

SOMETHING FANTASTIC

Something Fantastic is a design practice founded by three architects, Leonard Streich, Julian Schubert and Elena Schütz.

The firm's agenda is based on the idea that architecture is affected by everything and vice versa -does affect everything- and therefore working as architects implies a broad interest and involvement in the world. The studio operates in the extended field of the discipline, aiming to make a difference through smart, touching, simple, prototypical projects.

Their works include pilot projects for communal housing in Flanders, the Book Something Fantastic, the visual identity of Artek, the fashion shows of Perret Schaad, the pendent lamp "Crystal" designed for New Tendency, the design of the German Pavilion at the 15th La Biennale di Venezia, and the art direction for the books of Ruby Press including designs for, amongst others, 51N4E, Lacaton & Vassal and Pier Vittorio Aureli.

The partners Schütz, Schubert, and Streich have directed the Master of Advanced Studies in Urban Design at ETH Zurich with a focus on rapidly developing urban contexts. Since 2019 they have been the directors of the Studio for Immediate Spaces at Rietveld Academie's Sandberg Instituut in Amsterdam. Other research and educational projects include collaborations with Harvard University and Yokohama GSA and they have held the international guest professorship at Peter Behrens School of Architecture Düsseldorf. They lecture and are invited as guest critics regularly.

Something Fantastic's work has been part of Architectural Biennales in São Paulo, Venice and Shenzhen as well as exhibitions in museums as the Candian Centre for Architecture (CCA), the Triennale di Milano and the Museum of Modern Art (MoMA). The architecture office has been nominated for both the Iakov Chernikov Prize and the Marcus Prize and were recipients of the 2021-2022 Rome prize. Further awarded work includes the designs of Reasons for Walling a House, Building Brazil, and Housing Cairo. The latest publication is called Cover me softly.

Something Fantastic is jury member of Rome Prize fellows Deutsche Akademie Villa Massimo Rom, Olevano Romano, Venice, Paris 2025-2027, Jury member student fellows Studienstiftung des Deutschen Volkes, House Europe representative Netherlands [Space Department at Sandberg Instituut, Gerrit Rietveld Academie] Member of LINA [Space Department at Sandberg Instituut, Gerrit Rietveld Academie].