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## 2025 | top EXPERTS





**Adam J. Wanaselja &  
John Patrick Winberry**

*Partners, [The Up Studio](#)*

Adam J Wanaselja and John Patric Winberry are Partners at The Up Studio, a national award-winning architecture, interior, and brand design studio based in New York. Balancing innovative concepts with practical application, The Up Studio has received recognition such as the 2024 visionary Gray Award and the 2021 AIA Archi Award for the category of Single-Family Residential Project.



**Adam Janak**

*Partner, [Northworks Architects + Planners](#)*

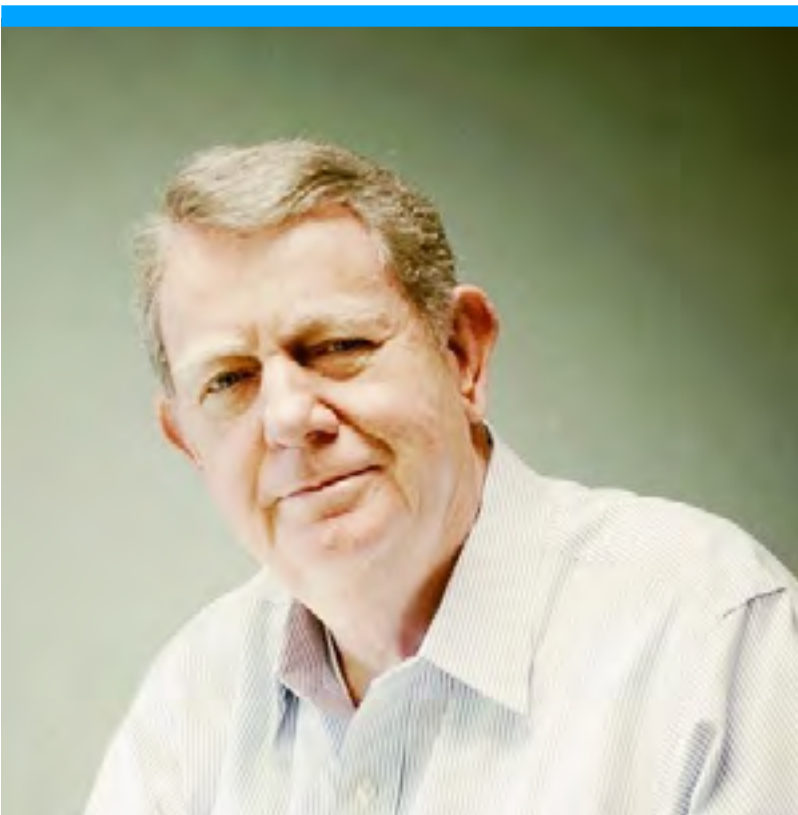
Adam Janak is a Partner at Northworks, an architectural company operating in 10 states. He kickstarted his career at Hoyt/CTA Architects Engineers, starting as an AIT and working his way up to become a Project Architect and Associate. Adam received awards such as the 2014 AIA Wyoming – Award of Citation for his own home design and the 2017 40 Under Forty Award in Wyoming.

# Only If —

**Adam Snow Frampton &  
Karolina Czczek**

*Principals, [Only If —](#)*

Adam Snow Frampton and Karolina Czczek are Principals at Only If, a New York-based architecture and urbanism firm. Under their leadership, Only If has received multiple awards, including being named one of the 50 best emerging architecture firms in the world by Domus. The firm was also featured in the Architect's Newspaper AN 50, and recognized as one of Architect Magazine's Next Progressives. Additional honors include the 2018 AIANY New Practices New York award, PIN-UP Magazine's New Power Generation, and the 2016 World Interior News Emerging Interior Practice of the Year.



**Al Jones**

*Owner, [Al Jones Architects](#)*

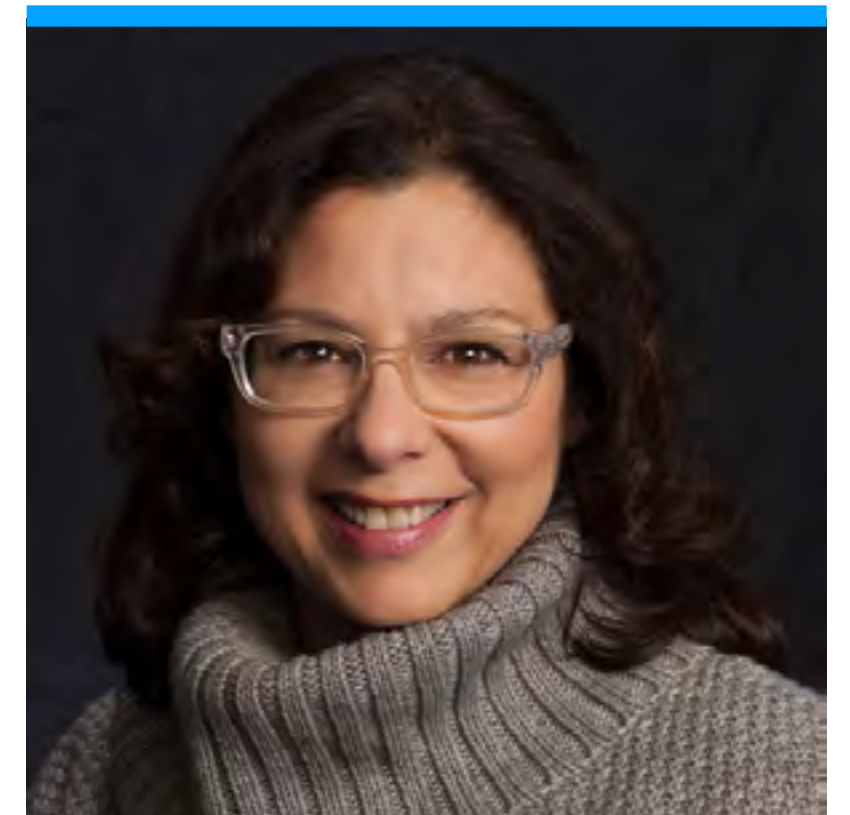
Al Jones is the Owner of Al Jones Architects. He has 37 years of experience and a deep understanding of place, context, and the human experience in architecture. Al's dedication to timeless architecture has earned him numerous awards, including multiple AIA Regional Design Awards, the Southern Architecture Honor Award, and the Residential Architect Design Award.



**Amit Upadhye**

*Principal, [AU Design Studio](#)*

Amit Upadhye is the Principal of AU Design Studio in Arizona. He has taught at the Herberger Institute for Design and the Arts at Arizona State University and has shared his knowledge across the U.S., India, and Singapore. His work has been recognized with several awards, including the 2023 AIA Arizona Merit Award for Distinguished Architecture for the Polaris House and a first prize from the AIA Arizona Chapter for the Light Rail Power Substation Design.



**Amy A. Alper**

*Owner, [Amy A. Alper, Architect](#)*

Amy A. Alper is the Owner of Amy A. Alper, Architect, an award-winning architectural practice based in California. She has won awards such as AIA Honor Award for Regional and Urban Design. Amy specializes in new construction and transformational remodels and additions.



**Amy Gardner**

*Principal, Gardner Architects*

Amy Gardner is the Owner and Principal of Gardner Architects based in Maryland. She is passionate about sustainable design and finely crafted buildings. She also serves as a Clinical Professor at the School of Architecture, Planning, and Preservation at the University of Maryland, is a Fellow of the AIA and holds accreditation as LEED-AP BD+C.



**Andre Herrero**

*Principal, Architect, Charlap Hyman & Herrero*

Andre Herrero is the Principal of Charlap Hyman & Herrero (CHH), a firm known for its theatrical, multidisciplinary work. He has been featured in Forbes "30 Under 30" (2018) and recognized on the AD100, Elle Decor's A-List, PIN-UP's New Power Generation, and AN Interior's Top 50. The firm participated in the 2017 Chicago Architecture Biennial, won the 2020 AIA LA Emerging Practice Award, and is a 2025 Cooper Hewitt National Design Awards nominee.



**Andrew Magnes**

*Owner, Andrew Magnes Architecture*

Andrew Magnes is the Founding Principal of Andrew Magnes Architecture, specializing in residential and institutional projects. He is a member of AIA New York, and he also teaches at SUNY Orange and NYC College of Technology. His work has been featured in Architectural Digest, Interior Design, and Wallpaper, and was selected for the AIANY Interiors Residential Review.



**Andrew Schaub**

*Director of Architecture, Alto Design*

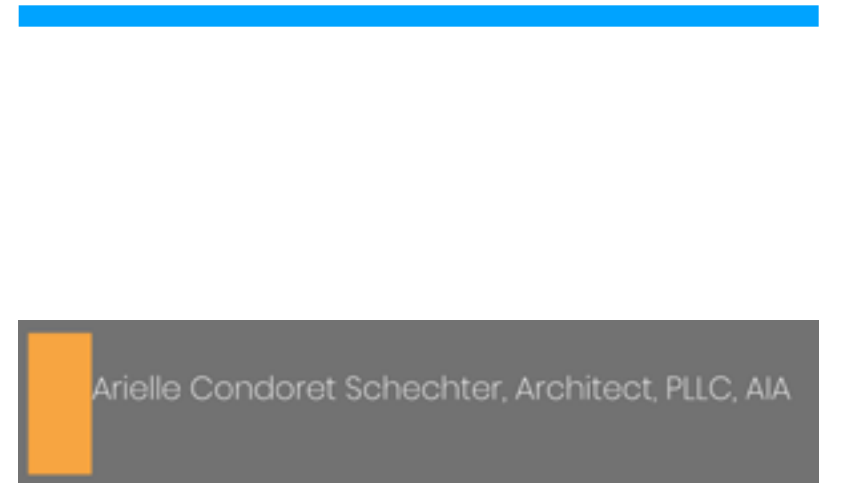
Andrew Schaub is a Principal and Director of Architecture at Alto Design. He has over 35 years of design and construction experience and is actively involved in local chapters of the American Institute of Architects and the Custom Residential Architects Network (CRAN) in Cincinnati. NCARB-certified, Andrew has been a Registered Architect in Ohio and 10 other states. Andrew emphasizes sustainable design in all aspects of his work.



**Anne Marie Duvall & Roy Decker**

*Principals, Duvall Decker*

Anne Marie Duvall and Roy Decker are Principals of Duvall Decker, an architecture firm based in Mississippi. Anne Marie is a member of NCARB and AIA, where she served as local chapter president and 2021 AIA Trust Chair. Roy is a member of NCARB, AIA, APA, CSI, and serves on the US Architects Declare Steering Committee. Their award-winning firm has been recognized with the 2023 and 2024 American Architecture Awards, multiple 2024 AIA Mississippi Design Excellence Awards, and as an Emerging Voice by the Architectural League of New York.



