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Olson Sundberg Kundig Allen Architects Changes Firm's Name to

Olson Kundig Architects

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Seattle, WA, November 16, 2009—Olson Sundberg Kundig Allen Architects will change its name to Olson Kundig Architects starting January 1, 2010. The new name reflects the growing nature of a firm that has evolved since its founding in the late 1960s and whose vision is now marked by the rich and varied personalities of its five owners, Jim Olson, Tom Kundig, Rick Sundberg, Kirsten Murray and Alan Maskin.

The current firm name has been in use since 2000 but is no longer appropriately reflecting the partnership: Alan Maskin and Kirsten Murray became partners in 2008 and Scott Allen left the firm in 2009 to create Scott Allen Architecture. In addition, Rick Sundberg, who remains as a partner, is in the planning stages for the creation of a new philanthropic organization focused on architecture.

With all these changes and growth, the owners decided to simplify the name of the firm to Olson Kundig Architects.

About Olson Sundberg Kundig Allen Architects

Led by five owners, **Olson Sundberg Kundig Allen Architects (to become Olson Kundig Architects starting January 1, 2010)** is an architecture studio based in Seattle, which received the 2009 AIA Architecture Firm Award by the American Institute of Architects. With a staff of more than 75, the office combines the capacity of a large firm with the intensity of a small one, and its commitment to vigorous, critical design review sessions has infused its designers with a shared sense of commitment to every project and an appreciation of the technical and artistic elements involved in the realization of a building. The studio specializes in a range of projects both nationally and internationally including mixed-use buildings and complexes; academic and civic projects; museums and cultural spaces; exhibit design; places of worship; single use residential projects, often for art collectors; and interior design.

Founding partner **Jim Olson** began working in the late 1960s on projects that would explore the relationship between dwellings and the landscape they inhabit. **Rick Sundberg** joined Olson as partner in 1975 for a period of years that was marked by an increased commitment to urbanism and civic work with major projects in the Northwest. Such projects included the award-winning Pike & Virginia Building, the first contemporary structure to be built in Seattle's Pike Place Market Historic District in 50 years. In 1997, **Tom Kundig** joined Olson and Sundberg as an owner, bringing a new level of creative exploration, building the international reputation of the office, including Kundig's receipt of the National Design Award from the Smithsonian Cooper-Hewitt in 2008. **Alan Maskin** and **Kirsten Murray** became partners in 2008, continuing the evolution of the firm and furthering its commitment to the craft of architecture through expanded work in exhibition design, interiors, and connections to urban and rural landscapes.

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