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Turner & Townsend merge with Taurus Project Consulting to support life sciences drive

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Andover, MA Global professional services consultancy Turner & Townsend has formed a new strategic partnership with U.S. specialist in project controls Taurus Project Consulting, Inc., strengthening the business' expertise and global reach in life sciences.

The partnership will see the creation of a new business – Turner & Townsend Taurus. Operating from Taurus' existing head office at 2 Elm Sq., but also drawing on Turner & Townsend's network of 110 offices in 45 countries, Turner & Townsend Taurus will support both business' clients within the healthcare and pharmaceutical industries worldwide.

Founded in 2011 by Jason Haskell, Taurus has established a track record in project controls within life sciences. Together, Turner & Townsend and Taurus' joint client list includes over half of the major pharmaceutical businesses worldwide, including five of the top 10 companies. Haskell and his team will continue to head up the business under the new partnership, working with Turner & Townsend's USA managing director, John Robbins.

The merger is the latest milestone in the growth of Turner & Townsend's North America business, in line with its ambition to become the leading global professional services consultancy within capital programs. In the USA, the business employs over 600 people working from 14 offices, including hubs in New York, San Francisco and Houston.

John Robbins, managing director USA at Turner & Townsend said, "The life sciences sector continues to see exponential growth, as healthcare spending soars in the USA and across global regions. This brings opportunities but also challenges the major players in the industry as they seek to manage their real estate assets in a way that accelerates performance." This merger will build on the expertise of both teams to support clients navigating this fast-paced commercial environment – bringing together Taurus' work in project controls alongside Turner & Townsend's own experience and global reach."

Jason Haskell, president at Taurus said "Our new partnership will bring major opportunities to expand our service offer to clients, deploying Turner & Townsend's expertise in project, cost and program management as well as its focus on lifetime asset management. Culturally, we share an ambition of growth to best support clients' commercial objectives and also our people – ensuring they have the right skills and digital tools available to deliver world-class results. We are incredibly excited about this new chapter for our team."

