# PORTFOLIO

# Who

Imaginative, insightful, independent, grounded, tenacious, considerate, composed, curious, critical thinker...

I am a reliable designer, photographer, and artworker with over 17 years of professional experience (in the USA and in Europe), who enjoys working on a variety of projects that involve different stages of the creative process. I have a vast experience in translating ideas into visual content, whether it's for publication/editorial, branding, social media, or other marketing materials.

My strength lies in my adaptability, responsiveness, meticulous & caring creative approach, thinking about the big picture, as well as the smallest details. I am a natural problem solver and mediator bound to tackle any challenge in a sensible and diplomatic way. I am optimistic, open-minded, and imaginative.

I get inspired by intelligent design, sustainable fashion and practices, architecture, travel, arts, quantum physics, geometry, as well as simple beauties of our everyday life.

# What

#### MY STRENGTHS

- Optimistic & resilient attitude
- Open-minded & flexible
- Passionate & energetic
- Dedicated & hard-working
- Empathetic

#### MY SPECIALITIES

- Logo Design & Visual Identity
- Branding Development
- Publication & Editorial Graphic Design
- Marketing Visuals
- Social Media Content Creation
- Digital Photography & Photo editing

# Why

"Lucia is a pleasure to work with and I have found her knowledge in her field wide ranging. Lucia can not only deliver great work from a digital perspective but has a great eye with the paintings she creates from an artistic 'old school' point of view. Lucia is a very positive person to have around and I would whole heartedly endorse her to anybody who has the good fortune to work with her on future projects."

## **Antony Sayer**

Creative Lead, (Formerly) OLIVER

"Lucia has helped me in producing various pieces of artwork, from exhibition stand designs, through to detailed product brochures. She rapidly understands the brief for any project and works quickly to produce beautiful, fresh designs. She is responsive and always delivers on time."

## **Chris Jones**

Founder of The Knot Agency

"We interviewed several freelance candidates for a particularly busy period of work. Within 10 minutes of meeting Lucia and going through some of her work, we knew we had found the right candidate. Lucia is an absolute joy to work with. She fitted into and worked alongside the team seamlessly, understanding the complexities of the brief/s working at speed and accuracy. I would have no hesitation in hiring Lucia again. A consummate professional. Highly recommended."

## **Gursh Matharu**

Creative Director, (Formerly) ADM Promotions

"Lucia has always been a joy to work with. She has an excellent work attitude and does what it takes to get the job done correctly and on time. She grasps difficult concepts quickly and comes up with creative solutions when time is short and the volume of work to complete is high. Lucia is an asset to any company that works with her."

## **Amy Cleary**

Education Manager, JACH

" Lucia is an excellent freelance designer who came to our rescue when we needed urgent help. She was able to jump right in and work with minimal supervision. Lucia is a well rounded designer and she delivered great results on time. The entire team enjoyed working with her so much that we tried to get her back for other projects, but being so popular made her hard to come by. Therefore anyone who gets to work with Lucia should count themselves lucky."

## Joerg Metzner

Design Director, Rand McNally

"I was very fortunate to work with Lucia on a few projects. Lucia was very quick picking up what I was trying to accomplish. She would always do whatever it takes to get the job done. Lucia is creative and very detail oriented. I liked her work very much!"

## **Stephanie Conrady**

Product Manager, Uline

# RÉSUMÉ



Profile



Specialties
Skills
Applications



Experience

LUCIA RUSINAKOVA | lucia@bringintoreality.com | +1 224 246 0024 | www.linkedin.com/in/luciarusinak

- · Versatile & reliable creative designer with over 17 years of experience
- · Natural problem solver insightful & composed, compassionate & empathetic, stoic & steady
- · Enthusiastic & resourceful person with a down-to-earth attitude and an excellent eye for detail
- · Passionate about authentic branding, refined design, special print finishes, travel, and painting
- · Experienced in conceptual & production aspects of graphic design
- · Open-minded, analytical, and intellectually curious
- · Publication and editorial
- Branding and corporate identity
- Marketing collateral
- Bids and proposals
- Digital photography
- · Image retouching

