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## **2023 Year in Review: Andrew West, Elkus Manfredi Architects**

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What person, project, transaction, or market trend had the greatest impact on your industry this year? One continuing trend with huge impact on our industry is mixed-use, community-centered development – buildings and public spaces integrated into the fabric of neighborhoods with a diversity of architecture and a strong visual identity – all with the mission of being a catalyst that expands the potential for future development.

What emerging trends will drive investment and development in 2024? Health, wellness and community-focused design within a mixed-use environment, with walkable neighborhoods providing active and passive recreation, and diverse commercial activities that drive demand for residential uses. Other trends include emphasis on initiatives to strengthen DEI, climate resilience and low-carbon solutions such as electrification and use of circular materials.

What was your greatest professional accomplishment or most notable project, deal, or transaction in 2023? Our mixed-use development in Corktown, Detroit's oldest neighborhood, was a wonderful opportunity to revitalize Corktown's historic commercial and residential neighborhoods in the context of community-building. Corktown's new Ford Innovation Campus was key in creating the increased demand for the residential and hospitality program.