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## **Berger of Vidaris, Inc. earns Fellow of the American Institute of Architects**

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Vidaris, Inc.'s CEO Israel Berger has been elected to the American Institute of Architects (AIA) College of Fellows. Fellow of the American Institute of Architects (FAIA) is one of the highest honors the AIA can bestow upon a member, an honor that is restricted to those architects who have made significant contributions to architecture and to society. The 2013 Jury of Fellows elevated 122 AIA members to this prestigious status, which fewer than 4% of its members ever attain.

Concerning his election to Fellow, Berger said, "I am grateful that the national AIA recognizes the contribution of building envelope consultants, a field which I am passionate about. My elevation to fellowship is a tribute to Vidaris' members, particularly Bill Logan, Marc Weissbach, and the other principals in the firm. Going forward, we face new challenges of promoting innovative yet efficient systems, while advocating responsive and consistent performance criteria."

The 2013 Fellows will be honored at an investiture ceremony at the 2013 National AIA Convention and Design Exposition in Denver in June.

Berger, the founding partner of Israel Berger & Associates, now a division of Vidaris, has been a specialist in the design and construction of building envelopes for over 30 years.

He is renowned for his technical expertise, creative thinking, extensive experience, and deep familiarity with the façade and roofing industries. Berger has directed the consulting, testing, and inspection of curtain walls, windows, metal cladding, pre-cast, masonry walls, roofing, and composite assemblies worldwide. His work encompasses many building types, including commercial, residential, and institutional in the United States, Europe, the Far East, the Middle East, and South America. In addition, he has directed the façade restoration and re-cladding on many significant projects, including listed Landmark Buildings.

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