- Mac and Windows operating systems
- Experienced in print preparation and production using PMS, four-colour processing and special print finishes

**ADVANCED:** Adobe Photoshop, Adobe Illustrator, Adobe InDesign, Adobe Acrobat, QuarkXPress

INTERMEDIATE: Microsoft Word, PowerPoint, Excel, Adobe Fireworks

BASIC: Adobe After Effects, Dimension, Dreamweaver, HTML

#### SENIOR GRAPHIC DESIGNER, PHOTOGRAPHER

04/2016 - Present FREELANCE

**CLIENTS:** AbelsonTaylor (USA), Above Brand, Assurance Agency (USA), BOA & BUSarchitektur (Vienna), Human Dignity Trust, The Knot Agency, Martorelli lab, Minority Rights Group, ORVEDA, Rooster Punk, Rare Diversity Initiatives, Savills, UHA London, Wonderworks.

Over the past several years I have been **contracting** at and **collaborating** with various companies and organizations to support their creative design needs by developing brand proposals, marketing visuals, presentations, and documents that enhance their brand's presence and share relevant messages.

My work covers a wide range of short- and long-term (2+ years) contracts, including conceptual graphic design & branding consulting, layout design & artworking, imaging & photography. My specialties include logo design, visual identities/branding, publication/editorial, booklets, reports and case studies, as well as imagery for exhibitions, digital presentations, and social media.

#### **GRAPHIC DESIGNER**

11/2014 - 04/2016 OLIVER MARKETING, LONDON, UK

Initially brought in for a week-long freelance job to design and produce a proposal document, my contract with Oliver prolonged for six months. I was then **offered a permanent position** within their KPMG in-house team.

My everyday tasks included concept brainstorming with the team, mocking up visuals, retouching images, creating infographics, designing, preparing brochures and extensive documents for bids/proposals, as well as other marketing and events materials for KPMG, and eventually other accounts, such as AA, Amlin, AXA, Clarion, Samsung and Starbucks.

The role was often client-facing, requiring direct interaction with senior partners, directors, and project managers while adhering to very tight deadlines. At times, I would also contribute my photography skills to enhance and speed up the team's creative process.



#### **Education:**

DEPAUL UNIVERSITY Chicago BA (with Honors) Graphic Design 2000 - 2004

#### Certifications:

THE SECRET POWER OF BRANDS (Short Course Certificate, UNIVERSITY OF EAST ANGLIA)

After Effects CC 2019 Essential Training: The Basics

#### Languages:

English (Fluent)
Slovak (Native or Bilingual)
Polish (Limited Working)
French (Intermediate)
Spanish (Basic)

#### Interests:

Painting

Drawing

Writing

Travelling

Interior design

Architecture

Sustainable practices

Beauty

Culture

Movies

Music

#### GRAPHIC DESIGNER, PHOTOGRAPHER

10/2012 - 11/2014 FREELANCE

**CLIENTS:** ADM Promotions, BOA büro für offensive aleatorik & BUSarchitektur (Vienna); CPH Consulting, Migi lab Ltd., TNT Magazine, Xuna Design

With only two years of living in London, I decided to take the leap and pursue freelancing. One of the most exciting and challenging (long-term) contracts I worked on was the final stage of Campus WU development in Vienna, Austria.

ACCOMPLISHMENT: Successful completion of Campus WU: A Holistic History — a 384-pages-long architectural book. produced in three languages. I was the sole graphic designer, working in collaboration with various imaging and architecture teams under the creative direction of Laura P. Spinadel. I developed the layout concepts and page templates, as well as typeset the entire book, and oversaw the print production. Additionally, I also designed and produced the Campus WU Pre-opening Booklet, as well as DVD packaging and layouts for screen presentations.

#### SENIOR GRAPHIC ARTIST

04/2010 - 08/2012 INTERVAL INTERNATIONAL, LONDON, UK

**ACCOMPLISHMENT:** Regularly recognized for my **accurate** and fast turnaround typesetting as well as imaginative designs for direct mail and ad pieces.

