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## **Tecton Architects promotes four**

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Hartford, CT Tecton Architects, an architecture, interior design and master planning firm with offices in Connecticut and Rhode Island, has completed the promotion of four staff members within the firm.

Promoted to associate principal:

## Justin Hopkins

Justin Hopkins, RA, NCARB has been elevated to associate principal. Hopkins brings more than 20 years of experience in managing complex projects, with a concentration of work in academic, community and industrial environments. Hopkins joined the firm in 2013 and has worked closely with leadership to expand the presence and reputation of Tecton's R.I. studio. As a senior project manager, he has overseen many of the firm's largest projects, including the Oxford Middle School, Suffield Academy Memorial Building and General Dynamics Electric Boat Nuclear Support Facility. During his time as an Associate with the firm, Hopkins has been a strong voice in shaping Tecton's approach to integrated team management practices. He is a Registered Architect in CT and R.I., and serves as chairman of both the town of Westerly, RI planning board and the Westerly school building subcommittee.

## Matt Salad

### Promoted to Associate:

Matt Salad, AIA, NCARB, MCPPO, has been a part of Tecton's public safety studio since joining the firm in 2012. His major projects include the Shrewsbury Police Station and Lexington Fire Headquarters, which was recently recognized by both Firehouse Magazine and the Fire Industry Education Resource Organization (F.I.E.R.O.) for excellence in design. His understanding of the public construction process and strong relationships with regional contractors have contributed to the firm's progressive growth in Mass. and reputation for quality work. Salad is a Registered Architect in CT and holds a MA certified public purchasing official designation.

## Rebecca Hopkins

Rebecca Hopkins, AIA, NCARB, EDAC, has been an integral part of the firm for ten years and has tackled a broad range of work, spanning high-end corporate environments, public safety facilities and mixed use development. Her notable projects include the Wilton Police Station, West Natick Fire Station #4 and the transformation of MassMutual's Springfield headquarters. Since 2016, she

has also led Tecton's technology integration strategy as the firm's manager of emerging technology. Hopkins is a Registered Architect in N.Y. and is an accredited evidence-based design professional.

## Jennifer Saari

Jennifer Saari, marketing manager, brings 15 years of experience in implementing marketing and communications strategies in the building industry. She joined Tecton in 2015 and has established a collaborative partnership with firm leadership and design teams, reshaping how Tecton pursues work and communicates visionary design. She has also been instrumental in fostering a positive, transparent workplace culture.

Effective immediately, Hopkins, Salad, Hopkins and Saari will round out the firm's leadership team, which will now be made up of four principals, four associate principals, and nine associates.

"Our people are our success. Their knowledge and talent bring amazing outcomes to our projects and ultimately our clients. Each of these individuals have demonstrated an eagerness to help craft the future trajectory for Tecton, and we're excited to have their voices on our leadership team," said Ted Cutler, principal and CEO.

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