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### **Longtime Kansas City Architectural Firm, RDM Architecture, Transitions Ownership**

Kansas City, Mo. (May 7, 2020) - Richard D. McDermott, AIA NCARB, founder and owner of RDM Architecture, a boutique design firm specializing in high-end residential and light commercial projects, has transferred ownership to two long-time employees. Matt Lero and Mike Schumacher became principals and owners of the firm earlier this year.

Matt Lero joined the firm in 2009 after working for another Kansas City firm following his graduation from Kansas State University in 2006. As a part of the RDM team his design and project management skills have been integral to many projects; projects that have been recognized in local publications. A resident of Roeland Park, Kansas, he is actively involved in his community as a Cub Scout leader, frequent PTA volunteer and is part of a group of residents working to improve pedestrian safety.

Mike Schumacher graduated from the University of Kansas in 1997 with a Bachelor of Architecture. He began working for RDM Architecture in 2002. Mike's expertise in construction documents and office/project management provides a great blend of skill for the firm moving forward. He is a member of the NKC Hospital Board of Trustees, NKC Board of Zoning Adjustments and the Kansas City Hospice Board of Directors.

RDM Architecture was founded in 1979 and has built the practice on the principals of creative problem solving and finding a common-sense solution to fit the needs and aspiration of their clients. The collaborative approach they take in the architectural process has earned them the respect of municipalities and city zoning professionals as well as contractors and subcontractors across the region. Their attention to details and excellence in design has garnered a loyal clientele and many awards.

McDermott received his Bachelor of Architecture from Kansas State University, College of Architecture and Design, and was a registered architect in Missouri and Kansas for the length of his career. He was an active member of the Kansas City Chapter of the American Institute of Architect, having served as president of both the chapter and the Architectural Foundation Board. He will continue his involvement in the company in a consulting capacity and new business development.

"It's been very gratifying to see the body of work this small firm has created over the last 40 years, and the impact architecture has made on the lives of our clients. Our work with the many professional craftsman in this city has added to the quality of work produced. And, as the owner of a small business, it has been particularly rewarding to have played a part in the lives of so many dedicated and talented employees. I'm confident that Matt Lero and Mike Schumacher will continue the legacy of RDM Architecture and provide creative, beautiful solutions for many years to come."

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