

BIOGRAPHY

Dipl.-Ing. Florian Kohlbecker



German industrialist and architect, Florian Karl Christoph Kohlbecker is the son of legendary industrial building architect Christoph Kohlbecker. He comes from three generations of leading architects. His grandfather, Karl Kohlbecker, is considered a pioneer in industrial construction, namely for building factories for leading German automotive companies. Florian spent his childhood growing up on building sites and learning about architecture at a very early age. He later studied architecture at BTU Cottbus, Brandenburg.

Florian began his career in 2001 for Renzo Piano in Paris and Bern as a project architect. He swiftly followed his successful patriarchal footsteps as a visionary designer helping create some of the world's most famous buildings like The Zentrum Paul Klee, a modern art museum in Bern, dedicated to artist Paul Klee, and The Shard building – also referred to as the Shard of Glass – a phenomenal 72-storey skyscraper in London.

In 2005, Florian partnered with his older brother Matthias and took over the family business, Kohlbecker Blackforest Architects, from his legendary architect professor father. The Kohlbeckers were paramount in automotive power plants design for Mercedes, Jaguar, Audi, Fiat, BMW, Porsche, KIA (amongst others), as well as working on many private residential properties.

At the tender age of 6, he started competitive ski racing. He is an avid sportsman who regularly skis in Georgia, Iran, Kamchatka, Siberia, Kashmir; Himalayas, Turkey, German and the Austrian Swiss Alps. His passion for ski racing was an incentive in constructing the legendary Sochi Olympic Games ski jump in Krasnaya Polyana, in Russia, in 2008.

He founded Black Forest Skis, a company that produces unique crafted, specialist, handmade skis. He carefully uses his background in architecture and carpentry to produce technically advanced freeride and carving skis, which are made of glass, carbon fibre, white ash and paulownia wood cores. His clients include presidents, ski professionals, heli ski enthusiasts and many high-net-worth individuals (HNWI). Black Forest Skis are popular amongst champion skiers and experts in the field of skiing.

Florian is considered a pioneer in the future of digitalisation of architecture, automotive plant architectural design, heliskiing and ski manufacturing products. In 2010, Florian and his brother founded Wideshot Entertainment, which provides a large service portfolio that covers production design and motion graphics for film, art direction and concept art for video games, scenario creation and illustration for advertisement as well as design and architectural planning for theme parks and indoor environments. They are leading designers for movies and video games. Some of his projects include building spaceships for films like *Independence Day: Resurgence* and *White House Down*.

In 2020 Florian started developing the AVAT AR platform which will help to revolutionise the designing, building and management of future property and industrial developments. An AI and blockchain driven platform to connect, design and manage every process from buying, financing, planning, building, selling and controlling a buildings development. Additionally, the platform allows the direct offset carbon footprint and maintain micro oversight at every element from conception to completion.



The 48-year-old Architect currently resides in the spa town of Baden-Baden in Germany with his family. He's achieved a lot in his lengthy career, including winning the Best VFX award at HollyShorts Film Festival 2018 in LA. His other achievements include winning multiple architectural prizes, such as the notable Hugo-Haering Prize for the Unimog Museum in Gaggenau, in 2015.