrated Gaggenau kitchens, quartz counters and oversized porcelain backsplashes.

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