

KKE Architects Adds Gregory A. James To Head Up Fast Growing Retail Division

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"In spite of my established tenure at MCG, the decision to join KKE Architects was an easy one," James said. "The ability of KKE Architects to attract top people in our profession and give them an environment where they can thrive is a testament to KKE's unique management style, company philosophies and outstanding leadership. I am excited to be a valued member of KKE's team."

Prior to his tenure at MCG, James worked for Ralphs Grocery Company in various positions in retail merchandising and most recently served as a field crew leader responsible for the retail merchandising of new stores and re-merchandising existing stores.

"We are thrilled to have Greg James at KKE," said KKE's director and managing principal Brian Arial, AIA in Pasadena, Calif. "Greg's strong project management skills and excellent client service are what drew us to him. His strong attention to details and his ability to well coordinate and manage multiple projects reinforce KKE's mission to expand the vision for our clients and our business."

James received his Bachelor of Architecture degree from California Polytechnic State University, Pomona. He currently is in the process of testing for the California Architects Board (CAB).

After 39 years in the business, award-winning KKE Architects, Inc. has grown to become one of the top architectural firms in the country. With offices in Minneapolis; Las Vegas; Pasadena and Irvine, Calif., KKE's professional staff of 240 offers a unique blend of expertise across a broad range of market segments encompassing Retail/Lifestyle, Live Entertainment, Housing, Government, Hotel/Resort, Aging, Education, Industrial and Office/Private Development.

KKE continues to grow through a keen focus upon maximizing their clients' success; by expanding upon the vision of each client to accomplish more than they ever thought possible. For more information, visit www.kke.com.

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