**Prof. Dr. Meinhard von Gerkan**

Prof. Meinhard von Gerkan is one of the most successful German architects with an international reputation. His designs characterize contemporary architecture to a decisive degree.

He was born in 1935 in Riga, Latvia. Together with Volkwin Marg, Professor Gerkan founded "gmp Architekten von Gerkan, Marg und Partner" in 1965. Already at the beginning of his career, the airport Berlin-Tegel was a significant reference, which followed more than 370 projects to date.

In 1974, he was appointed professor for design in University of Braunschweig. Other professorships and honorary professorships at various international universities followed. Professor Grekan has received numerous awards, including the Grand Prize of the German Architects and the Federal Service Cross.

The buildings designed and realized by him include Berlin's main station, the Villa Guna in Latvia, the Christpavillon built in Expo 2000 in Volkenroda, and the Lingang New City in China, where Gerkan has been successfully operating for 15 years.