Arielle Condoret Schechter, Architect, PLLC, AIA

**Arielle Condoret Schechter**

*Architect*

Arielle Condoret Schechter is a licensed architect based in North Carolina, specializing in modern, energy-efficient residential design. Her work is focused on Passive House, Net Zero, and Net Positive homes. She is also the creator of Micropolis® Houses, a series of customizable tiny homes. In 2025, she was named to Forbes' inaugural list of "America's Top 200 Residential Architects". Her projects have been featured in Dwell, Architectural Digest, and Archello.



**Barbara Bestor**

*Principal, [Bestor Architecture](#)*

Barbara Bestor is the Principal of Bestor Architecture, based in California. Since founding her practice in 1995, she has been redefining Los Angeles architecture through design, art, and urbanism. Barbara is also a published author and the executive director of the university's Julius Shulman Institute.



**Ben Waechter**

*Principal Architect, [Waechter Architecture](#)*

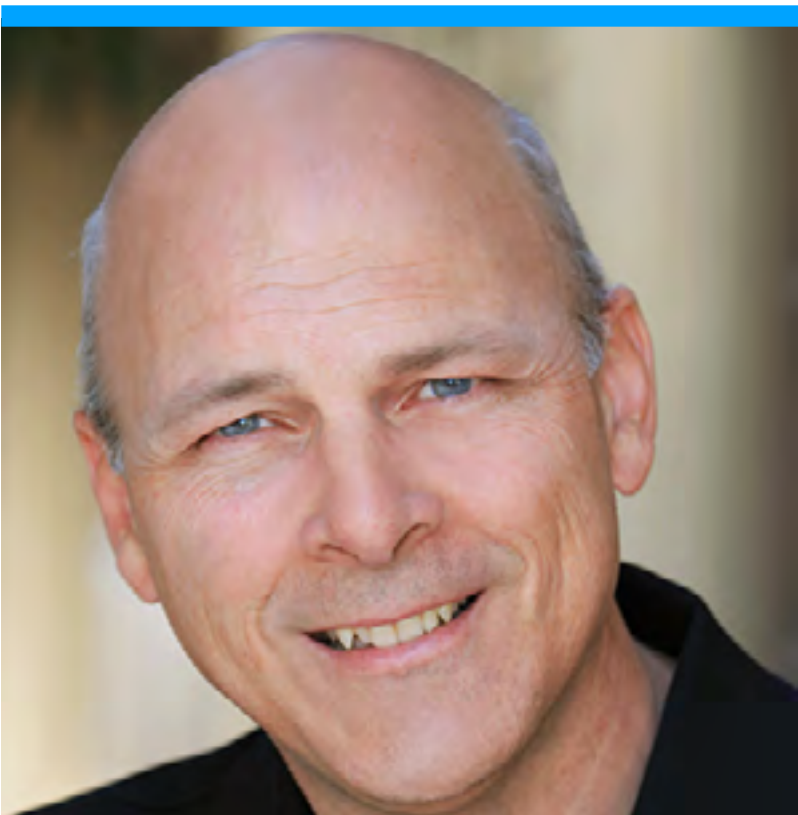
Ben Waechter is the Principal of Waechter Architecture, an award-winning design studio based in Oregon. His practice includes cultural, hospitality, commercial, and residential projects. Ben's recent awards include the 2024 AIA Oregon Honor Awards and a Citation Award. His company also received an Honor Award in the Custom Urban Home category from the 2024 Residential Design Architecture Awards. Waechter Architecture was recognized as a finalist in the 2024 Architizer A+Awards for the Mississippi Workshop project.



**Blaze Makoid**

*Founder, [BMA Architects](#)*

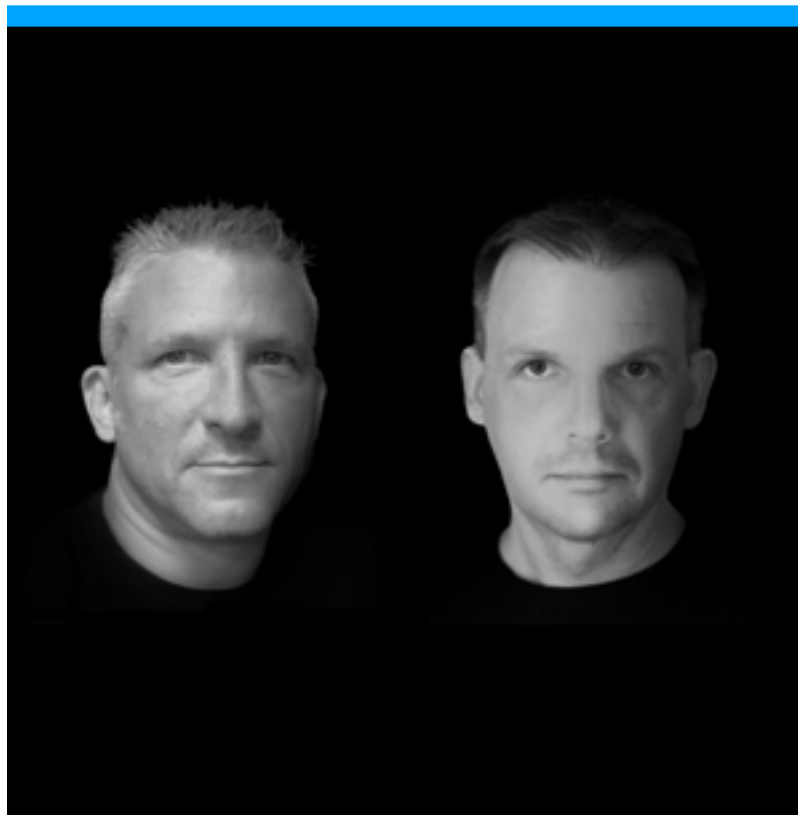
Blaze Makoid is the Founder and Principal of BMA Architects, a luxury residential architecture firm with offices in New York, Miami, and Florida. His work has earned him international recognition, including the 2024 AIA Peconic People's Choice Award and multiple honors from the Architizer A+Awards. Makoid's designs have been featured in publications such as Architectural Digest, Interior Design, and Wallpaper.



**Brent Kendle, AIA, LEED AP**

*President, [Kendle Design Collaborative](#)*

Brent believes that modern design is not just a style, but also a philosophy that creates homes without limitations. Brent is the principal of Kendle Design Collaborative, an architectural firm that specializes in modern, luxury design. He was first inspired by the architecture of Frank Lloyd Wright and uses many of the same principles he learned as a child in his own work today.



**Brian Johnsen & Sebastian Schmaling**

*Founding Principals, [Johnsen Schmaling Architects](#)*

Brian Johnsen and Sebastian Schmaling are the Founding Principals of Johnsen Schmaling Architects, a Wisconsin-based firm known for its "poetic realism" approach to modern architecture. The company has won over 70 design awards, including five National AIA Housing Design Awards, twelve National AIA Small Project Honor Awards, and eighteen regional AIA Honor and Merit Awards. Their projects have been featured in publications such as Architectural Record, Metropolis, Dwell, and The New York Times.



**Chad D. McDonald**

*Architect, [McDonald Architects](#)*

Chad D. McDonald is the Principal of McDonald Architects, a South Carolina firm specializing in custom residential architecture. With over 18 years of experience, Chad focuses on design excellence, resource conservation, and client collaboration. Early in his career, he contributed to the restoration of Frank Lloyd Wright's Auldbrass Plantation near Charleston. McDonald Architects has received multiple accolades, including a Silver Award in the National Association of Home Builders' 2017 Best in American Living Awards.



**Charles Hendricks**

*Principal, [Gaines Group Architects](#)*

Charles, AIA, CSI, CAPS, CGP, LEED AP is the managing principal with The Gaines Group Architects, a firm that believes through design we can create a better future for all. Charles also serves as the sustainability and marketing director. The firm focuses on healthy, sustainable, and durable design solutions for custom residential, multi-family, industrial, and commercial projects throughout Virginia and West Virginia.

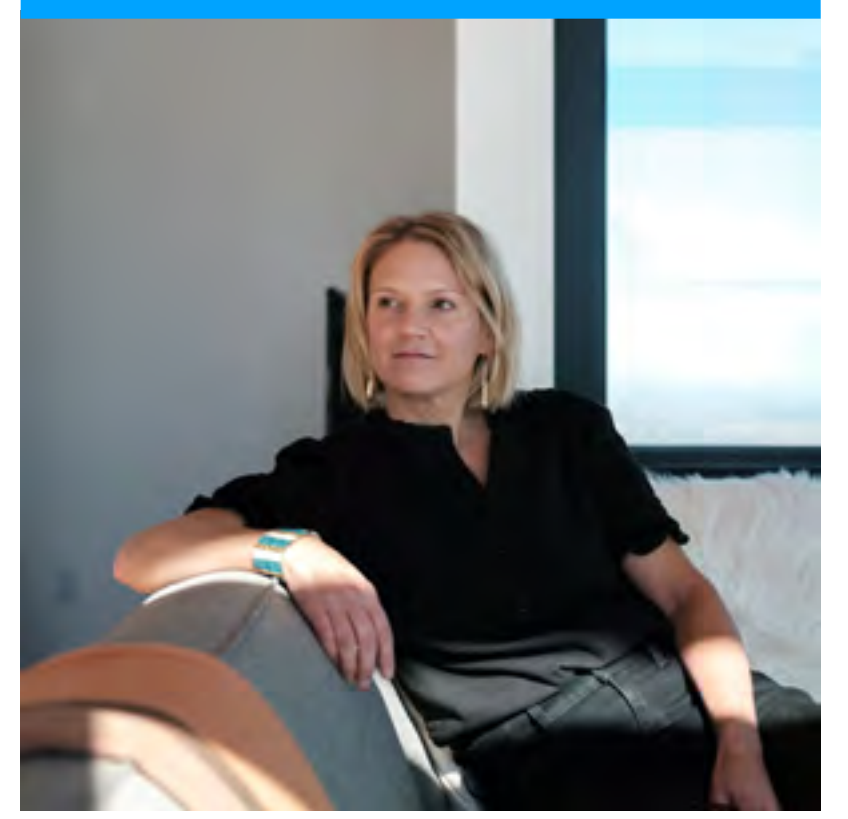
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**Charles Hilton**  
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*Principal, [Charles Hilton Architects](#)*

Charles Hilton is the Principal of Charles Hilton Architects, a Connecticut-based firm specializing in high-end custom residential architecture. His firm has completed more than 400 projects, and has received over 100 design awards. In 2021, the firm won a prestigious Palladio Award. Charles's work has been featured in numerous publications, including Architectural Digest, Interior Design, and The New York Times.



