SKB expands reach and depth by merging with leading Austin architecture firm

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Washington, DC-based SKB Architecture and Design announced today that it has acquired Block 16 Architects & Urbanists in Austin, Texas. The firm will carry on under the SKB Architecture and Design name.

Founded in 1982, SKB is known for its design of international law and corporate workplaces and special build-to-suit projects around the world. It has designed significant projects for Baker & McKenzie, Crowell & Moring, Hitachi, Google, Bloomberg, The World Bank and The Federal Reserve.

Founded in 1994, Block 16 is a leader in the design of multi-family housing, senior housing, planning, retail, hospitality, medical office, veterinary, and industrial architecture.

SKB President Mark Baughman, AIA, IIDA, LEED AP cited this as an important step in SKB's evolution. "For 40 years, SKB has provided its clients with exceptional design, technical skill and service working from a unique horizontal practice model where the senior staff are devoted to working directly with the clients and contractors. Block 16 has had this same philosophy since its formation, and we see this a great opportunity to build on this model to do more project types in more locations with the same level of attention."

Block 16 Founder and Managing Partner Stuart Alderman, AIA echoed Baughman's comments about the practice model: "The Austin commercial and residential real estate markets are dramatically growing and changing. By joining forces with Mark's talented team, we will be able to meet our clients' current and future needs with the same level of attention we have always provided. The world has changed dramatically since 2020 and there is a rapidly growing demand for professionals who come to each project with fresh eyes and insightful advice. Like us, Mark and his team have been doing this for many years and we're very excited to be able to expand our practices together."

Link to original press release:
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