#### RESPONSIBILITIES:

- Magazine (page) layout design and typesetting (in 8 languages) on time and with minimal corrections needed
- Brainstorming, researching, collecting imagery, and designing various direct mail, promotional and editorial pieces
- Daily production and preparation of existing documents for print; image manipulation, art creation and modification.

#### **GRAPHIC DESIGNER, PRODUCTION ARTIST**

10/2005 - 01/2010 THE CREATIVE GROUP, CHICAGO, IL. USA

**CLIENTS:** North American Paper Co., Rand McNally, Initiate Systems, Wells Lamont Industrial, Quarasan Group, Integrated Merchandising Systems, Jacobs & Clevenger, Chandler Group.

I spent over four years freelancing through The Creative Group, working on short- and long-term projects for a variety of clients.

**ACCOMPLISHMENT:** A 2-year-long contract with Quarasan Group, as well as being a go-to freelancer for several clients who booked me repeatedly.

#### RESPONSIBILITIES:

- Researching and collecting information and imagery for various print and web projects
- Designing layouts for marketing materials, such as catalogues (Purina Mills, Wells Lamont); POP signage (Home Depot); packaging and displays (Rand McNally): product flyers, brochures and product logos; publication pages & covers, corporate identity, print advertising, and more.

#### GRAPHIC DESIGNER, PHOTOGRAPHER

11/2004 - 05/2005 BLUE MEDIA STUDIO, PRAGUE, CZECH REPUBLIC

**ACCOMPLISHMENT:** Being picked as the **principal designer for two of the company's clients** while being the newest and youngest addition to the creative team of Blue Media.

#### RESPONSIBILITIES:

- Creating print materials, such as business cards, calendars, flyers, posters, postcards, brochures and other promotional pieces
- Taking part in the development of packaging for Dermacol cosmetic products
- · Photographing various objects and editing the photos.

#### IMAGING SPECIALIST INTERNSHIP

09/2003 - 09/2004
MAURICE SPORTING GOODS NORTHBROOK II. USA

# MYWORK

## **Urban Menus**

Role
Contract Designer

Logo Design & Visual Identity Concept

(User Interface)

Service

Client
BOA
büro für offensive aleatorik

2018-2020

Year

Urban Menus is a flexible package of services and visualization tool custom-made specifically for a project's needs. It is a playful tool that significantly simplifies district planning thanks to its 3D virtual reality functionality, its visualization of urban interventions and its parametric effect

analysis (ecology, urbanity, density).

I was hired by Laura P. Spinadel to develop concepts for the logo, the UI look & feel of the program (game), the website, and other promotional & presentation materials. The following visuals present the concept route for visual branding that was not adopted by the client. It was inspired by the forward-thinking, smart, collaborative, ambitious, and inspiring aspects of Urban Menus reflected through the bright, bold and lively color scheme, adaptable logo, and strong typography.



My proposal for the visual campaign was a combination of:

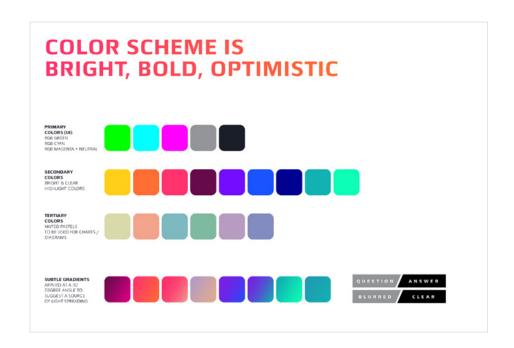
A/ inspiring statements, quotes, and testimonials (as a single image) — reinforcing clarity, optimism and collaboration

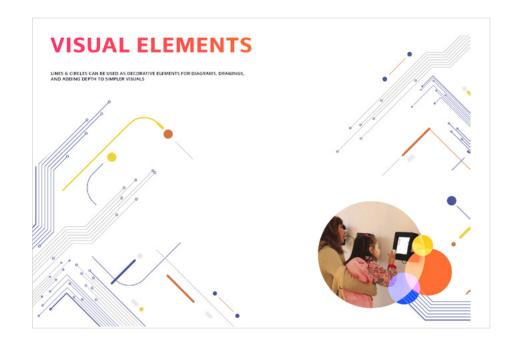
B/ visual slides, such as charts / diagrams / illustrations — explaining the process, presenting analyses, and highlighting the benefits of Urban Menus