**Cherie Goff**

*Architect,  
[cgmodern architecture](#)*

Cherie Goff is the Sustainable Architect and Founder of cgmodern architecture, a sustainable design studio based in Colorado. She has over 30 years of experience and is a LEED Green Associate, and member of the AIA. Her company was named to Forbes' list of America's Top 200 Residential Architects. Other notable awards include the 2022 AIA Colorado Design Award of Merit and the 2022 Residential Design Architecture Interiors Design Award.



**Chris Lee**

*Principal,  
[Design Associates Architects](#)*

Chris Lee is the Principal of Design Associates Architects, a firm specializing in custom residential, resort, and commercial architecture. Since taking over the firm in 2001, Lee has integrated advanced design technologies. His work has earned several awards, including the Jacques Benedict Award for Excellence in Classical Design and recognition as Mountain Living magazine's Home of the Year. Lee also serves on the board of the Global Housing Foundation.



**Christopher E. Metz & Nina Kinoti-Metz**

*Principals, [Studio Parallel](#)*

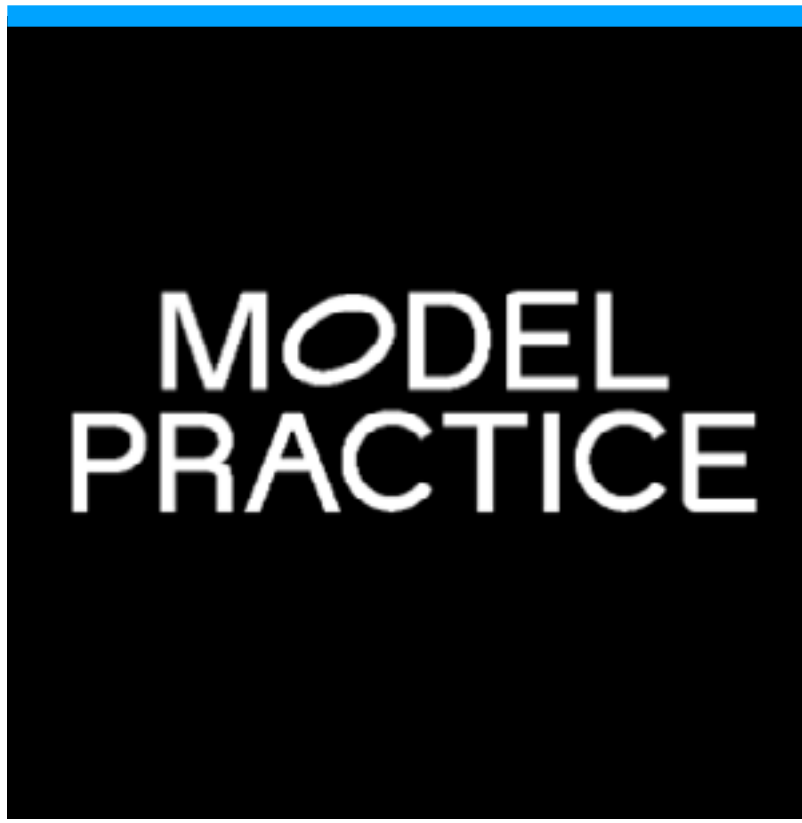
Christopher E. Metz and Nina Kinoti-Metz are Principals of Studio Parallel, a New York-based architecture and design firm founded in 2004. Their work includes residential, commercial, hospitality, and educational spaces. Their projects have been featured in Architectural Record, Hospitality Design, and The New York Times.



**Christopher Fein**

*Principal, [FORWARD Design | Architecture](#)*

Christopher Fein is the Principal of FORWARD Design | Architecture, a Kansas-based firm specializing in modern residential architecture and the restoration of mid-century homes. His work has earned various accolades, including multiple AIA Kansas and AIA Central States Design Awards, as well as Historic Kansas City Design Awards. His projects have been featured in Dwell, Architectural Digest, and Atomic Ranch. Christopher also serves as an assistant professor at Kansas State University's College of Architecture, Planning & Design.



## Christopher Lee & Minyoung Song

Partners, [Model Practice](#)

Christopher Lee is a Partner at Model Practice. He is a LEED-accredited professional and Co-Founder of the firm with a strong interest in fabrication processes and material innovation. Christopher brings a solutions-oriented approach to design, balancing aesthetics with technical solutions. Minyoung Song, also a Partner at Model Practice, is a registered architect in New York and New Jersey, a LEED-accredited professional, and a certified passive house designer. She has experience in working on commercial and community projects, focusing on sustainable practices.



## Craig Steely

Owner, [Craig Steely Architecture](#)

Craig Steely is the Founder of Craig Steely Architecture, a firm with offices in San Francisco and Hawaii. His work emphasizes minimalism and a deep connection to the natural landscape. Craig has received multiple honors, such as the 2021 AIA Honolulu Award of Excellence and the 2013 Residential Architect Magazine Leadership Award for Top Residential Firm.



## Dan Shipley

Owner, [shipleysARCHITECTS](#)

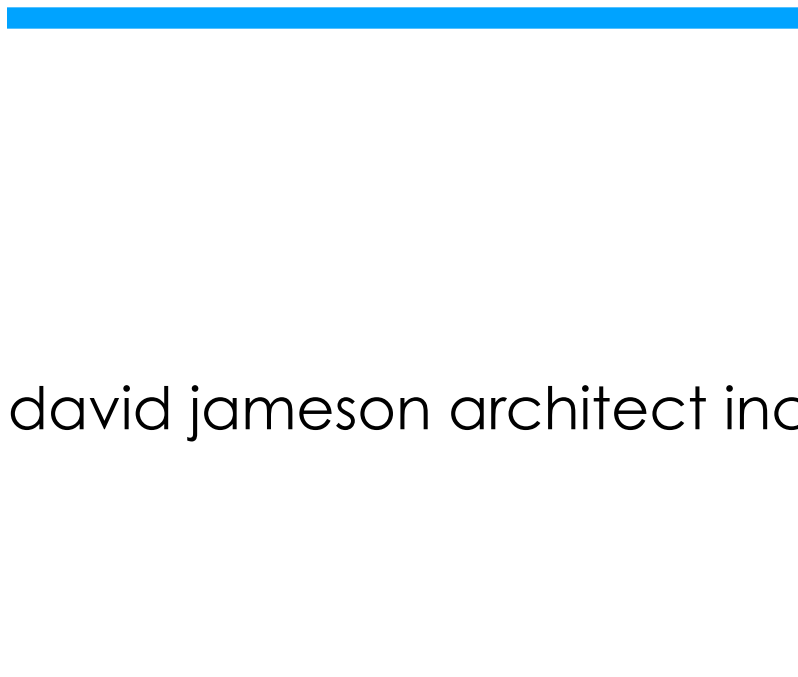
Dan Shipley is the Owner of shipleysARCHITECTS, a modern design architecture company based in Texas. His portfolio includes residential, institutional, and civic projects. Dan's firm has received numerous accolades, including the 2025 Texas Society of Architects Design Award and the 2025 Residential Design Magazine Outdoor Living Design Award. His projects have been featured in publications such as Residential Design Magazine, Architectural Record, and The Dallas Morning News.



## Dan Weber

Principal & Founder,  
[Anacapa Architecture](#)

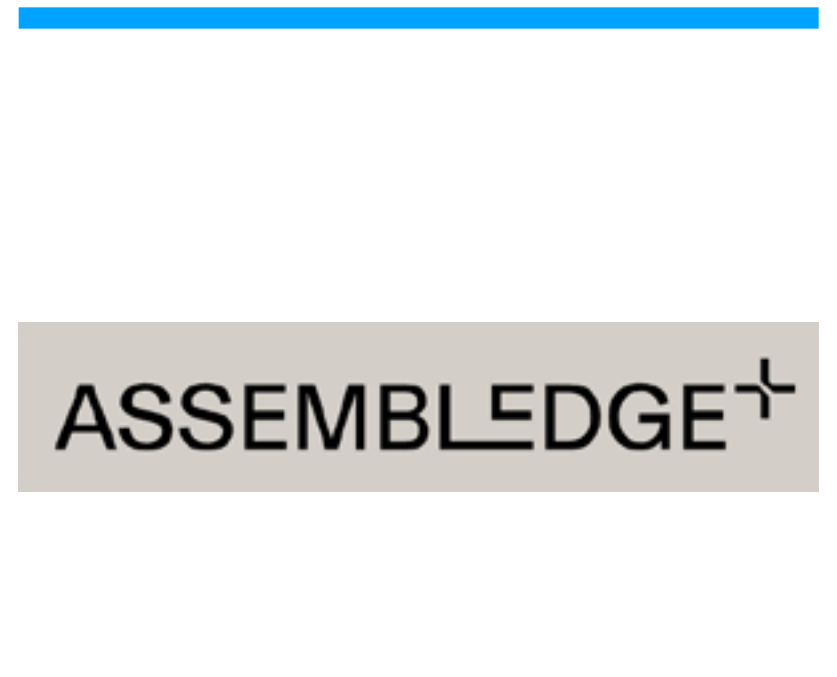
Dan Weber is the Principal and Founder of Anacapa Architecture. The firm's portfolio includes residential, hospitality, and commercial projects. Anacapa Architecture has received numerous recognitions, including the 2024 AIA Santa Barbara Design Merit Award and the 2023 Honor Award. In 2024, the firm was also named Best Experiential Environment Design Studio by BUILD Magazine.



## David Jameson

Architect, [David Jameson Architect](#)

David Jameson is the Founder of David Jameson Architect, a firm based in Maryland, known for its sculptural modernist residences. His work has earned him numerous accolades, including the 2023 Interior Design Best of Year Award, the 2021 Residential Architect Design Award, and multiple AIA National and regional honors. Jameson's projects have been featured in Architectural Digest, Architectural Record, and Interior Design.



## David Thompson

Principal & Founder, [Assembledge+](#)

David Thompson is the Principal and Founder of Assembledge+, a LA-based architecture firm. The firm's work spans residential, commercial, and hospitality projects. Assembledge+ has recently received the 2024 Interior Design Best of Year Award, the 2023 American Architecture Award, and the 2023 AIA California Climate Action Award. Their projects have been featured in publications such as Architectural Digest, Dwell, and Wallpaper.



