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Newman Architects promotes Agron, AIA, to principal

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Shown are the Newman Architects principals

New Haven, CT According to Newman Architects, the firm has promoted Melinda Marlén Agron, AIA, to principal. In recognition of Agron's contributions, capabilities, and potential to advance the growth and evolution of the firm, she joins the principal group of A. Brooks Fischer, AIA; José Hernández, AIA, NOMA, LEED GA; Richard Munday, AIA; Peter Newman, associate AIA; and Steven Orlansky, AIA, LEED AP.

Agron, who joined Newman in 2018, brings a strategic perspective on the integration of design and business processes in successful architectural practice. In her time at the firm, she has introduced numerous concepts that have expanded Newman's services, supported the evolution of business operations, and built new client relationships.

"Melinda's promotion is integral to Newman's plans for the future," said Richard Munday. "She represents a fresh viewpoint and commitment to design and practice innovation that will shape the firm now and into the future."

As principal, Agron will take on a greater role in the operational and financial management of the firm. Bringing a background in both architecture and business, Agron will also join the rest of the principal group in charting a strategic path into the future while continuing to support the project needs of her clients across market sectors.

"In working alongside Melinda in her time at Newman, I've experienced firsthand her ability to steer strategic decision-making and think beyond the bounds of traditional practice," said A. Brooks Fischer. "I'm honored to have her as part of our principal group."

Newman's commercial development clients have benefited from Agron's involvement and leadership. She also plays a key role in recruitment and business development efforts.

Agron is an engaged alumna of Dartmouth College, the Yale School of Architecture, and the Yale School of Management. She has served as an instructor at the Yale School of Architecture and is co-editor of *Perspecta 54: The Yale Architectural Journal* (2021).

Phillip Bernstein, assistant dean and professor at the Yale School of Architecture, said, "Melinda's new position at Newman demonstrates the opportunity of combining architecture and business strategy. Her talents, skills and insight will serve the firm well as it plots its future."

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