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HILARY KINDER BERTSCH TO LEAD PERKINS EASTMAN'S NEW STUDIO IN AUSTIN *Architect brings great depth of experience back to a city she adores*



Principal Hilary Kinder Bertsch, AIA, Courtesy Perkins Eastman

Austin, TX, (February 11, 2021), Hilary Kinder Bertsch, FAIA, will lead Perkins Eastman's new studio in Austin, Texas. An award-winning architect, planner, and longtime Perkins Eastman principal, Bertsch has more than 25 years of experience on complex and transformative projects, including the District Wharf in Washington, D.C., Canalside in Buffalo, New York, and the Mayo Clinic Destination Medical Center in Rochester, Minnesota.

"Hilary's balance of creativity, determination, and compassion is invaluable to our continued efforts to grow in Austin and the Texas market and to provide exceptional service to our clients," said Shawn Basler, Co-CEO of Perkins Eastman. "She is a fantastic colleague, collaborator, and mentor, and we are thrilled she will lead our new Austin office."

A graduate of University of Texas's School of Architecture's renowned Master of Architecture program, Bertsch is excited to return to the city that helped spark her interest and career in architecture. When asked about her ambitions to grow Perkins Eastman's presence in Austin, Bertsch remarked, "Austin is such an amazing place. I am looking forward to the opportunity to help shape the continued growth of such a sophisticated and quirky city."

Perkins Eastman's breadth of expertise in Texas spans over 25 years working across a number of markets including transit, mixed-use, residential, hospitality, commercial, education, healthcare, and life sciences. Along with their established office in Dallas, the new Austin studio will leverage the firmwide expertise to grow the firm's footprint in the Texas market. Maravilla at the Domain and planning for new buildings at Whisper Valley in Austin, along with VIA Centro Plaza in San Antonio and The Hallmark in Houston are just a few of the projects among the growing roster of work in the region.

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Perkins Eastman excels at blending its global expertise with a grassroots, boots-on-the-ground approach to projects and clients. The award-winning and accessible nature of the firm's work and its priority on mentorship, firm culture, and local engagement has helped the global firm's multiple studios integrate organically within their communities. What distinguishes Perkins Eastman, beyond any single practice area or building type, is the firm's philosophy of *Human by Design*, a convergence of practices, disciplines, people, and perspectives that come together to yield practical and holistic solutions with positive impact.

Perkins Eastman is excited to open its new studio, located at 98 San Jacinto Boulevard, Austin, TX, with the leadership of Hilary Kinder Bertsch.

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