Down Christine, Architect PLLC

### **Dawn Christine**

*Architect, Principal & CEO,  
Dawn Christine*

Dawn Christine owns a studio based in North Carolina, specializing in luxury custom homes, renovations, and commercial projects. Her work is known for its experiential and client-centered design approach. Christine has received multiple awards, including the International Property Awards (2020–2023), Luxury Lifestyle Awards, BUILD Architecture Awards, Houzz Awards, and recognition in Marquis Who’s Who (2024) for her contributions to architecture and interior design.



### **Devin Kimmel**

*Managing Principal,  
Kimmel Studio Architects*

Devin Kimmel leads Kimmel Studio Architects, a company specializing in architecture, landscape, and historic preservation. His work emphasizes classical design principles and contextual sensitivity. Notable honors include the 2019 AIA Chesapeake Bay Architect of the Year, the 2023 John Russell Pope Award for historic preservation, and a 2024 International Interior Design Award.

**JONES STUDIO**

### **Eddie Jones**

*Owner, Jones Studio Inc.*

Eddie Jones is the Owner of Jones Studio Inc., an Arizona-based firm known for its environmentally responsive architecture. Over four decades, the studio has earned over 200 design awards, including a National AIA Award and a GSA Design Excellence Honor. In 2025, Forbes recognized Jones Studio among “America’s Top 200 Residential Architects.”

**YELLOW HOUSE ARCHITECTS**

### **Elizabeth Graziolo**

*Founder & Principal,  
Yellow House Architects*

Elizabeth Graziolo leads Yellow House Architects, a New York-based firm specializing in residential and commercial projects with a modern classical approach. She has been honored with the Museum of the City of New York’s “City of Design Award” and the Cooper Union President’s Citation in Architecture. Elizabeth is also an Architectural Digest AD100 honoree and serves on several prestigious boards, including The Institute of Classical Architecture & Art.



### **Elizabeth Herrmann**

*President, Elizabeth Herrmann  
architecture + design*

Elizabeth Herrmann is the President of Elizabeth Herrmann Architecture + Design, based in Maine. With over 20 years of experience, Elizabeth specializes in creating custom residential homes that are sustainable and sensitive to their surroundings. She aims to create universal and adaptable designs, and she has won several awards for her work. Her designs have been featured in renowned publications such as Dwell and New England Home magazines.

**DUMICAN MOSEY  
ARCHITECTS**

### **Eric Dumican & Matthew Mosey**

*Partners,  
Dumican Mosey Architects*

Eric Dumican and Matthew Mosey lead Dumican Mosey Architects, a California-based firm known for its modernist residential and mixed-use projects. Their work has been recognized with several awards, including a 2023 Residential Design Architecture Citation Award for the Russian Hill Residence and a nomination for ArchDaily’s 2021 Building of the Year for the SOMA Residence and Artist Gallery.

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## DOES ARCHITECTURE

### **Eric Staten**

*Principal, [DOES Architecture](#)*

Eric Staten is the Principal of DOES Architecture, a firm specializing in sustainable residential and commercial design. His portfolio includes from custom interior renovations and single and multi-family housing design to restaurant, hospitality, retail, health care, and transportation architecture. He graduated with High Honors from the California College of the Arts, with additional schooling at the Cooper Union and Sci-Arc.

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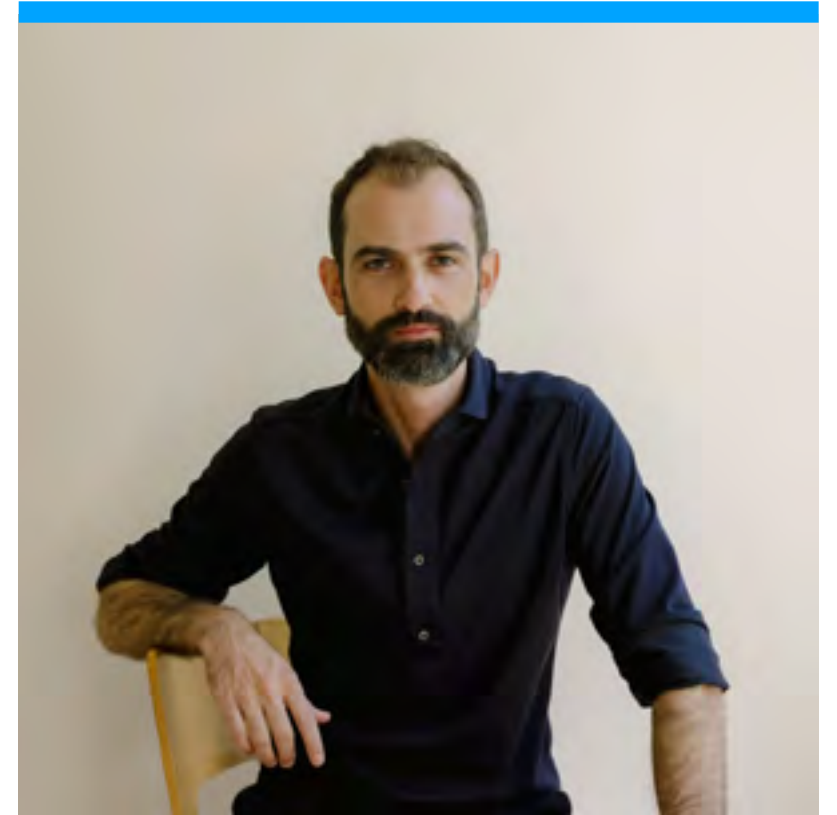


### **Erla Dögg Ingjaldsdóttir & Tryggvi Thorsteinsson**

*Founders, [Minarc](#)*

Erla Dögg Ingjaldsdóttir and Tryggvi Thorsteinsson co-founded Minarc, an award-winning design studio known for its sustainable, minimalist architecture that draws inspiration from their Icelandic roots. Their accolades include the 2024 Los Angeles Architectural Award from the Los Angeles Business Council, the 2021 LIV Hospitality Design Award for the Northern Lights Bar at ION Adventure Hotel, and the European Product Design Award for their water-saving ReFlow sink.

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### **Fernando Fisbein**

*Principal, [Fernando Fisbein Architect](#)*

Fernando Fisbein is a Principal of Fernando Fisbein Architect, a NY-based architectural studio. He holds dual master's degrees: one in Advanced Architectural Design from Columbia University in New York, USA, and another in Art History from Escola de Música e Belas Artes do Paraná in Brazil. He is licensed as an architect in both the U.S. and Brazil and is a member of the American Institute of Architects.

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SCHAFFER BUCCELLATO ARCHITECTS  
— ARCHITECTURE & DESIGN —

### **Gil Schafer**

*Founding Partner,  
[G. P. Schafer Architect](#)*

Gil Schafer is a Founding Partner at G. P. Schafer Architect. He is a nationally recognized architect known for his classically inspired residential projects. He has received numerous awards, including the Arthur Ross Award for Architecture from the Institute of Classical Architecture & Art. Gil has been recognized multiple times on Architectural Digest's AD100 list, and he is the author of two bestselling books on classical design.

HUGH JEFFERSON

RANDOLPH ARCHITECTS

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### **Hugh Randolph**

*Founder & Principal,  
[Hugh Jefferson Randolph Architects](#)*

Hugh Randolph is the Founder and Principal of a Texas-based studio Hugh Jefferson Randolph Architects known for its inventive residential architecture that balances modern expression with regional character. Hugh's projects have been published in Dwell, Architectural Digest, and Texas Architect, and the firm received a 2023 AIA Austin Design Award. His work was also highlighted in a 2024 episode of the "Behind the Build" podcast.



### **Ian Butcher, Kailin Gregga & Kip Katich**

*Partners, [Best Practice Architecture](#)*

Ian Butcher, Kailin Gregga, and Kip Katich are the founding partners of Best Practice Architecture, a Washington-based firm known for its playful, human-centered designs. Ian, AIA, leads the firm with over two decades of experience in residential design. Kailin, who became a partner in 2020, leads the studio's creative direction, and Kip contributes deep expertise in project management and technical detailing. Best Practice has received several notable awards, including the 2024 Architizer A+ Special Mention for Eye Eye, the 2023 Builder's Choice Project of the Year for Phinney Mini, and several AIA Seattle Honor Awards.

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# JACK RYAN ARCHITECT

## Jack Ryan

Owner, [Jack Ryan Architect](#)

Jack Ryan leads a Rhode Island-based practice specializing in residential and adaptive reuse projects. In 2025, his firm received six awards from Rhode Island Monthly, including First Place for Bathroom Design and multiple honors for the Convent Residences and Doran Loft. He was also named among Forbes' "America's Top 200 Residential Architects" in 2025.



## Jeff Guggenheim

Co-Founder, [Guggenheim Architecture and Design Studio](#)

Jeff Guggenheim is a licensed Architect and Co-Founder of Guggenheim Architecture + Design Studio. His practice includes residential and commercial work with a focus on clean, functional design. He has also served as a regional representative for the AIA National Small Firm Exchange and chaired the AIA Oregon committee. Jeff is a multiple AIA award winner, and his work has recently been featured in Luxe Interiors + Design and Architectural Digest.

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# Figure

## James Leng & Jennifer Ly

Founding Partners, [Figure](#)

James Leng and Jennifer Ly are Founding Partners of California-based architecture studio Figure. James is also a lecturer at University of California, and has received various accolades such as the Vilcek Prize for Creative Promise for immigrant contribution to the arts, the SOM Foundation Research Prize for independent research, and the James Templeton Kelley Prize for best graduate thesis. Jennifer is also the recipient of several design honors including the Rotch Travelling Scholarship, Burnham Prize, Harvard's Department of Architecture Faculty Design Award, and the Alpha Rho Chi Medal.



## Jeff Pelletier

Principal & Owner, [Board & Vellum](#)

Based in Capitol Hill, Seattle, Jeff and his firm have contributed to countless projects throughout the area, including residential, retail, commercial, and multi-family. He has grown Board & Vellum to more than 50 employees and earned the Puget Sound Business Journal's "40 Under 40" Award. Board & Vellum prides itself on not being your typical design firm, keeping an emphasis on the homeowner's dreams and plans.

