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**PERKINS EASTMAN ASSOCIATE AYO YUSUF NAMED TO
AIA NEW YORK 2019 BOARD OF DIRECTORS**



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New York, NY (December 7, 2018) – International design and architecture firm Perkins Eastman is pleased to share the news that Ayodele (Ayo) Yusuf, Assoc. AIA, has been named to the 2019 Board of Directors of the New York Chapter of the American Institute of Architects (AIA).

This appointment was made official Tuesday evening, December 4, at the AIA NY 2019 Board Inaugural reception, at the Center for Architecture, where incoming board members were welcomed and existing members were given a warm farewell and thanks for their leadership contributions. Yusuf joins the board following his successful and very active tenure as a 2018 Advisor for AIA NY's prestigious Civic Leadership Program. The full list of the 2019 AIA NY Board of Directors can be viewed [here](#).

"On behalf of the entire firm, we offer Ayo a heartfelt congratulations on his appointment to the AIA NY Board of Directors," said Perkins Eastman Chairman and CEO

Bradford Perkins. "Ayo's career is still a young one, but he has already accomplished so much. His design expertise, his leadership skills, and his work ethic have all earned him the respect and trust of his colleagues and peers, and I have every confidence these facets will become invaluable to the Board and its leadership in the coming year."

In his 10+ years as an architect, urban designer, and resiliency expert, Yusuf has distinguished himself as a trusted design and thought leader, not only at Perkins Eastman but in the greater NYC community and within the industry at large. His passion for public spaces and civic architecture has resulted in the successful delivery of projects in the public and private sectors.

Noteworthy projects include a number of award-winning Community Reconstruction Plans – encompassing more than 23 communities in Brooklyn, Queens, Staten Island, and Nassau County – as part of the post-Superstorm Sandy NY Rising initiative, New York City's Special Initiative for Rebuilding and Resiliency (SIRR), the Qatar Rail Redevelopment project, and Rutgers University's Honors Living-Learning Community building, in Newark, NJ. Further, whilst continuing to establish the firm's global expertise in all matters related to resiliency and sustainable community building, Yusuf also played a key role in forging Perkins Eastman's strategic partnership with 100 Resilient Cities – Pioneered by The Rockefeller Foundation.

Yusuf previously served as an Advisor for AIANY's 2018 Civic Leadership Program, as well as on the Advisory Board for the NYC Department of City Planning's post-Sandy Urban Waterfront Adaption Strategies, providing input on various methodologies to address resiliency approaches, coastal vulnerability, and evaluation frameworks. As a Waterfront Committee Member of the NY Chapter of the APA, Yusuf has significantly contributed to the committee's mission, working closely with the City of New York in promoting waterfront policies and practices that improve access to all portions of New York Harbor. He is also an Associate Fellow for the Nigeria Leadership Initiative. Yusuf earned his MAUD from Harvard University's Graduate School of Design and his B.Arch from the University of Arkansas.

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