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Jafari joins SGA as director of sustainable design

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Sadaf Jafari

Boston, MA SGA has hired Sadaf Jafari, LEED AP BD + C, CPHC as director of sustainable design at the architecture and interior design firm. Bringing experience from both architecture and engineering fields, Sadaf's ability to build cross-functional teams primed for collaborative execution will further solidify SGA's pursuit of environmentally-minded design innovation. The firm's leadership plans for this strategic hire to provide clients with a more holistic approach to design across geographic markets and industry verticals.

"I am excited to join this passionate team of diverse professionals who are already so committed to an environmental focus in their design work," said Jafari. "We are looking forward to enhancing processes and technologies already in play to create increasingly sustainable outcomes for every client. Additionally, we plan to proactively engage in public dialogue to promote this important work and its advancements throughout the space, region, and beyond."

Leveraging the power of education and lifelong learning, Jafari obtained a master's degree in environmental design from The University of Cambridge as well as a master's degree in architecture from Shahid Beheshti (Melli) University. Eventually making the move to Boston where she has practiced professionally since 2012.

"Sadaf brings more than a decade of outstanding experience and a lifetime of potential to our firm," said Adam Spagnolo, partner and CEO at SGA. "While her expertise brought her to our doors, it is her focus on innovative solutions at the forefront of sustainable design that make her an exponential value-add for SGA and its clients."

Over the years, SGA has consistently delivered designs that exceed standards for sustainability certification by deploying cutting-edge technology and multidisciplinary collaboration from a project's inception. SGA delivered New England's first all mass timber office building, 90 Arboretum, and continues to blaze the trail on new development in the space. The firm's work at Innovation Square 3 recently received Boston Planning and Development Agency (BPDA) approval and has been recognized as the city's first LEED Platinum and Zero Carbon Certified life sciences building. Additionally, SGA maintains its expertise in Passive House (PHIUS)—completing nationally recognized work in the arena, like Garfield House at Williams College. Jafari's arrival at SGA will empower the firm to continue making industry-leading strides in the realm of sustainability and beyond.

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