

Biography Thomas Richez

Architect

Graduated from the French Polytechnics School

Civil engineer and urban planner graduated from the “Ecole nationale des Ponts et Chaussées”

Associated founder, director, and now CEO of Richez_Associés, a famous French architectural agency well-known for its achievements in building construction as well as transportation projects. Thomas Richez has more particularly developed from 1985 the following activities :

- > design and implementation of major building projects abroad (French Embassy in Singapore, City Hall of Putrajaya...)
- > urban planning and design of public spaces (architectural coordination of the Vaugirard and Charolais-Rotonde in Paris, new town of Putrajaya in Malaysia, Jules Verne urban project in Amiens, Grisettes project in Montpellier...)
- > and a particular expertise in the field of urban transportation projects (tramway projects in Le Mans, Reims, Orléans, Brest, la Réunion, Bordeaux, Eole-Evangile in Paris, intermodal centers in Argenteuil, Sartrouville, Choisy-le-Roi, Lens, La Baule ...).

Thomas Richez is also the Managing Director of Z D_R, à Kuala Lumpur, and has been the president of the AFEX association (Architectes Français à l'Export) from 2002 to 2008.

Biography Etienne Lhomet

Etienne Lhomet, director of the company Des Villes et Des Hommes (DVDH)

Etienne Lhomet is a French engineer highly experienced in the development and management of major public transport networks project. He has acquired a twenty-five years' experience in transport planning and in public transport projects management in Europe (Bordeaux, Toulouse, Nice, Lyon, Lisbon, Liege) and abroad (South America, West Africa, China, India, Bangladesh).

He particularly has an excellent in-depth and practical experience in the design of major projects and restructuring related, whether LRT or BRT networks. For instance, Etienne Lhomet led for six years the design and construction of the tramway network for the Urban Community of Bordeaux. He also has a great knowledge of the institutional and financial models of urban transport systems. In this regard, he animated several workshops and conferences in emerging cities such as Kochi, Bandung, or Dhaka.

Recently, he founded the consulting firm DVDH – *Des Villes et Des Hommes* (i.e. “Cities and People”), whose mission is to provide expertise in the field of sustainable mobility.

