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Castner named managing director KlingStubbins Cambridge office

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Joseph Castner, AIA, RIBA, LEED AP, has been appointed the managing director of KlingStubbins' Cambridge offices. Castner formerly served as the firm's director of architecture in Philadelphia and has been with KlingStubbins for 11 years. In his new role, Castner will lead the firm's business operations in the region.

While in the Philadelphia office, Castner was directly involved in projects such as SAP's North American headquarters and Wyeth Pharmaceutical headquarters in Pennsylvania, the Zhiye Plaza Office Tower in China, Boston Properties' Carnegie Center in New Jersey, and most recently, a key project in the largest real estate development project in the world, Gale International's Gateway Business Center in South Korea.

Castner began his career with SOM in Chicago, spending 16 years with the firm. In addition to the Chicago office, he worked in SOM's New York office and London office, where he spent eight years working on notable projects Broadgate and Ludgate for Stanhope Properties, as well as the Hong Kong Convention Center in the Chicago office. Just prior to joining KlingStubbins, he led the joint venture team's design effort for the new Midway Airport terminal while at Epstein in Chicago.

His educational background includes a Masters of Science Degree from Columbia University, a Bachelor's of Architecture with high honors from Illinois Institute of Technology, and Bachelor of Science Degree from Allegheny College in Chemistry. While at Columbia, he participated in their Rome summer program and at Allegheny in the Ceasaria Maritima Archaeological Expedition in Israel.

Prior to his appointment in Cambridge, Castner was very active in the Philadelphia architectural community, serving as president of both the AIA Philadelphia Chapter and the Center of Architecture (in Philadelphia) and as a board member of the AIA Pennsylvania Society. Additionally, he was an Adjunct Assistant Professor at Drexel University, where he taught the fifth year studio course and a special topics course in building enclosure design. He also co-taught a course at the University of Pennsylvania in building systems design for several years.

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