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Professional Bio

Before starting his own firm, Phil Engelke was a Vice President of RTKL, an international architecture and engineering firm. During his 30-year tenure, RTKL grew from a regionally based practice to one of the largest design firms in the world, with projects in over 40 countries.

As one of the initiators and directors of ID8 – the branded environments and graphics core of RTKL – Phil created award-winning resort, retail, and urban programs for major international and national architectural projects. These include projects in Paris, Lisbon, Berlin, Dubai, Kuwait, Seoul, Tokyo, New York, and Washington DC. This portfolio includes several resort projects for Disney in Orlando, as well as projects in Puerto Rico and Bermuda. Recently Phil lead the graphics and wayfinding program for the new United States Capitol Visitors Center in Washington DC.

Phil has served on the Board of the Society for Environmental Graphic Design (SEGD) and the Board of The Harbor Promenade in Baltimore, and he currently was named by County Executive Ken Ulman to serve on Howard County Maryland's first Design Advisory Panel. He has taught design seminars at Harvard University, Pratt Institute, Maryland Institute College of Art, and Kent State University and has been a speaker at primary design industry conferences, including SEGD in Philadelphia and Denver, Centerbuild (ICSC) in Phoenix, and Urban Land Institute (ULI) in Buenos Aries.

Phil now has an independent consulting practice based in Baltimore. With his new enterprise, AmazingSpace.US, Phil is bringing together a team of experienced designers specializing in imaging, branding, and strategizing to create and reposition branded environments for commercial, hospitality, and residential communities.