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Bing Thom Architects'
"Master Builder" approach
to Architecture.

Dynamics of Architect-
Led Design-Build Project
Delivery Strategies
for Engineered Wood
Architectural Designs

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Bing Thom Architects has long espoused the "Master Builder" approach to architecture, breaking down the isolation that often exists between design and construction and working directly with the contractors and trades to develop innovative and cost effective solutions to unusual building configurations. Our office is a working studio and a core part of our work involves the research and development of new building materials and systems. This takes the form of in-house research including the building of full-scale mock-ups in our office parking lot and working directly with the trades and contractors to ensure what we design can be constructed simply and efficiently. As an extension to this approach to design, our office has developed what we coined "Architect- Led Design Build Procurement Strategy" for the delivery of these innovative design solutions whereby the Architect leads and collaborates with the Contractor to achieve the Architect's design goals and jointly delivered award winning projects within the Owner's budget and schedule.

About the Speaker

Francis Yan has over thirty seven years of extensive international experience in design, project and construction contract management and technical troubleshooting. After graduating in Architecture from the University of Hong Kong he worked for some leading firms there before moving to Toronto's Moffat Kinoshita and Associates Inc. He returned to Asia to spend six years in Singapore working on the \$1.2 billion Singapore International Convention and Exhibition Centre Project. While in Singapore, he enlisted in and obtained a Master of Science Degree in Project Management from the National University of Singapore.

Joining BTA in 1999, Francis excels in design, project management, delivery and construction administration and these attributes enables him to embrace the design concepts formulated by the design leads and carry through the design development, documentation, procurement and successful delivery of BTA's largest and most complex and award winning projects.

Francis served as Practice Consultant for the AIBC's Practice Standards Consultation Service and was a member of the Institute's Contracts Committee. An avid practitioner of BTA's "Master Builder" approach to Architecture, Francis has built a strong relationship of collaboration with the local trades and was a member of the Canadian Design Build Institute between 2007 and 2013 where he introduced the firm's "Designer Led Design Build Procurement Strategy" to its members at its 2007 Annual Conference.

With BTA's award of the Xiqu Centre project in Hong Kong, Francis is now living full-time in Hong Kong and is Managing Director of the Xiqu Centre project and BTA's Hong Kong office. Francis is a Registered Architect in Hong Kong and a member of the Hong Kong Institute of Architects and had served as an Authorised Person (Architect) between 1984 and 1995.

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