

**PRESS RELEASE**

**RICHARD MEIER TAKES LEAVE OF ABSENCE FROM ARCHITECTURE FIRM**

**New York, March 13th, 2018 – Richard Meier & Partners Architects announced today that Managing Partner Richard Meier will take a six-month leave of absence from the architecture firm.**

"I am deeply troubled and embarrassed by the accounts of several women who were offended by my words and actions," Meier said. "While our recollections may differ, I sincerely apologize to anyone who was offended by my behavior.

Effective today, I am taking a six-month leave of absence as Founder and Managing Partner. I am leaving the company in the hands of a dedicated and outstanding senior management team, which has spent the past three decades serving our clients and building our firm's success."

While Richard Meier is away, Michael Palladino, partner and head of the company's Los Angeles office, will oversee all of the firm's operations and projects.

"Richard has built a world-class design practice and we will continue the strong collaboration between our two offices, as we continue to build on that legacy," Palladino said. "We believe that women should feel comfortable and empowered in all workplaces – including ours."

In addition to Palladino and James R. Crawford in Los Angeles, four associate partners will oversee the day-to-day operations of the firm's New York headquarters. They are:

- Vivian Lee, AIA, has been responsible for the design, management and construction of residential, hospitality, and office projects in Asia and Europe, and most recently completed the Teachers Village charters schools and residential buildings in Newark, NJ.
- Reynolds Logan, FAIA, is currently the Associate Partner-in-charge of One Waterline Square, a massive mixed-use and high-rise residential community that connects the Hudson River and Central Park.
- Bernhard Karpf, FAIA, is one of the firm's principal design partners. His projects include leading the design efforts on iconic projects such as the Surf Club in Surfside, FL.
- Dukho Yeon, AIA, has served as a principal designer, managing and directing teams on projects around the globe ranging from houses to museums, hotels, high-rise office and residential buildings and urban design. His projects include the Seamarq Hotel and 685 First Avenue in New York, NY.

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**About Richard Meier & Partners Architects**

The work of Richard Meier & Partners is instantly recognizable and internationally respected. For over five decades, the Firm has been appointed to design important buildings, and it has successfully completed over 130 projects across North America, South America, Europe, and Asia. Among its best known works are: the Smith House in Darien, Connecticut; the Getty Center in Los Angeles, California; the United States Courthouse in Islip, New York; the Perry Street & Charles Street Condominiums in New York City and the Jubilee Church in Rome, Italy.

Richard Meier & Partners is led by founder and Pritzker Prize laureate Richard Meier and eight partners. The offices in New York and Los Angeles employ a multicultural staff of talented professionals practicing architecture, urbanism, product design and exhibition design. The quality of the work has been recognized with almost 300 design awards, including major awards from the American Institute of Architects (AIA) and the Royal Institute of British Architects (RIBA).

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