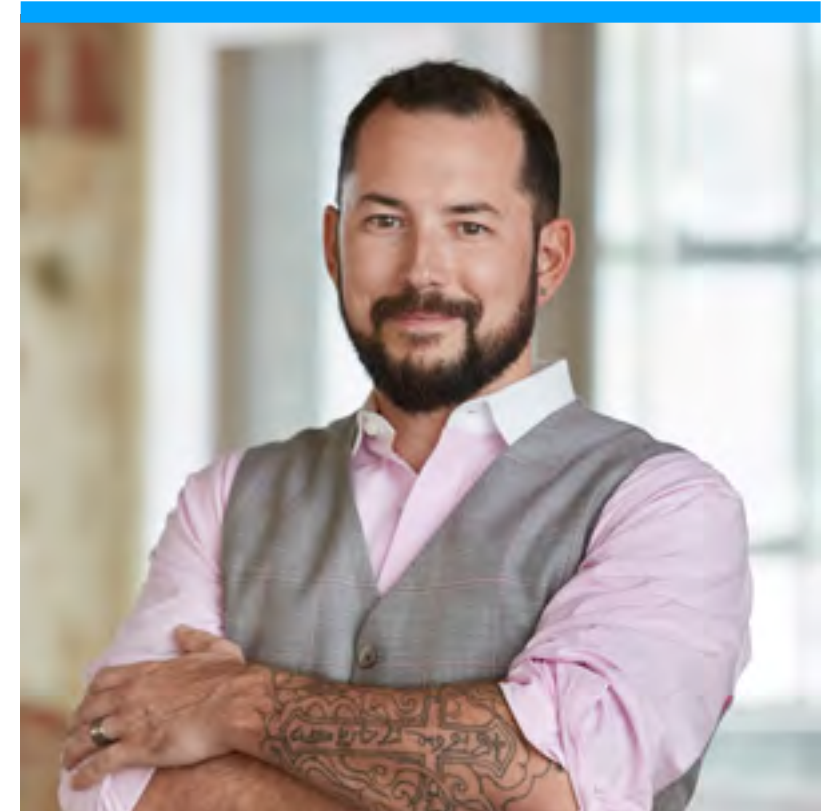
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# Studio Gang

## Jeanne Gang

Founding Partner, [Studio Gang](#)

Jeanne Gang is the Founding Partner of Studio Gang, an architecture and urban design practice with offices in Chicago, New York, San Francisco, and Paris. She has received multiple awards, including the 2011 MacArthur Fellowship, the 2013 National Design Award from Cooper Hewitt, and the 2022 ULI Prize for Visionaries in Urban Development. Her firm was named to Architectural Digest's AD100 list in 2023.



## Jeremiah Russell, AIA, NCARB, RIBA

Principal Architect,  
[ROGUE Architecture](#)

Based in Little Rock, Arkansas, Jeremiah began ROGUE Architecture after over 10 years of experience working in the construction industry. As a graduate of Savannah College of Art and Design with a Master's in Architecture, he has experience working in an array of building types such as retail, office, and single-family homes.



### **Jesse Hager**

*Principal, [CONTENT Architecture](#)*

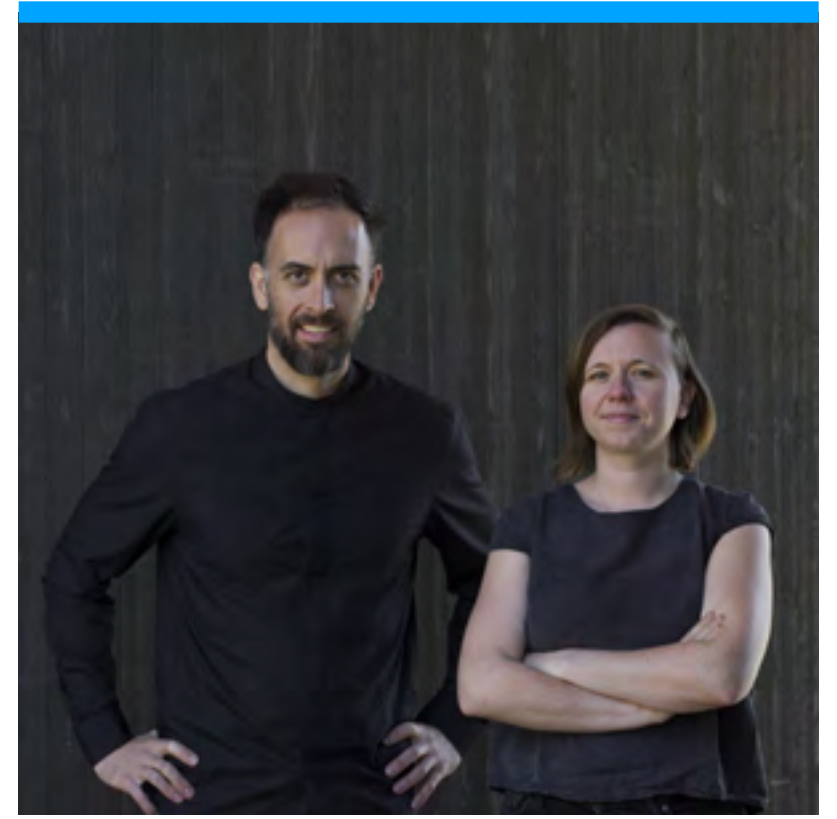
Jesse Hager is the Principal at CONTENT Architecture with a focus on modern residential and commercial design. His firm has received multiple honors, including the 2024 and 2022 Texas Society of Architects Design Awards. In 2017, Jesse was named AIA Houston's Young Architect of the Year. He also serves as an adjunct professor at the University of Houston's Hines College of Architecture and Design.



### **Jim Zack & Lise de Vito**

*Owners, [Zack | de Vito Architecture + Construction](#)*

Jim Zack and Lise de Vito are the Owners of Zack | de Vito Architecture + Construction, a California-based design-build firm. Their work has earned multiple AIA and national awards, including the 2025 Architectural Interiors Citation Award from Residential Design magazine for their STEEL Life project. Notable past honors include the AIA National Housing Award and SFAIA Excellence in Architecture Award.



### **Jon Gentry & Aimée O'Carroll**

*Founding Partners, [GO'C](#)*

Jon Gentry and Aimée O'Carroll are Founding Partners at GO'C, a full architectural and interior design firm serving residential, commercial, and arts-focused civic projects. Since its founding in 2012, the firm has won numerous awards, including the 2018 AIA Northwest & Pacific Region Emerging Firm Award. Their projects have received national recognition, such as the AIA National Housing Award and multiple Residential Design Architecture Awards. Their work has been featured in publications like The New York Times, Dwell, and Dezeen.



### **Jonah Reynolds**

*CEO, [Pangea Biotecture](#)*

Jonah Reynolds is the CEO at Pangea Biotecture, a New Mexico-based firm specializing in off-grid, sustainable architecture. With over four decades of experience, Jonah has designed and built self-sufficient structures worldwide. The company has built emergency shelters in Haiti and community buildings in Malawi and Sierra Leone. Jonah's work has been featured in the Voices of Taos podcast and the Pangea Podcast.



### **Joseph Herrin & Mike Mora**

*Co-Founders, [Heliotrope Architects](#)*

Joseph Herrin and Mike Mora co-founded Heliotrope Architects in 1999. Their firm is recognized for its sustainable designs across residential, commercial, and hospitality projects. They create architecture that is both modern and deeply rooted in the Pacific Northwest's natural and cultural landscapes. Heliotrope has received multiple AIA awards and has been featured in publications such as Architectural Digest, The Wall Street Journal, and Gray Magazine.



### **Joshua Aidlin**

*Founding Partner, [Aidlin Darling Design](#)*

Joshua Aidlin is a Founding Partner of Aidlin Darling Design, a California-based architecture and design studio. The firm is recognized for its innovative and sustainable designs across residential, cultural, and commercial projects. In 2023, Joshua was inducted into the Interior Design Hall of Fame, and he served as a juror for the Architect's Newspaper 2024 Best of Design Awards. His firm was featured in multiple important publications and won over 300 awards.



### **Joshua Larson**

*Principal, [Larson Shores Architects](#)*

Joshua Larson is the Principal of Larson Shores Architects, a firm specializing in residential and small-scale commercial architecture. He has over 23 years of architectural design expertise and an additional 5 years in construction project management and estimating. Under his leadership, the firm has received several awards and has been featured in publications such as The Wall Street Journal, Forbes, and Town & Country.



### **Lauren Adams**

*Principal & Co-Owner, [Letter Four, Inc.](#)*

Lauren Adams is the Principal & Co-Owner of LETTER FOUR, a design-build services firm based in Los Angeles. She entered the LA architecture scene in 2002 and gained over 20 years of extensive experience in luxurious residence architecture across the greater LA area. She obtained her Bachelor of Architecture from Cornell University and remarkably achieved licensure as an architect by the age of twenty-six.



### **Joyce Owens**

*Principal Architect, [Architecture Joyce Owens LLC | Studio AJO](#)*

Joyce Owens is the Principal of Architecture Joyce Owens LLC, also known as Studio AJO. Her firm focuses on design excellence and community engagement, with projects spanning cultural, civic, and residential sectors. She won numerous design and industry awards, including the 2022 Gold Medal of Honor and distinguished 2020 Medal of Honor for Design from AIA Florida, and was named one of America's 2025 Top 200 Residential Architects by Forbes Magazine.