C/ game previews (alternating between overview and details) — presenting potential scenarios and dreams

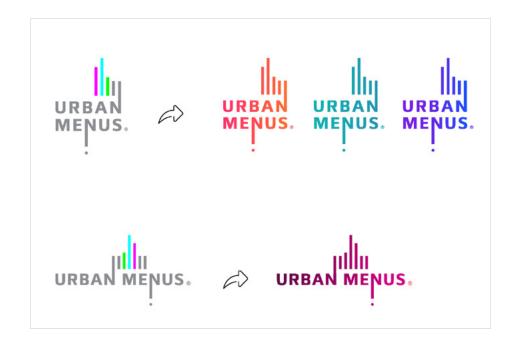


















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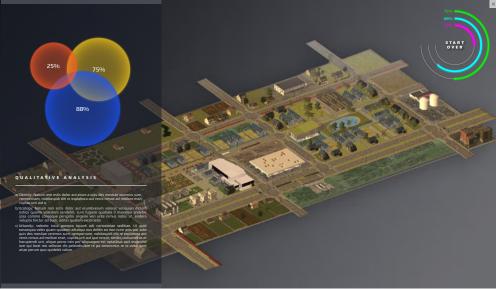




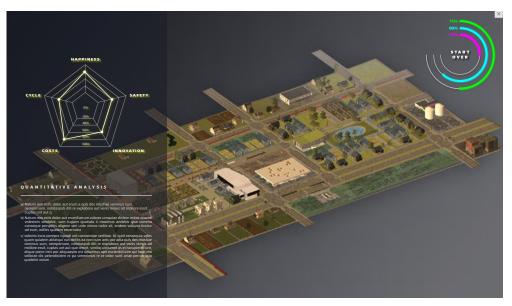










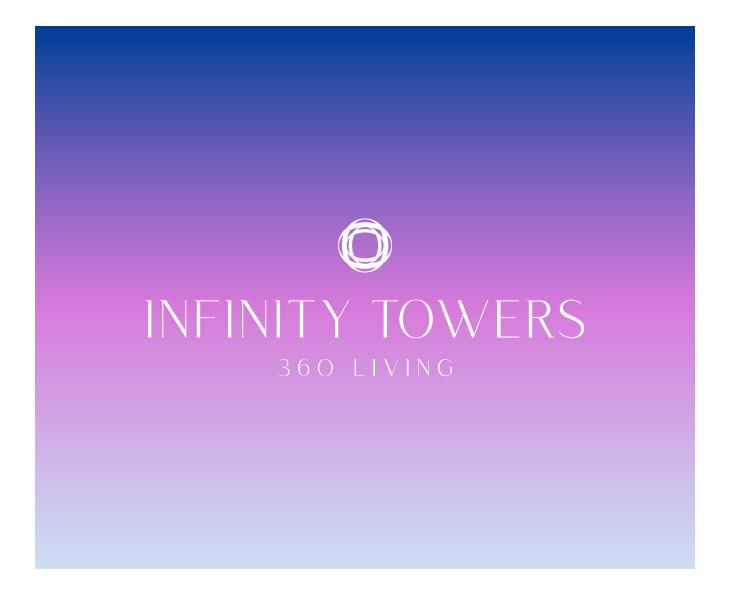


Art Direction, Logo Design, Branding

I was tasked by UHA to create a visual identity for this mixed-use development in Limassol, Cyprus (designed by UHAlondon). Inspired by an idea of the 360 living and the Mediterranean seaside location, the visual identity concept stems from the cycle of day and light.

As we go through our day-to-day lives, we tend to forget the pure beauty of the quotidian elements and processes. One of those being the light changing during the day. Only when on holiday we take time to enjoy these natural changes by observing the sunrise or the sunset.

Thanks to its positioning near the beach and architectural design offering the unobstructed view from every apartment, the Infinity Towers will benefit from the luxury amenities, the sophisticated design and appliances, and the beautiful vistas of the Mediterranean sea surroundings. The visual branding concept reflects this sophistication and high-end luxury through refined logo design, typography, and a fresh, inspiring colour palette and imagery.



