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## **NELSON merges with WK design group**

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Boston, MA After a string of recent national moves, NELSON, a global architecture and design firm, has merged operations with WK design group, located in San Francisco. Effective August 1, this addition increases NELSON's focus on large-scale, core and shell architecture, and further expand its presence into the Bay Area.

Led by Gary Weske and Joel Karr, RA, NCARB, WK design group specializes in architecture, interior design, building design, core and shell architecture, and construction administration. As a passionate group focused on company culture, the firm offers a boutique approach to architecture and design – an important factor to NELSON as growth ensues.

WK design group's specialties include commercial and corporate design, hospitality and retail, multi-family, single-family, and campus master planning design. They have completed well-known projects in the Bay Area including Equity Residential Trust, Essex Property Trust, Allianz, and Harvest Properties.

"Our recent move actively demonstrates our dedication to increasing our architectural design services on both a local and national level," said John "Ozzie" Nelson Jr, chairman and CEO of NELSON, when describing the deal with WK design group.

"San Francisco has been a key market on our radar for quite some time, and we believe that in combining our existing interior and exterior capabilities with those of WK, we will offer new possibilities and reach to our clients."

"We look forward to accessing larger opportunities with NELSON that expand our reach in and beyond the immediate Bay Area," said Joel Karr, Principal of WK design group. "We look forward to combining our strengths to work with current and future clients while leveraging our collective network," added Principal, Gary Weske.

As the third location added in the Bay Area in just under a year, WK design group will provide NELSON with access to a new network of clients including those in the hospitality and retail industries, while also offering a combination of both high scale and niche services.

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