

Brightstar Capital Partners Acquires KZF Design, Establishes Platform in Architecture Industry

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Brightstar Capital Partners (“Brightstar”), a private equity firm focused on investing in business services, industrials, consumer, and government services and technology companies, announced today that it has acquired KZF Design (“KZF” or the “Company”), a multidisciplinary architecture, engineering, and design firm. Mike Burke, former Chairman and CEO of AECOM, serves as an advisor to Brightstar and will serve as Chair of KZF’s Board of Directors.

KZF has built a nearly 70-year legacy of delivering high-quality, client-focused design solutions across sectors including education, public safety, transportation, and corporate facilities. The Company’s team of architects, engineers, interior designers, landscape architects and urban planners have created regional landmarks across the country and around the world, with active projects in more than 40 states. KZF has built its reputation on award-winning designs and technical expertise that help clients design better futures.

“This is an exciting new chapter for KZF,” said Doug Marsh, President & CEO of KZF. “We believe that partnering with Brightstar positions us to accelerate our strategic initiatives while preserving the values that define who we are. We are actively pursuing acquisitions of complementary firms to expand our platform and deliver even greater impact to our clients and communities.”

“KZF is a firm with a strong culture, deep talent, and a reputation for excellence,” said Mike Burke. “We see significant opportunity to build upon this foundation—expanding into new markets, attracting additional talent, and scaling through organic growth and a disciplined M&A strategy. In a fragmented industry like this, we believe that uniting aligned firms can drive substantial value and innovation.”

“We are thrilled to welcome KZF to the Brightstar portfolio,” said Sam Totusek, Managing Director at Brightstar Capital Partners. “We believe that the architecture sector plays a vital role across many industries and is ripe for a platform focused on integration, growth, and providing customer-centric solutions at scale. KZF is exactly the type of high quality, customer-first firm we want to build around.”

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