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Growing up above his parents' store in the Netherlands provided Marco with exposure to city living and an appreciation of the urban lifestyle from an early age. This also gave him an acute understanding of urban density and the effect that it has on a community. Marco's family immigrated to St. Catharines, Ontario, in 1986. Moving from an established urban community to a suburban life style inspired him to pursue a career in architecture. As a result, he became determined to make a difference and be a part of transforming the way people live.

He earned a Bachelor of Environmental Science in 1994 and subsequently received a Bachelor of Architecture, both from the University of Waterloo. After his studies, Marco worked in a variety of disciplines within design firms in Toronto. His approach towards architecture, built out of this experience, utilizes practical, creative and hands-on problem-solving tactics to accomplish a project's goals.

Marco joined Quadrangle in 2009 as a Senior Designer, became Design Director in 2011 and was appointed to the role of Senior Associate in 2014. He is an invaluable resource for multi-unit residential and mixed-use commercial buildings. He seeks to be inspired by client requirements and each project's unique set of circumstances. In return, he seeks to inspire the project architects and client through the exploration of ideas, sustainability and materiality.

As a Senior Associate and the firm's Design Director, Marco collaborates with the client and project team throughout a project's development to encourage a consistency and quality to the architecture. A major aspect of his role is to act as internal design critique on numerous projects across the firm, including: Menaughton Community, a new transit oriented mixed-use mid-rise development for Vaughan; HOT Condominiums, a prototypical four to six-storey wood frame construction development; 36 Hazelton, an adaptive reuse mid-rise luxury condominium; and The High Park, a new 11 storey urban infill project on one of Toronto's most desirable sites.

Marco speaks regularly to industry and public audiences and contributes his thought leadership on design topics to a number of media. In addition to his work with Quadrangle, Marco consults for Wood WORKS!, a Canadian Wood Council initiative and is also team member of OCAD U's Ambient Experience Lab research team.