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2023 Women in CRE: Grace Santos, Margulies Perruzzi

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Grace Santos
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What recent project, transaction, or accomplishment are you most proud of? I recently completed a 30,000 s/f office fit-out for an investment management company. The project team I worked with was incredible. Sustainability was very important to the client. Our team designed the space to be welcoming and comfortable for employees and visitors, but at the same time, made sure that each material selected was thoroughly researched for environmental impact. I love seeing and hearing employees' reactions to the space.

What are the most important factors women in your industry should consider when choosing a firm to build their career with? It is important to choose a firm that allows you to feel comfortable and pushes you to give your best. When leadership at the firm is approachable and listens to your needs and concerns, it allows for a more positive work environment. Other important factors include project diversity and training.

Who inspires you most? What qualities do they possess that inspire you? My mother and female colleagues at my firm inspire me most. These women have drive, leadership, creativity, passion, intelligence, and humility and push me every day to give my best, get out of my comfort zone, try new things, and think outside of the box.

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