

LMN Architects Strengthens Leadership Team with Addition of Three New Partners

(Seattle, WA) – September X, 2014 – LMN Architects, a nationally recognized leader in the design of civic, education and mixed-use urban projects, announces the addition of three new partners: John Chau, Stephen Van Dyck and Rafael Viñoly-Menendez. This expansion of the partnership enhances LMN’s capacity to undertake complex planning and design assignments across diverse public and private market sectors—ranging from small-scale projects to major civic facilities and urban districts.

LMN’s success over the past 35 years has been built on an organic growth in leadership and the continuing development of an integrated, team-based design approach. “We’ve always been committed to evolve as a cohesive, high-performance design studio—fueled by our collaborative culture and passion for design to serve our clients and the far-reaching communities we work in,” said LMN Partner George Shaw. “The addition of our three new partners continues this evolution forward and positions the firm for future success.”

This action builds on the strengths of LMN’s practice—design excellence, project diversity, strong industry relationships, practice innovation and a deep commitment to collaboration. Each new partner embodies the notion that LMN’s collective intellect, creativity and passion for architecture is the firm’s most powerful asset—and that individual success is indistinguishable from team success.

“Their cultivation of cross-generational collaboration and mentoring will enhance teamwork, productivity and individual growth opportunities across all aspects of our practice,” notes Shaw.

With more than 20 years of design experience, **John Chau** brings extensive planning and design expertise to both urban design and architectural projects, and applies innovative technical solutions to challenging design problems. His collaborative working style and mentoring skills have been fundamental in the success of many of the firm’s most important projects, including Benaroya Hall, Vancouver Convention Centre West and the Hines Expedia Tower. John’s previous experience includes major local projects, such as Stadium Place and Nintendo of America Headquarters, and international work on university and transportation facilities in Hong Kong and mainland China. John earned his Master of Architecture degree from Yale University.

After joining the firm in 2009, **Stephen Van Dyck** quickly earned a reputation for innovation, design technology and collaborative leadership. Widely recognized as an industry authority in the adoption of emerging technologies, he is a key leader of the LMN Tech Studio, the firm’s in-house research and development lab. His project experience encompasses a wide range of public assembly, performing arts, higher education and mixed-use projects. Notable projects include the recently completed Cleveland Convention Center and Global Center for Health Innovation, the Voxman School of Music at the University of Iowa, and R.C. Hedreen’s Ninth & Stewart Convention Hotel project in Seattle. Stephen earned his Master of Architecture from Yale University.

Throughout his 25-year career, **Rafael Viñoly-Menendez** has been involved in a wide range of national and international projects, including performing arts venues, sports and events facilities, with a special emphasis on the planning and design of convention and conference centers. He is involved with several convention industry groups, including the Association Internationale des Palais de Congrès (AIPC), which represents major global convention centers. Notable past projects include the Cleveland Convention Center and Global Center for Health Innovation, Spokane Convention Center Expansion, Anchorage Convention Center, Mumbai Convention Center and Office Complex Study, and Sydney International Convention, Exhibition and Entertainment Precinct Design Competition. Rafael holds a Bachelor of Architecture degree from Cornell University and speaks five languages.

In addition to their exceptional design skills, each new partner brings a comprehensive understanding of architectural practice along with entrepreneurial initiative and business savvy—enriching LMN’s strengths of collaboration, holistic design thinking and proven project delivery capabilities.

About LMN

Seattle-based LMN Architects specializes in the planning and design of significant public and private facilities, including convention centers, cultural arts venues, education facilities, mixed-use developments and other urban environments that celebrate and enrich communities. Founded in 1979, LMN has earned an international reputation for design excellence, sustainable solutions, practice innovation and successful delivery of complex projects.

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