

FIRM PROFILE

FORTUNE SHEPLER SALING INC. (FS²) is an elevator consulting firm specializing in the design of vertical transportation systems for high-rise towers, large commercial buildings, and specialty projects. FS² is a boutique design firm fully capable of providing vertical transportation analysis, specifications, drawings and contract administration services. Our firm's experience includes:

JIM FORTUNE: 40+ years of vertical transportation experience. Prior to starting his own firm, Fortune served as President and Chairman of Lerch Bates Incorporated. His reputation as the world's foremost expert in super-tall towers was earned as a result of his consulting on projects such as Taipei 101 - Taiwan, International Commerce Center – Hong Kong, and the world's tallest building, the Burj Khalifa Tower – Dubai. Fortune was recently commissioned for the world's next super-tall, the 250 Story, 1001m high, Kingdom Tower – Jeddah. Fortune has written extensively about elevator design issues and has been published in industry and architectural readings. He has spoken at numerous industry gatherings and symposiums about new designs and techniques. Fortune was the originator of the "Lifeboat" Emergency Evacuation operation that is becoming the standard for evacuation of super-tall towers.

SCOTT SHEPLER: 27 years of vertical transportation experience, a firm Principal located in Denver. Prior to joining Fortune in 2012, Shepler served as Executive Vice President, Operations and Board Director for Lerch Bates Inc. In his former capacity, Shepler was responsible for overseeing the firm operations, including hiring of new consultants, continuous consultant training, and development of firm deliverables. Shepler's project consulting experience includes projects in the United States, Middle East, United Kingdom, Russia and Asia. Shepler is versant in various analysis software and practices for high-rise, stadium and mixed-use projects.

JOHN SALING: 26 years of vertical transportation experience, a firm Principal located in the New York. Prior to joining with Fortune and Shepler, Saling held the positions of Director of Construction Operations and Director of New Installation Sales in Manhattan for ThyssenKrupp Elevator. Prior to this, Saling served as Regional Manager for an international elevator consulting firm. He has extensive experience in all aspects of the elevator industry including high-rise design and simulations, architectural coordination and field operations.

STEVE MIKKELSEN: 13 years of vertical transportation experience, a firm Principal located in the Seattle. Mikkelsen is a registered architect, prior to entering the elevator industry he was a Project Manager for Callison in Seattle with 14 years of Architectural experience. His vertical transportation experience was gained as the Regional Manager for an international consulting firm. He has extensive experience in design analysis, simulation, and architectural coordination. Mikkelsen has been engaged for a number of Seattle and international mixed-use, commercial and residential projects.

JAMIE FORTUNE: 22 years of vertical transportation experience. Fortune has been designing vertical transportation systems since 1993, and today he serves as the firm's design expert, interfacing with clients to ensure the recommended elevator solutions interface properly with the building design. Fortune provides AutoCAD details for coordination with the architect's team, and their structural and electrical consultants. Fortune has experience with super-tall designs, international products, and custom applications.