

Bernhard Capital-Backed Grace Hebert Curtis Acquires Hahnfeld Hoffer Stanford Architects

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Grace Hebert Curtis Architects (“GHC”), a leading architecture, engineering, and construction (AEC) firm delivering innovative and functional projects for diverse market sectors, today announced it has acquired Hahnfeld Hoffer Stanford (“HHS”), one of the largest independent architecture firms in the Dallas-Fort Worth region. Financial terms of the transaction were not disclosed.

Since 1963, HHS has provided architecture, master planning and interior design services, including building information modeling, to clients primarily in the higher education, K-12, and commercial markets.

In September 2022, Bernhard Capital Partners (“Bernhard Capital”), a services- and infrastructure-focused private equity management firm, launched a dedicated AEC platform in connection with an investment in GHC. With the addition of HHS, GHC will add deep and meaningful education and civic market expertise to its platform, while establishing a presence in the Dallas-Fort Worth region, which continues to benefit from consistent population growth and an increase in approved education-related spending.

The AEC platform utilizes Bernhard Capital’s Blueprint investment framework to partner with what the firm believes are best-in-class businesses that are positioned to meet the growing demand for modern, sustainable infrastructure across the country.

“HHS’s experience in every aspect of design – coupled with its relationship-centric service philosophy – has made the firm the partner of choice for customers in the Texas region for more than 60 years,” said Jerry Hebert, CEO of GHC. “The HHS team shares our values and focus on delivering exceptional results for customers. As we continue to grow and expand our industry-leading platform in key markets, we are confident HHS will play an immediate and meaningful role in enhancing our expertise in the K-12, higher education, and civic segments.”

“We are pleased to partner with an industry-leading firm like GHC, and to have the ability to leverage the expertise and resources of Bernhard Capital’s growing AEC platform to provide enhanced service for our clients,” said Eric Hahnfeld, Principal at HHS. “With our shared commitment to investing in deep client relationships and providing outstanding architecture and design services, we are excited about this next chapter for HHS and our team.”

“As we expand the AEC platform in partnership with Jerry and the GHC team, we are focused on partnering with market-leading businesses that have strong reputations and the right expertise to capitalize on the most attractive near- and long-term opportunities in key verticals and geographies,” said Jeff Koonce, Partner at Bernhard Capital. “HHS leadership in the Texas region over more than six decades differentiates the business and strengthens the overall platform. With consistent, significant population growth and favorable demographics, as well as increased funding for the educational sector in the region, we look forward to working together to support existing customers and identify new commercial opportunities.”

Link to original press release:

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