

## Michael Graves Architecture Acquires Studio Four Design

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Michael Graves Architecture (MG), an award-winning global leader in planning, architecture, and interior design based in Princeton, New Jersey, proudly announces the acquisition of Studio Four Design, a Knoxville, Tennessee-based architecture and design firm. This news follows MG's recent acquisitions, including Maryland-based Waldon Studio Architects (WSA), New Jersey-based Jose Carballo Architectural Group (JCAG), North Carolina-based Walter Robbs Callahan & Pierce Architects, PA (Walter Robbs), Washington, D.C.-based PGN Architects (PGN), and Texas-based practice technology consultancy Parallax Team.

The addition of Studio Four Design further solidifies MG's commitment to providing unparalleled quality and innovation to clients nationwide. In tandem, this strategic partnership bolsters Studio Four Design's influence and capabilities, positioning it as a leader in the Knoxville region. As the vision of the team develops alongside its expansion, MG continues to honor the legacy of its founder, Michael Graves, by applying his design ethos, specifically imaginative placemaking and experiential design, to create forward-looking solutions. The firm's acquisition approach reinforces this mission, embracing MG's established heritage to inform and guide leadership moving forward.

"Welcoming Studio Four Design to MG signifies the latest development in our firm's drive to set a new standard for design excellence," said Joe Furey, President and CEO of MG. "This partnership expands upon the offerings of the firm, identifying a gap in the market and introducing services and capabilities that were previously unavailable to meet that need. Our organization is built on the foundation of human-centric design, one of the many values we share with Studio Four Design. The addition of their team will encourage us to embrace new perspectives and experiences, furthering our mission to create impactful design nationally."

Studio Four Design was founded in 2002 on the principle of "design matters," a sentiment that they apply to each of their projects. Their team works across various sectors, including worship, higher education, athletics, workplace, retail, and restaurant. Recent projects in their portfolio include partnerships with the University of Tennessee. Notably, Studio Four Design excels in the industrial market, offering opportunities to expand their unique insight to other studios across the country. This represents the very essence of MG's strategy for expansion: inviting a variety of minds and skill sets to the table to advance their mission, vision, and values.

"This merger leverages the skillsets and experiences at Studio Four Design, allowing us to take our capabilities and offerings to a new level," explained Stacy Cox, Principal at Studio Four Design. "We're eager to immerse our team in cross-collaboration and mentorship opportunities through MG's vast network. This is a chance to continue developing our presence and impact—supporting our existing clients while expanding our horizons across new industries and practices."

*Link to original press release:*

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