### **Lee Calisti**

*Principal, [lee CALISTI architecture+design](#)*

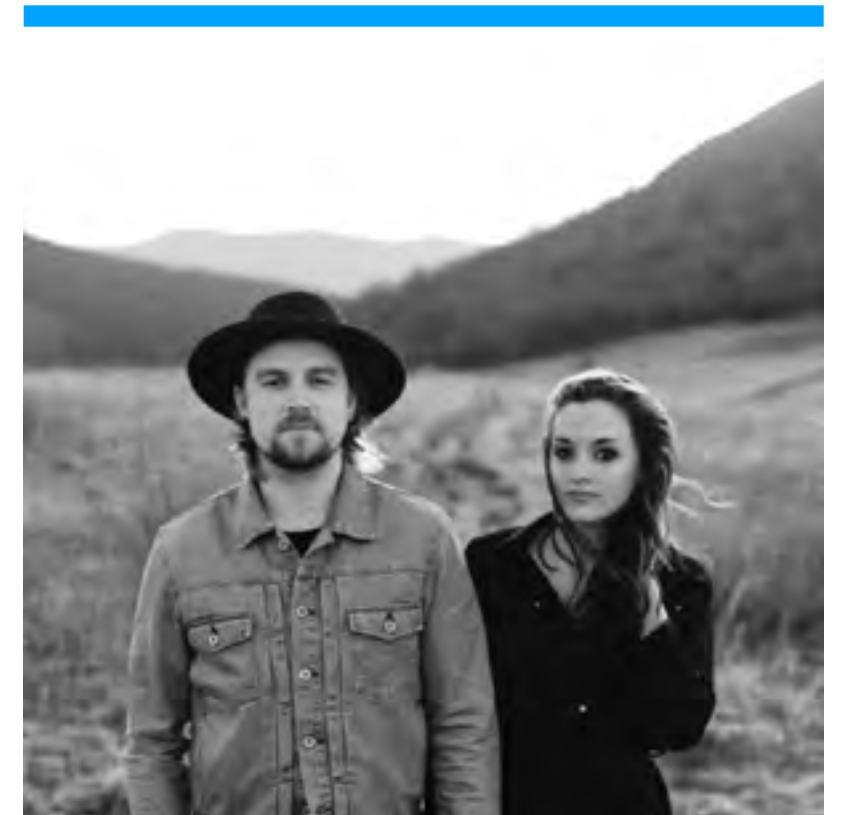
Based in Greensburg, Pennsylvania, Lee focuses on both new construction and reuse projects at the commercial, institutional, and residential levels. Lee has served as an adjunct associate professor at Carnegie Mellon University's School of Architecture and blogs regularly at ThinkArchitect. In 2024, his firm was awarded Gold—First Place in the "Addition More Than \$250,000" category at the 46th Annual Qualified Remodeler Master Design Awards. The firm also received a 2024 Project Management Award from Monograph.

## **alterstudio**

### **Kevin Alter, Ernesto Cragolino & Tim Whitehill**

*Partners, [Alterstudio Architecture](#)*

Kevin Alter, Ernesto Cragolino, and Tim Whitehill are the Founding Partners of Alterstudio Architecture, based in Texas. With over 20 years of experience, their firm specializes in context-sensitive design for residential, cultural, and civic projects, emphasizing sustainability and regional influences. Alterstudio has received multiple AIA Design Awards and has been featured in Architectural Digest, Dwell, and Texas Architect.



### **Lucas & Rachel Boyd**

*Owners, [Boyd Architects](#)*

Lucas and Rachel Boyd are the Owners of Boyd Architects. Lucas has earned prestigious accolades such as the Fulbright Scholarship and the J.B.C. Watkins Award for Architecture. As a licensed Architect in South Carolina, he actively engages as a member of Charleston's Design Review Board (DRB). Rachel has been recognized with the Clemson Faculty Scholarship Award and the Yale University Merit Scholarship. Her contributions to projects span the Netherlands, New York City, and her home state of South Carolina.

MTD | MARC THORPE DESIGN

### **Marc Thorpe**

*Founder, [Marc Thorpe Design + Architecture](#)*

Marc Thorpe is the Founder of Marc Thorpe Design + Architecture, based in New York. He has received the Alpha Rho Chi Medal for architectural leadership at Parsons School of Design and the American Architecture Award in 2022. In 2021, his firm won the Green GOOD DESIGN® Award. Marc has also been recognized by the Architecture MasterPrize and the International Architecture & Design Award. He also served as a jury member for the 2018 Core77 Design Awards in the Built Environment category.



### **Mark English**

*Founder, [Mark English Architects](#)*

A San Francisco native, Mark studied architecture in Florence, Italy before starting his own firm. In addition to focusing on sustainable design, he also serves as the editor of the online magazine The Architect's Take. Mark English Architects has earned multiple honors including recognition from the 2025 Architizer A+Awards, the 2024 Residential Design Architecture Awards, Luxe RED Awards, International Design Awards, and the BLT Built Design Awards. In 2025, Mark also published In Situ: Unique Homes Crafted for California Living, showcasing seven of his standout residential projects.

**BITTONI**

### **Mark Bittoni**

*Founder & Principal, [Bittoni Architect](#)*

Mark Bittoni is the Founder and Principal of Bittoni Architects, a California-based firm specializing in multifamily housing, commercial, and residential design. He earned the AIA Scholastic Award during his Master of Architecture program at UCLA. In 2023, Bittoni Architects received an AIA Los Angeles Residential Architecture Honor Award for the Purdue project. Mark has lectured at the University of Southern California and served as a guest critic at institutions including The Ohio State University and Tecnológico de Monterrey.



### **Mark Rolfs & Rudi Elert**

*Partners, [Rolfs Elert Office](#)*

Mark Rolfs and Rudi Elert are Partners at Rolfs Elert Office, an award-winning architecture and interior design firm based in New York. With over 25 years of experience, their practice specializes in custom residential projects that blend modern design with timeless forms. The firm's portfolio showcases a diverse range of designs, from traditional to contemporary.

DE REUS

### **Mark Edison de Reus**

*Founder, [de Reus](#)*

Mark Edison de Reus is the Founder of de Reus Architects, a Hawaii-based firm specializing in luxury resorts and residential architecture. He has been recognized by Architectural Digest as one of the world's top architects and designers in their AD100 list. De Reus is the author of Tropical Experience: Architecture + Design, which explores the integration of architecture with natural surroundings. His firm has received awards from Ocean Home Magazine and the ASID Hawaii Design Excellence Awards.



### **Mark Tate**

*Principal Architect, [Tate Studio Architects](#)*

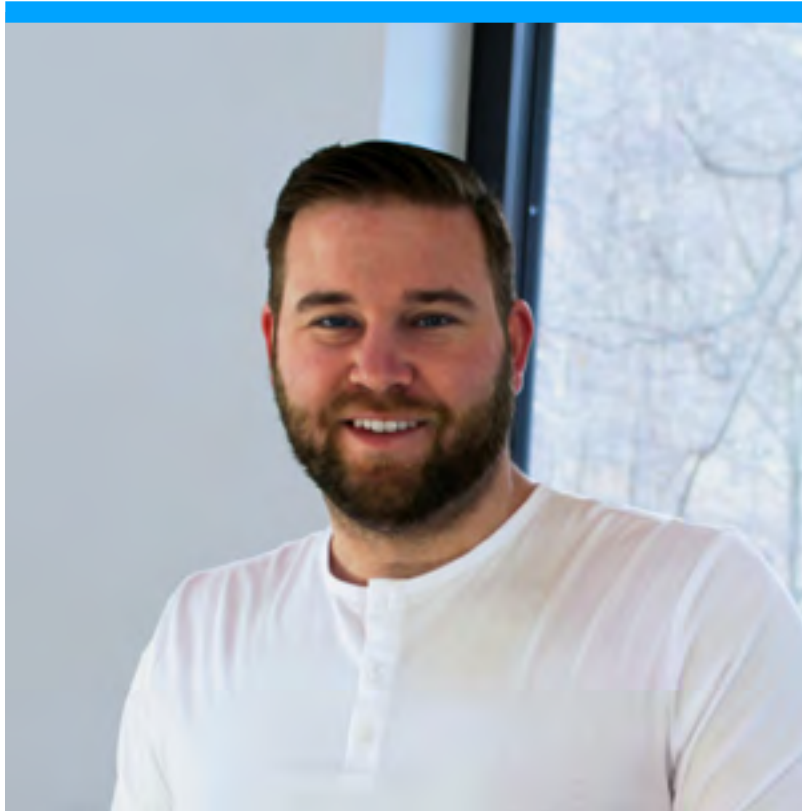
Mark Tate is the Founder and Principal Architect of Tate Studio Architects, established in 2007 in Arizona. He has over 40 years in the profession, and his work emphasizes minimalist natural materials, expansive glass walls, and open, airy spaces that blur the boundaries between indoor and outdoor living. His designs have earned him six Gold Nugget Merit Awards from the Pacific Coast Builders Conference, recognizing excellence in residential design. In 2021, he was honored as a "Master of the Southwest" by Phoenix Home & Garden and named a "Design Icon – Architect" by Sources for Design magazine.



## **Matt Fajkus**

*Founder & Principal Architect,  
Matt Fajkus Architecture*

Matt Fajkus is the Founder and Principal Architect of Matt Fajkus Architecture (MFA), an award-winning firm based in Texas. The firm has completed over 100 projects and earned more than 40 design awards. In addition to leading MFA, Matt is an associate professor at The University of Texas at Austin School of Architecture. He has received multiple teaching awards, including the Regents' Outstanding Teaching Award, the highest teaching honor awarded by the University of Texas System. He co-authored the book *Architectural Science and the Sun: The Poetics and Pragmatics of Solar Design*.



## **Nathan Dalesio**

*Founder, Multitude Studio Architecture*

Nathan Dalesio is the Founder of Multitude Studio, an architecture practice based in New York. He is a licensed architect with over a decade of experience. He specializes in contemporary residential design that emphasizes material clarity, sustainability, and contextual sensitivity. Nate is a member of the American Institute of Architects (AIA) and the National Council of Architectural Registration Boards (NCARB).



## **Maura Fernández Abernethy**

*Principal, Studio VARA*

Maura Fernández Abernethy is the Principal at Studio VARA, an architecture firm based in California. She has over 20 years of experience in residential design. Maura has worked in cities like Los Angeles, Boston, New York, Barcelona, and San Francisco. Studio VARA was honored by Interior Design magazine in the Best of Year Awards for Large Residential Transformation. The firm also received a 2025 Residential Design Architecture Honor Award.



## **Nathan Good**

*Founder, Nathan Good Architects*

Nathan Good is the Founder of Nathan Good Architects, an Oregon-based firm specializing in sustainable residential and commercial architecture. He has over 30 years of experience, and his work is focused on energy-efficient design and LEED-certified projects. His firm has received multiple AIA and Earth Advantage Green Home Awards, and his work has been featured in Green Builder Magazine and Dwell.



## **Mike Jacobs & Sari Chang**

*Principals, JACOBSCHAN*

Mike Jacobs and Sari Chang are the Principals at JACOBSCHANG Architecture. Mike was awarded the AIA NY LeBrun Travel Grant for his research on public space reclamation and has taught architecture at Columbia and Yale. Sari focuses on projects with environmental and social impact. She is also active in civic leadership, serving on boards such as the National Dance Institute and Make-A-Wish Metro NY. In 2025, their project "The Translator's House" was named a finalist in the Architizer A+ Awards.



## **Nick Noyes**

*Founder, Nick Noyes Architecture*

Nick Noyes is the Founder of Nick Noyes Architecture, a San Francisco-based firm known for its modern residential designs rooted in simplicity and craftsmanship. His projects have received multiple AIA awards and have been featured in Architectural Record, Dwell, and The New York Times.



