

Hawkins joins Pickard Chilton as associate principal

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Kristin Hawkins

New Haven, CT Pickard Chilton, an award-winning architecture studio best known for its design of corporate headquarters and campuses, has named Kristin Hawkins, AIA associate principal.

Hawkins brings more than 30 years of global design expertise across a diverse portfolio. Her philosophy centers in the power of place; that transformative, responsible architecture is both a poetic and pragmatic response to cultural and physical context. Prior to joining Pickard Chilton, Hawkins was a partner at Pelli Clarke & Partners, where she led major projects in the academic, master planning, corporate office and cultural arts sectors.

"Kristin's thoughtful approach to design combines intuitive, visual creativity with analytical problem solving. Her ability to embrace each project's unique challenges and build strong client relationships perfectly aligns with our culture," said Pickard Chilton principal William Chilton, FAIA, RIBA. "Her extensive experience designing and leading a tremendous portfolio of complex, unique projects will allow the studio to broaden and develop additional areas of practice."

Hawkins holds a Master of Architecture from Yale University and a Bachelor of Science in Architecture from The University of Virginia School of Architecture. A dedicated educator, she is a long-standing and current faculty member at the Yale School of Architecture and has lectured and served as a juror for institutions and organizations nationally.

Hawkins' recent work includes the multi-award-winning Chengdu Museum of Natural History in Chengdu, China; West Palm Point, a 470,000 s/f class A office tower in West Palm Beach, FL; and a confidential next-generation condominium tower in midtown Manhattan. She also led the design of the Red Building at the Pacific Design Center in West Hollywood, CA; the Center for Innovation in Medical Professions at Cleveland State University; and Future VU, the master plan for Vanderbilt University.

"I have long admired the design excellence and collaborative, equitable culture of Pickard Chilton. The firm's integrity is further exemplified by its established commitment to climate action and affirmed support of women in the field," said Hawkins. "I look forward to contributing my passion, energy and professional experience to the studio's stellar work."

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