

Two Utah Architecture Firms Announce Merger and Launch New Company with Fresh Ideas

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Local business owners and Architects, Brittany Johnson (of Trio Design Inc.) and Darin Mano (of Raw Design Studio), have merged their firms to form Uncommon Architects, LLC. The merger is official as of March 1st, 2023. Trio Design Inc., established in 2014, has a vast portfolio including institutional, religious, commercial, and residential projects. Raw Design Studio, formed in 2012, has an equally impressive portfolio with a focus on medical, office, multi-family and historical preservation work. Together, Uncommon Architects aim to strengthen client and community relationships and provide an even higher level of service than their clients have already come to expect from Trio Design and Raw Design Studio.

As a woman and minority-owned business, Uncommon Architects are proud to have an exceptionally diverse and highly skilled staff. With various educational, cultural, and professional backgrounds, the team brings unique perspectives and experiences to all projects.

We are dedicated to thoughtful design solutions that are beautiful, functional, sustainable, and socially responsible. As for the Principals, Brittany and Darin met as undergrad students at the University of Utah and stayed connected through AIA Conferences. They swapped business advice over the years and realized they shared common values and goals and complementary skill sets. Joining forces just made sense. To be an Uncommon Architect, is to know that the best results come from a team approach to design. We reject the traditional practice of a top-down master architect, where all ideas originate from one place. Instead, the youngest members of our team are invited into the design process, and the client's ideas are just as valuable as our own. Uncommon Architects work closely with clients to understand their unique needs, desires, and requirements to create designs tailored to each project. Our collaborative approach produces the best results and leads to long-lasting relationships developed over time and built on trust.

As an employer, Uncommon Architects understands the importance of a healthy life-work balance and prioritizes our employees' well-being. We strive to foster a supportive and inclusive work environment where anyone can thrive. We know that happy and healthy team members produce the best work for our clients. As such, we are committed to developing a firm culture that fosters creativity, independence, professional development, and personal growth.

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