

David Hertz, FAIA, LEED AP

S.E.A. Principal Design Architect

Education:

Bachelor of Architecture

(SCI-ARC) The Southern California Institute of Architecture

David Hertz is the founder and president of David Hertz FAIA Architects, Inc. and S.E.A.: The Studio of Environmental Architecture, which he established in 1984. David graduated with a Bachelor of Architecture Degree from the Southern California Institute of Architecture (SCI-ARC) in 1983 and worked in the office of Architect, John Lautner FAIA for several years. After travel and study in Europe, David returned to serve his internship in the office of Frank O. Gehry and Associates FAIA before opening his own firm in 1984.

In 2007, David was awarded the Distinguished Alumni award from SCI-ARC and in 2008 was elected to the prestigious American Institute of Architects College of Fellows as one of its youngest members in its over 155 year history. David Hertz' award winning work has been widely published and exhibited internationally; though too numerous to list, some highlights include exhibitions in the Museum of Modern Art (MOMA), The Smithsonian Museums of Natural History and the National Building Museum, the Cooper Hewitt Museum as well as inclusion the Venice and Istanbul Architectural biennale's, having won the American Architecture Award in 2009 and 2012 respectively.



The work of S.E.A has been included in over a hundred books and periodicals worldwide. Key highlights include two covers of Dwell, included in Met Home's Design 100 was featured in a profile in Vanity Fair Magazine. Recently, Hertz' 747 Wing House won a 2012 Record Houses award and the 2016 Architizer A+ Award. In 2017 A monograph, The Restorative Home, Ecological Houses of David Hertz was published by Oro Press.

In 2019, David won the Water Abundance XPRIZE making water from air, and his invention the WEDEW was listed in TIME magazine's best inventions of 2020.