**Nicole Blair**

*Owner, [Nicole Blair](#)*

Nicole Blair is the Owner of Nicole Blair, LLC, a Texas-based company focused on residential, public art, and small commercial building projects. Nicole gained experience at Robert A.M. Stern and Peter Eisenman’s NYC offices before earning degrees from Cornell and Rice. In 2019, Elle Decor named Nicole one of the greatest living architects. Blair was named to Architectural Digest’s AD100 list in 2024, and her work has been featured in Dwell, Texas Architect, and Dezeen.

PATRICK AHEARN  
— ARCHITECT —

**Patrick Ahearn**

*Founder, [Patrick Ahearn Architect](#)*

Patrick Ahearn is the Founder of Patrick Ahearn Architect, a firm specializing in historically inspired residential architecture in New England. With over 50 years of experience, he has completed more than 1,000 projects and received numerous AIA and PRISM awards. Patrick is also the author of Timeless: Classic American Architecture for Contemporary Living.

CLAYTON  
KORTE

**Paul Clayton & Brian Korte**

*Principals, [Clayton Korte](#)*

Paul Clayton and Brian Korte lead Clayton Korte, an Austin and San Antonio-based architecture firm known for its context-driven residential, hospitality, and winery designs. Their work has earned multiple AIA awards and been featured in Architectural Digest, Texas Architect, and Dezeen.



**Paul McClean**

*Founder, [McClean Design](#)*

Paul McClean is the Founder of McClean Design, a Los Angeles-based architecture firm known for luxury contemporary residences defined by clean lines, transparency, and seamless indoor-outdoor living. Originally from Ireland, McClean has completed over 100 high-end homes, many for high-profile clients. His work has been featured in Architectural Digest, Robb Report, Dwell, and the Netflix series The World’s Most Extraordinary Homes.



**Peggy Hsu & Chris McCullough**

*Principals, [Hsu McCullough](#)*

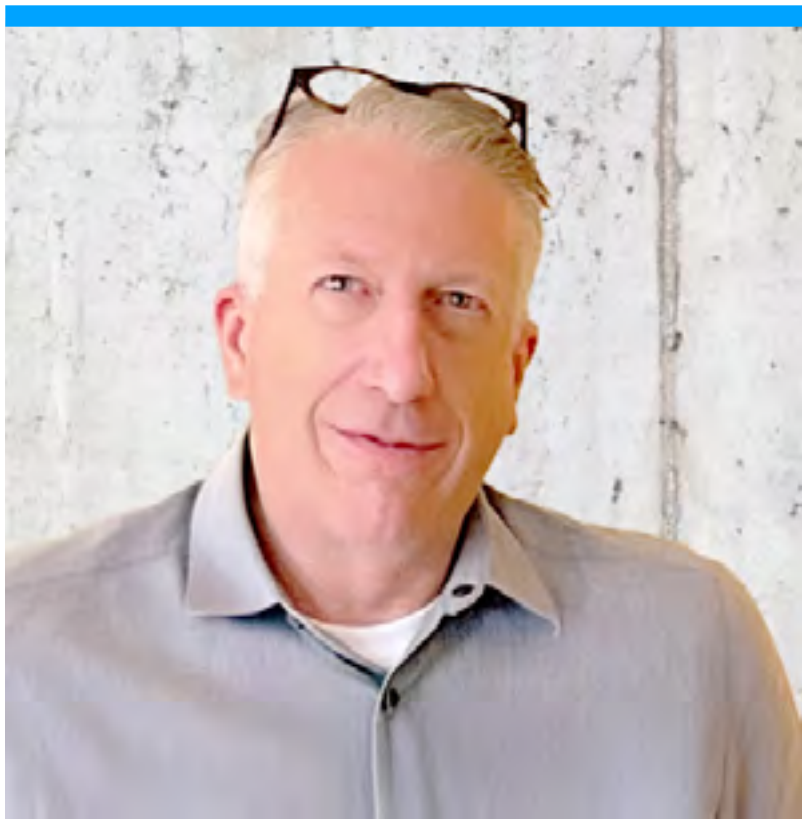
Peggy Hsu & Chris McCullough are the Principals of architecture studio Hsu McCullough based in California. With over 50 years of experience between them, they create elegant designs that reflect their clients’ lifestyles. Peggy and Chris specialize in custom home designs with a focus on comfort.



**Peter Pennoyer**

*Founding Principal, [Peter Pennoyer Architects](#)*

Peter Pennoyer, FAIA, is the Founding Principal of Peter Pennoyer Architects, a New York-based firm renowned for its expertise in classical and traditional architecture. He’s a recipient of the prestigious 2024 Richard H. Driehaus Prize for his commitment to classical ideals. His firm’s accolades also include multiple Stanford White Awards from the ICAA and consistent inclusion in Architectural Digest’s AD100 list.



### **Philip Consalvo**

*Principal, [PJCArchitecture](#)*

Philip Consalvo is the Principal of PJCArchitecture with over 25 years of professional practice experience across various project types. He started his career at Fox & Fowle Architects (now FXCollaborative), handling design development to construction administration for projects spanning residential, corporate interiors, and high-rise buildings. He's also served as a project architect and designer at firms including Urbahn Associates, MR Architecture and Décor, Nandinee Phookan Architects, Tow Studios, and Menz and Cook Architects. Philip is licensed to practice architecture in New York and New Jersey.



### **Renée del Gaudio**

*Owner, [Renée del Gaudio Architecture](#)*

Renée del Gaudio is the Owner of Renée del Gaudio Architecture. She finds inspiration for her designs in the Rocky Mountain region's climate, landscape, and history. Her work has been featured in publications like the Wall Street Journal, Dwell, and "Off the Grid: Houses for Escape." With fourteen American Institute of Architecture Awards, including the 2022 AIA National Housing and Small Project Awards, Renée is an active member of the AIA, NCARB Certified, and a Registered Architect in Colorado.



### **Robert Hutchison**

*Owner, [Robert Hutchison Architecture \(RHA\)](#)*

Robert Hutchison leads Robert Hutchison Architecture (RHA), a Washington-based studio recognized for its innovative work. Hutchison's accolades include the Rome Prize in Architecture, Emerging Voices award from the Architectural League of NY, and Creative Artists Fellowships. The studio's work has been featured in publications and platforms such as ARCHITECT MAGAZINE, Architizer, ArchDaily, Dezeen, and GRAY Magazine, among others.



### **Robert Srote**

*Owner & Architect, [Srote & Co Architects | Planners | Interiors](#)*

Robert Srote is an architect and the Owner of Srote & Co Architects | Planners | Interiors. Robert is certified by the National Council of Architectural Registration Boards (NCARB) and the American Institute of Architects (AIA). He has decades of experience in architectural design, and he created several award-winning custom homes for clients across the nation. Currently licensed in multiple states, Robert has met the rigorous national licensure standards in all U.S. states, including territories like the Virgin Islands, Puerto Rico, and Guam.



### **Ronnette Riley**

*Owner, [Ronnette Riley Architect](#)*

Ronnette Riley is the Owner of architectural firm Ronnette Architect, based in New York. She has over 40 years of experience and has completed over 900 projects since establishing her practice in 1987. Ronnette is a Fellow of the American Institute of Architects and a LEED-Accredited Professional.



### **Ryan & Stephanie Lemmo**

*Principals & Co-founders, [Lemmo Architecture and Design \(LA-N-D\)](#)*

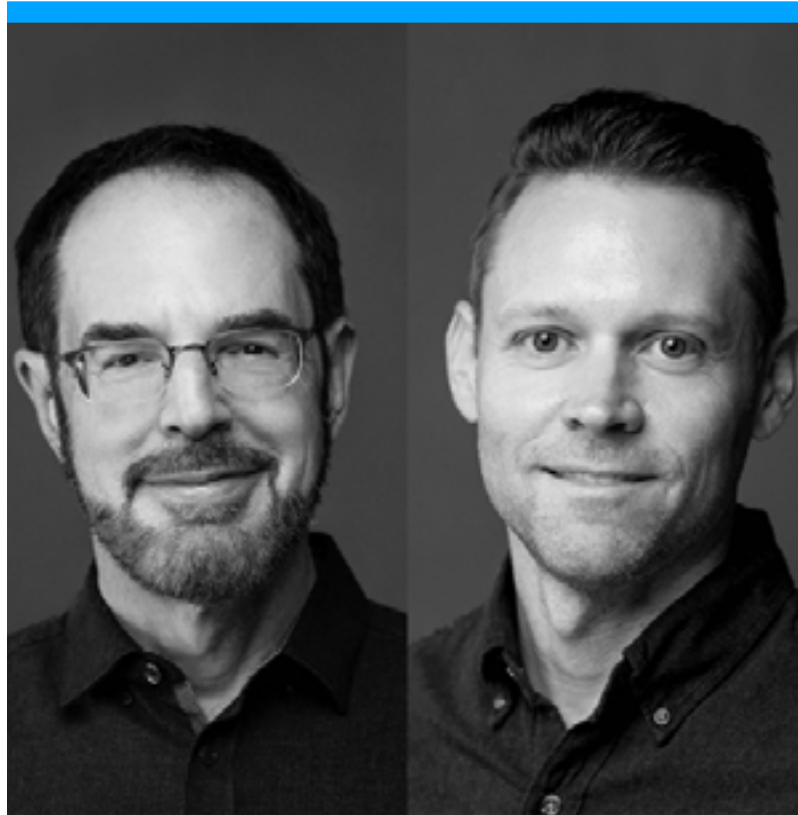
Ryan and Stephanie Lemmo are the Principals and Co-founders of Lemmo Architecture and Design (LA-N-D), a studio recognized as one of Austin's Best Architects by Austin Home in both 2023 and 2024. Their project, Pleasant Valley, has won the 2025 TxA Design Award Winner, and 2023 AIA Austin Design Award of Merit among other merits, and Clear Rock is the 2019 TXA Design Award Winner and 2017 AIA Austin Design Award Winner. Their work has been featured in publications such as Dwell Magazine, ArchDaily, and Dezeen.



**Scott Ginder**

*Founding Principal & CEO,  
Forge Craft Architecture + Design*

Scott Ginder, Founding Principal & CEO of Forge Craft Architecture + Design, leads a Texas-based firm specializing in sustainable, energy-efficient design that enhances the quality of life through thoughtful architecture. Under Ginder's direction, Forge Craft has earned numerous accolades, including a 2024 AIA Housing Award for the Theresa Passive House, a project also won the 2022 AIA Austin Design Award of Merit and 2022 U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) Housing Innovation Award.