# Infinity Towers

360 living Modern luxury Refined lifestyle Expanding horizons Uplifting environment Boundless inspiration The ultimate Limassol residence Blend of modern style & timeless quality Inspired by an idea of the 360 living and the Mediterranean seaside location, the concept for the visual identity stems from the cycle of day and the light. As we go through our day-to-day lives, we tend to forget the pure beauty and magic in the quotidian elements and processes. One of those being the changing light during the day. Only when on holiday we take time to enjoy these natural changes by observing the sunrise or the sunset.

Thanks to its positioning near the beach and architectural design offering the unobstructed view from every apartment, the Infinity Towers will benefit not only from the luxury amenities, the sophisticated design and appliances but also from the beautiful vistas of the Mediterranean sea and the surroundings. Residents of this mixed-use development will be able to enjoy the full spectrum of the light that a day has to offer.

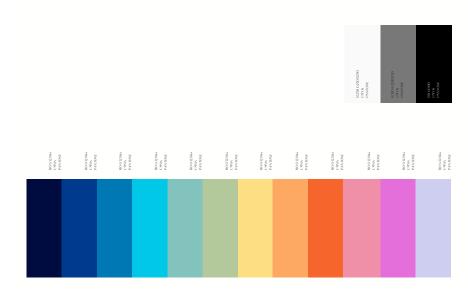
INFINITY TOWERS - VISUAL BRANDING

INSPIRATION : CYCLE OF THE DAYLIGHT - 360 LIVING

ABOUT INFINITY TOWERS DEVELOPMENT

INFINITY TOWERS - VISUAL BRANDING

COLOURS



The ultimate Limassol residence blending modern style & timeless quality





**Neoteric** 

Role
Conceptual Designer

Art Direction, Logo Design, Branding Client N/A **Year** 2019

"A shopping mall designed to create an 'other-worldly' experience, a journey of discovery and wonder."

Inspired by the building's architectural design, I decided to create a visual identity for a commercial mall (designed by UHA).

The name I came up with blends two sources of inspiration - the new and the esoteric. Just like the architectural concept for the building combines the futuristic (hi-tech) with the natural elements (lush flora and water), so does the name and the visual aesthetic.

Hinting to the "other-worldly" experience and the journey of discovery. I wanted to keep the dreamlike and mysterious feel throughout the brand elements while keeping the look clean, modern and timeless. The logo design also draws inspirations from hieroglyphs and the building's original design concept, suggesting an ambiguous 3-D perspective.







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BASIC RULES

LOGOUSE SPACING



NEOTERIC



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NEOTERIC



LOGOMARK

Can be used individually as a "teaser" for the brand, on various materials, such as digital, packaging, mechandise, etc. LOGOTYPE

Can be used individually whenever space is limited, in smaller sizes or enlarged instances where using logomark is not suitable. COMPLETE LOGO LOCK-UP

Should be used in istances when there is no further information about the brand, for promotional uses, such as marketing, advertising, press, etc.

Always leave a breathing space between the logo and other content. Whenever using reversed logo in a dark box, there must be a minimum space around the logo — double the height of the logotype such as shown in the above visual. However it is encouraged to leave a larger breathing space whenever possible.

