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## **MKDA to relocate and expand studio to George Comfort & Sons' 208 Harbor Dr. at Shippan Landing - celebrates 10th anniversary**

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Stamford, CT Leading commercial space planning and interior design firm MKDA is relocating and expanding its Conn. design studio from One Stamford Landing to George Comfort & Sons' 208 Harbor Dr. at Shippan Landing. The design firm signed a 10-year lease for 4,550 s/f of office space on the second floor.

Julia Lindh, MKDA

The move coincides with the 10-year anniversary of the local design studio, launched as an extension of MKDA's New York headquarters to serve clients in the northern suburbs of Fairfield and Westchester Counties. Founded in 1959, MKDA remains one of the nation's longest standing family-owned and –operated corporate interior design firms.

“We would not have been able to reach this milestone without the trust and dedication of our clients,” said MKDA Stamford executive managing director Julia Lindh, RA. “As such, we are marking our 10th year with the move to a larger, more connected and collaborative workplace that will support a more engaged workforce and improved results for clients.”

With Stamford Harbor views framed by windows and exposed ceilings, the interiors firm will build upon the building's modern interiors with an open office that includes benching, hoteling and various library bays. The space will be designed for collaboration, incorporating writable walls and a reception area that will double as a café for impromptu meetings.

MKDA has collaborated with George Comfort & Sons on a number of assignments, including The Beer Garden @ Shippan Landing, and at the owner's properties High Ridge Park and The Centre at Purchase in Purchase, N.Y.

The studio's other notable projects include workspaces for Design Within Reach, Heineken, Guggenheim Partners, Tradition Energy, Finn Dixon and Bank of Ireland, as well as interior and exterior repositioning of commercial buildings 700 Canal St., 55 West Post Rd. and 2187 Atlantic Ave.

Michael Kleinberg, MKDA

“Our strong ties to the real estate and corporate communities throughout Fairfield and Westchester Counties have been strengthened due to the exceptional designs and services provided by the Stamford team over the past 10 years,” said MKDA president Michael Kleinberg.

“We congratulate Julia and her team and look forward to the continued growth of the studio.”

“Shippan Landing, with its modern feel and collaborative environment, continues to attract top creative companies and we are pleased to welcome MKDA, a true leader in the commercial planning and interior design industry,” said George Comfort & Sons senior vice president Dana Pike. A joint venture comprised of George Comfort & Sons and Angelo Gordon & Co., Shippan Landing consists of six buildings of Class-A office space situated on 17 acres at the Stamford Harbor waterfront. Tucked away on a piece of land surrounded on three sides by an active marina, the complex recently underwent a complete reimagining. In addition to the beer garden, outdoor amenities include terraces and patios; sports courts; and common seating and lounge areas. Recent improvements also include a fitness center, full-service cafeteria with outdoor seating, and new conference facilities.

MKDA is a corporate planning and interior design firm that was established in New York, NY in 1959. The firm also has a Stamford, Conn. studio that provides corporate interior design services, and a Miami studio that provides architecture and interior design services. MKDA has been named one of Interior Design magazine’s Top 100 Interior Design Giants, has been an Interior Design Best of the Year Honoree, and has received numerous other accolades and recognition. Client brands have included Snapchat, SoundCloud, Guggenheim Partners, Design Within Reach and Heineken USA, as well as leading building owners Silverstein Properties, George Comfort & Sons, Vornado Realty Trust, Blackstone, ClearRock Properties and Boston Properties.

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