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Professional Profile: Marie Sorensen 2014

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Name: Marie Sorensen AIA NCARB LEED AP

Title: Principal-in-Charge / Architect

Company: Sorensen Partners | Architects + Planners, Inc.

Location: Lawrence, MA

Birthplace: Pittsburgh, PA

Education: Yale (B.A., Art & Anthropology), UC Berkeley (Masters - Architecture & City & Regional Planning / Urban Design)

First job outside of real estate: Photography professor

First job in real estate or allied field: KMD Architects in San Francisco working as a design intern and marketing writer for founder Herb McLaughlin.

What do you do now and what are you planning for the future? I'm an architect and master-planner working for clients in the higher education, hospitality, health, commercial, and cultural sectors. It's been a fantastic start to the business with clients Wellesley College, Endicott College, Boston East India Hotels, and others. The future holds growth in staff and capability, larger and more complex projects, and great relationships with clients.

How do you unwind from a busy day in real estate? Running, jazz, and red wine.

Favorite book or author: Adam Nicolson, "Long Walks in France"

Favorite movie: "Gladiator"

Last song you downloaded? Steve Winwood, "Back in the High Life Again"

One word to describe your work environment: Modern

Rules to live by in business: Work for and with people you like. Be honest. Use your intuition.

If you could invite one person to dinner (living or dead) who would it be and where would you go?

Elon Musk - a diner in Hawthorne, CA.

What is your dream job? Employment-wise - I'm doing it. A dream client 'job' - to design a skyscraper or hotel in combination with a transportation hub.

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