## F O N T S

### BRAND COLOURS

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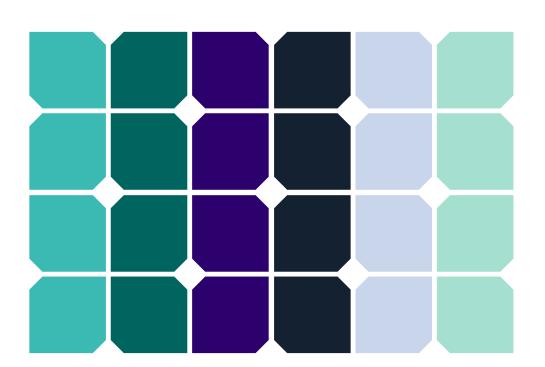
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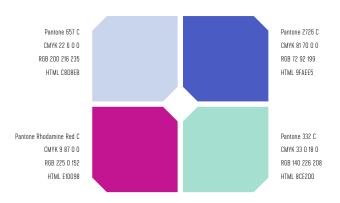
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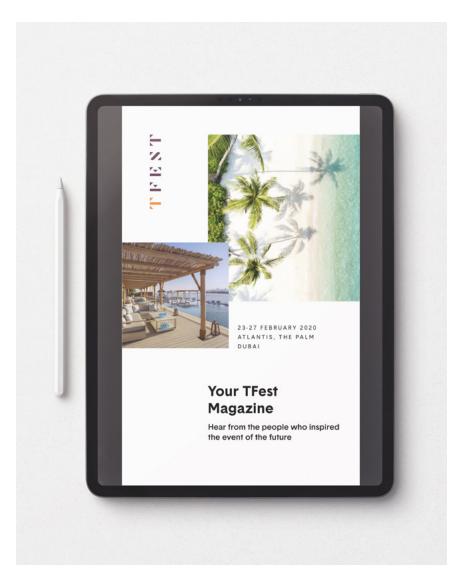


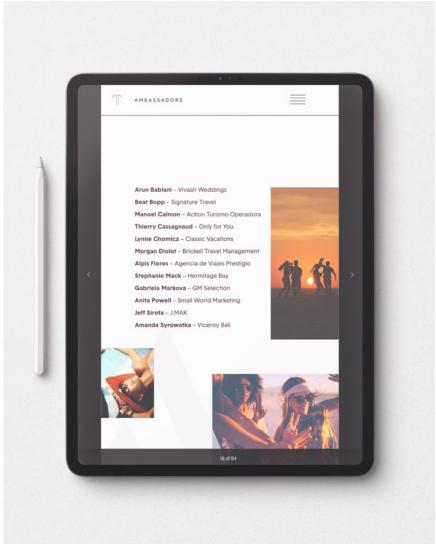
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### BRAND COLOURS

SECONDARY











#### AMBASSADORS

#### Describe a typical day...

There really is nothing typical about my working day, because every day, hour and minute is different. Being different is something we embrace. We are unique from other wholesale companies, one aspect being how dedicated our entire team is to working exclusively with our travel professional clients. Each morning starts by thanking the clients who made new quotes or bookings the day before. Then, throughout the day, staying engaged to ensure all details are exactly what the clients expect.

#### What is luxury to you?

What is floatly to Over To me, luxury is a feeling of comfort and convenience, not necessarily opulent or extrawagant. I find luxury in personal attention to details, including active listening or making a personal connection with a smile or eye contact from those welcoming us to their hotel or destination.

### What do you value most when you travel?

Hospitality is everywhere, so I always appreciate when the locals are receptive and appreciative of having international visitors. Meeting new people and learning about new destinations is the best takeaway I get from travel.

#### What do you want people to know about you?

Growing up, our family would relocate every three to four years, so my life and surroundings were never counter. This cycle has followed me into adulthood, and I have now been in the same house for over five years, family? But I always like to change up my interests and projects. If things start to become strapant or repetitive, I will start to make changes and try something new.



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## **Haven Knox-Johnston**

Role Freelance Designer Service Rebrand Proposal Client
The Knot Agency

Year 2020

I was hired by The Knot Agency to help out with a proposal for Haven Knox-Johnston rebrand. I worked in collaboration with The Knot Agency to develop a concept for the new visual branding for HKJ. I also designed and produced the actual proposal document.





# **UHA Projects Books**

Role
Freelance Designer

Art Direction, Logo Design, Marketing, Presentation Brochures

Service

Client UHA

2017-2019

Year

I was hired by UHA to help out with branding and graphic design needs during the busy period of the company's growth. My responsibilities as the sole graphic designer in the company included a refresh of both brands — architecture and interiors studios — design of the uhainteriors website, development and refinement of various design assets & collateral.

In addition to graphic design and artworking, I also provided photography service, photographing team profile photos and other ad hoc imagery.