**Scott Specht & Jakeb Novak**

*Partners, Specht Novak*

Scott Specht and Jakeb Novak are the Partners of Specht Novak, an acclaimed architecture and design firm based in New York City. Founded on a shared commitment to innovative and sustainable architecture, their practice has garnered numerous accolades, including multiple AIA National Housing Awards, AIA New York Chapter Design Awards, and Interior Design Best of Year Awards. Their work has featured in leading publications like Architectural Record, Wallpaper\*, and Dezeen.



**Stan & Jess Field**

*Founders, Field Architecture*

Stan and Jess Field are the Founders of Field Architecture, a firm deeply rooted in a belief that architecture shapes experience and memory through a profound connection to the land. Their approach has garnered significant recognition, including multiple AIA National Honor Awards, AIA California Awards, and Residential Architect Design Awards.



**Stephan Jaklitsch & Mark Gardner**

*Principals,  
JAKLITSCH/GARDNER Architects*

Stephan Jaklitsch and Mark Gardner are the Principals of the award-winning JAKLITSCH/GARDNER Architects. The firm has received nine American Institute of Architects Awards, including a National Honor Award, and was selected by the New York City Department of Design + Construction to participate in invited bids within the prestigious NYC's DDC's Design Excellence Program.



**Suchi Reddy**

*Founding Principal, Reddymade*

Suchi Reddy, FAIA, is the Founding Principal of Reddymade, a New York-based architecture and design studio driven by the ethos of "Form Follows Feeling." This philosophy guides the studio's creation of spaces that prioritize human experience and well-being through neuroaesthetics. Reddy's innovative approach has earned Reddymade significant recognition, including AIA Brooklyn + Queens Awards, Interior Design Best of Year Awards, and features in prominent publications such as Architectural Digest and Dezeen.



**Susan Jones**

*Principal Architect, atelierjones*

Susan Jones, FAIA, is the Principal Architect of atelierjones, an architecture firm based in Washington that creates enduring and environmentally responsible architecture that is also responsive to the landscape and climate. She is recognized as a FAIA for her achievements and also celebrated as one of Architectural Record's 2024 Women in Architecture Design Leadership Award winners.



**Susan Secoy**

Owner, [Secoy Architects](#)

Susan Secoy is the Owner of Secoy Architects, a studio based in California. Susan specializes in midcentury modern design and adaptive reuse projects for residential and commercial spaces. She chaired the City of Orange Design Review Committee for 4 years and the City of Palm Springs Architectural Advisory Committee for 6 years. Susan has served on the board of directors for the Palm Springs Preservation Foundation and is currently on the PSPF Board of Advisors. She has been a guest juror for fifth-year thesis students at Kent State University.

## Indigenous Design Studio + Architecture

**Tamarah Begay**

Founder, [IDS+A](#)

Tamarah Begay is the Founder of Indigenous Design Studio + Architecture (IDS+A), a 100% Native American woman-owned architectural and planning firm based in New Mexico. She is the recipient of the 2021 Women in Architecture Design Leadership Award and the 2021 AIA New Mexico Elevate - Young Architect Award. Her extensive credentials manifest her expertise and commitment to the principles of architecture and sustainable design.



**Todd Pritchett & Craig Dixon**

Partners, [Pritchett + Dixon](#)

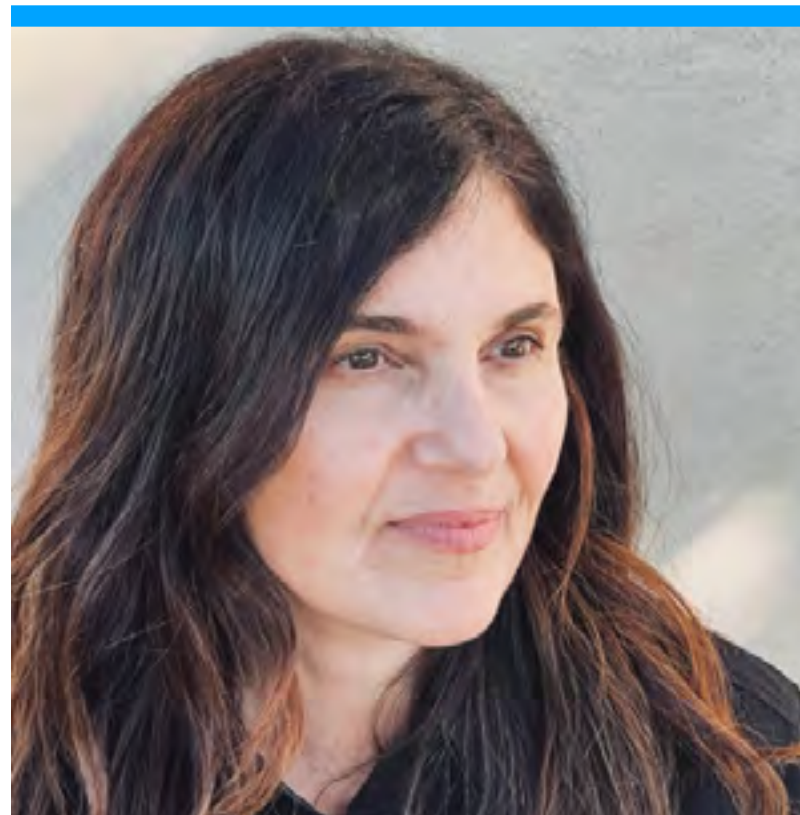
Todd Pritchett and Craig Dixon are Partners at Pritchett + Dixon, a studio based in Atlanta, Georgia. Together they bring diverse experiences and a shared passion for architecture. Todd's intimate understanding of lake properties and Craig's inspiration from his family's architectural legacy complement each other. Their collaboration on the acclaimed Terra di Siena restaurant solidified their partnership, leading to a focus on timeless residential design. They run a boutique firm known for personal client relationships and multiple awards for their work.

## Studio Zung

**Tommy Zung**

Founder & Principal, [Studio Zung](#)

Tommy Zung is the Founder and Principal of Studio Zung, a New York-based architecture and design studio rooted in the principles of minimalism and craftsmanship. Studio Zung's work has been featured in prominent outlets including Architectural Digest, ArchDaily, The New York Times, Vanity Fair, and the WSJ, among others.



**Toni Lewis**

Principal,  
[Lewis Schoeplein Architects](#)

Toni Lewis is the Principal of Lewis Schoeplein Architects, a design firm based in California. Her previous experience includes working at the offices of Frank O. Gehry and at Gensler. Her past clients include the City of Los Angeles, the University of Southern California, and Los Angeles City College.

## Wendell Burnette Architects

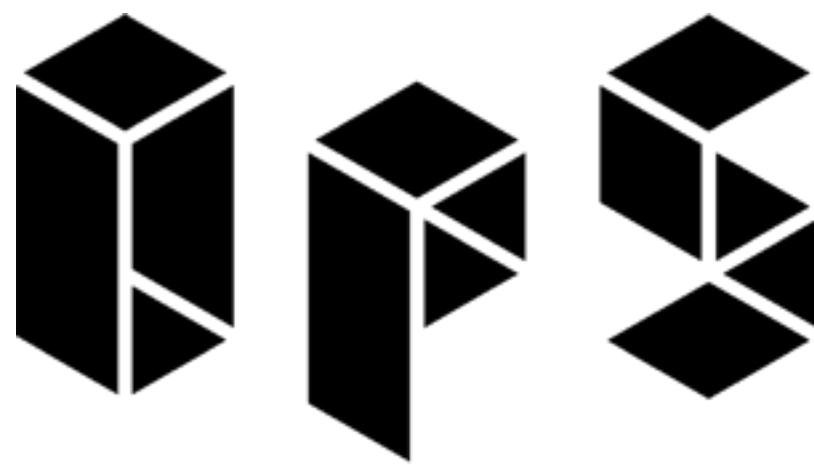
**Wendell Burnette**

Principal,  
[Wendell Burnette Architects](#)

Wendell Burnette, FAIA, is the Principal of Wendell Burnette Architects, a studio dedicated to creating impactful buildings that respond to their unique surroundings, culture, and climate. The firm has been honored with multiple AIA National Honor Awards for their exceptional designs and has been consistently recognized for their commitment to sustainability, including AIA/COTE Top Ten Green Projects Awards.

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Studio MUKA

**Whitley Esteban & Ernesto Gloria**

*Founders, [Studio Tre](#)*

Whitley Esteban & Ernesto Gloria are the Founders of Studio Tre, an architecture and design practice built on a foundation of collaboration and research. Their process aims to express the dreams of clients and collaborators while prioritizing functionality and comfort. The studio's work has been recognized in publications such as Architectural Digest, The Times, The New Yorker, and Vogue.

**Yousman Okano & Michael Picard**

*Co-Founders, [Okano Picard Studio](#)*

Founded by Yousman Okano and Michael Picard, Okano Picard Studio is a Washington-based architecture and design studio known for its innovative design solutions. Their rigorous and thoughtful approach ensures that each project is carefully designed and executed to the highest standards. The company earned the 2024 AIA Housing Award and has been recognized for its innovation and sustainable design solutions in publications like Amazing Architecture and Notion Workshop.

**Zabie Mustafa & Neda Kakhsaz**

*Founders, [Studio MUKA](#)*

Zabie Mustafa and Neda Kakhsaz are the founders of Studio MUKA, an architecture and design practice recognized by features in Architectural Digest. Built on the core pillars of collaboration, innovation, sustainability, and human-centered design, their studio is committed to creating meaningful and impactful spaces. Studio MUKA has earned Emerging Designer Awards and has been featured in Designboom and California Home + Design.

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## Methodology

[Fixr.com](#) extensively researched architects and home design professionals currently working in the industry in the U.S. The 100 that feature in this list were chosen based on their industry authority, media and social media presence, and awards they have won. Many have appeared in exclusive features in top publications, highlighting their projects.



**Zander Diamont & Jared Amzallag**

*Co-Founders,  
[Minimal Living Concepts](#)*

Zander Diamont and Jared Amzallag are the Co-Founders of Minimal Living Concepts, an Arizona-based company specializing in sustainable and prefabricated designs. Through their leadership, Minimal Living Concepts is expanding the accessibility of well-designed and environmentally conscious homes, offering innovative solutions for contemporary living.

# 100 Top Architects Influencing the Industry in 2025