# Minority & Indigenous Trends Reports

Role
Freelance Designer

Art Direction Editorial Design Print Production

Service

Minority Rights Group
International

Client

2020, 2019, 2018

Year

I was initially approached by MRG to refresh the design of the report's older version, which was dense and not appealing to read.

I introduced colour to distinguish between the main chapters and added quotes and statistics throughout the report to make it more engaging. I also extended page margins and used grid and white space to create a cleaner and more reader-friendly document.

After finishing the English version, I was then asked to produce smaller versions of the report in four other languages. The 2020 report is the third one I have created.











## Orveda

Freelance Designer

Print & Digital Marketing
Social Media Visuals

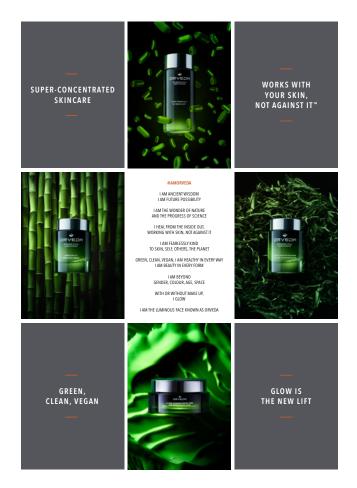
Service

Client Orveda Year 2018

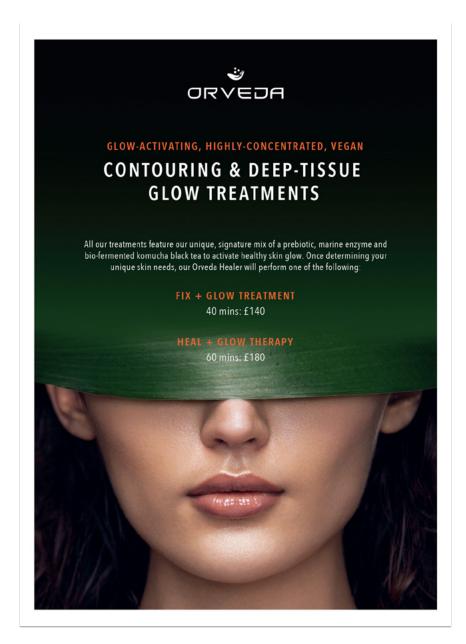
Orveda is a new-age skincare range that, based on the science of glow and understanding the skin as a "me-cosystem", offers a healthy, holistic and empowered approach to beauty.

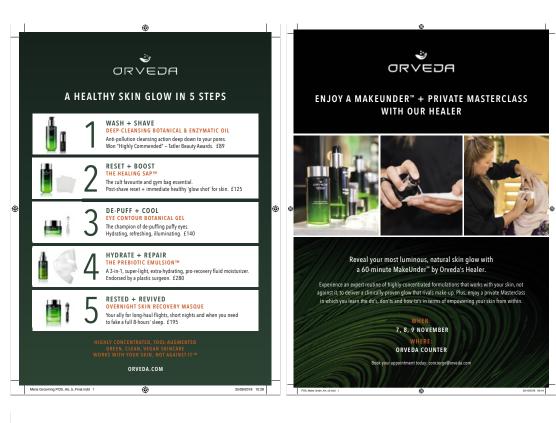
I was brought in to help out with the visual marketing needs on an ad hoc freelance basis for about 6 months in 2018.

Role











# Campus WU

Role
Contract Designer

Book Design & Production

Service

BUSarchitektur

Client

Year 2013

One of the most exciting and challenging projects I partook in was the final stage of Campus WU (University of Economics) development in Vienna, Austria.

I was the sole graphic designer working in collaboration with various creative and architecture teams under the art direction by Laura P. Spinadel.

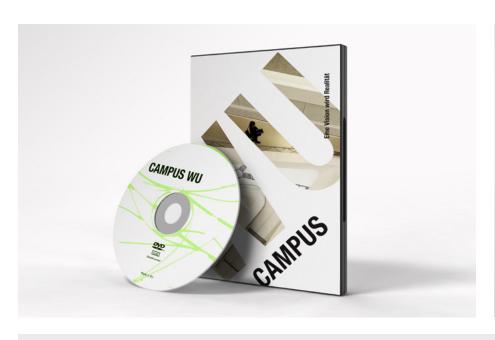
My role spanned developing layout concepts for the 384-page book (Campus WU - A Holistic History) — creating templates, typesetting, proofreading, layout and typography for screen presentations and DVD packaging, and designing plus producing the entire Campus WU Pre-opening Booklet.



















BOA

Role
Contract Designer

Service
Logo Design &
Cl Concept

Elient
BOA
büro für offensive aleatorik

Year 2017





1 • boa brand guidelines

This is the new look of **boa** (office for advanced randomness).

Q

We've refreshed our brand assets and created a new identity to take us forward in our exploration of transforming alternative processes and integrating elements in unexpected ways in order to create new visions and visualisations.







Architecture should encourage social interaction by creating networks and giving momentum to development

TREND-SETTING The new Campus WU creates spaces of creativity, of work, of thinking and living for students, for teachers, for everybody, It provides energy, food for thoughts, power. It is pleasure and joy. The next generation of Austria's business elite has received optimal conditions for its future.



RERND PELÜGER

The parameters may change, the scale prevales human

Creating an aura through the joyful baptism of these spaces The Masterplan, in this case, really is a masterpiece, because on the one hand it allowed for enough flexibility for each one of the international architects to introduce his or her language and nevertheless one does not have this Enrivates-like feeling, as we say in Vienna: "They bought a dog from each village..." But all his together really becomes a city, it does not feel strange. BRIGITTE JILKA - CITY COUNCIL OF VIENNA

and it all began with an idea ... to create a different educational landscape



Architecture cannot be generated in isolation, it is always the result of team collaboration



This project successfully creates an urban precinct and deals with the spaces between buildings—illustrating that, above all, architecture is about the people who use the spaces that architects create.

The juros also admired the sustained energy and effort required to oversee the process of this highly collaborative project over a period of time. KAREN FICKER CICA - INTERNATIONAL COMMITTEE DE ARCHITECTURAL CRITICS

# IS ARCHITECTURE SHAPING SOCIETY? CAN LANDSCAPE QUALIFY THE ENVIRONMENT? SHOULD THE ARCHITECT SUBMIT TO THE MARKET?

THE MAKING OF PLACES THAT SEEK A DIALOGUE WITH CREATION, WITH THE HOPE OF ENCOURAGING THE PEOPLE WHO **EXPERIENCE OUR SPACES** TO UNCONSCIOUSLY PERCEIVE THEM...

Laura P. Spinadel

Playing laughing.... a way to charge the stones with positive energy

> I felt like a child discovering something new. I can imagine it is like friends in each other to each others' houses and sudderly realizing that you have enter entirely different world. I think like liver yearsting, larm every curious to see long it will take for us to get to know this campus. Probably a long time... CHRISTOPH BADELT - RECTOR WU



L A Y F U L The Campus WU invites the students to come, to stay, to be there and to open themselves to the new spaces. It is a place where coincidences are allowed to happen, a place with a new pace. It can equally slow down and stimulate.



Experiences are the true teachings

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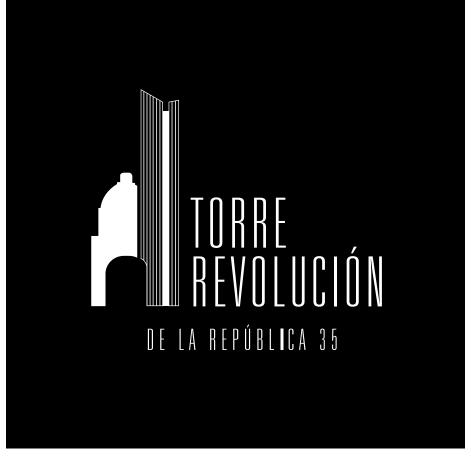




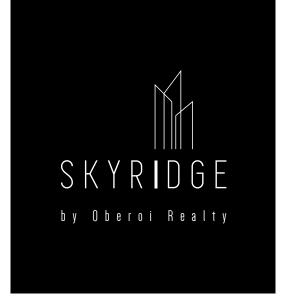
Year











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