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DeSimone Announces Hire of Award-Winning Engineer to UK Leadership Team

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NEW YORK, NY, May 19, 2025 — Global engineering services leader DeSimone Consulting Engineering today announced that award-winning, structural engineer, Dmitri Jajich, PE, SE, CEng, FStructE, LEED AP, has joined the firm as a Principal. Jajich will leverage his 25 years of experience in leading DeSimone's structural engineering teams in London, further amplifying the company's reputation for exceptional quality and innovation across the region.

Known for employing engineering strategies that reach beyond conventional, code-based approaches, many of Jajich's projects realize structural solutions that push the physical limits of span and slenderness. As a Fellow of the Institution of Structural Engineers in the UK, he has been recognized for his expertise in tall building design, wind engineering, and long-span and architecturally exposed structures, as well as his industry leadership and contributions to the engineering profession.

Jajich joins DeSimone from KPM, where he served as Global Director of Structures following an illustrious 24-year career with Skidmore, Owings and Merrill (SOM). Jajich's internationally notable and award-winning projects include Manhattan Loft Gardens in London, Denver Union Station in Colorado, and Gothenburg's Karlatornet—the tallest tower in Scandinavia at 246-meters-tall (807 feet)—which features a unique structural engineering system that addresses wind motion issues without dampers.

In announcing the news, Chairman and CEO of DeSimone Consulting Engineering, Stephen V. DeSimone, PE, praised the new UK-based Principal, remarking, "A standout structural engineer and visionary leader, Dmitri Jajich's ability to analyze structural challenges and devise fresh solutions will elevate the work of our London team across project types. We welcome Dmitri to DeSimone with anticipation for the creativity and initiative he will bring to our clients in the UK, Europe, and Middle East."

Dmitri has collaborated with architects and artists on projects characterized by elegantly integrated structural design, clear, hierarchical structural expression, and carefully crafted details. His projects have won over a dozen structural engineering awards.

"Joining DeSimone as a Principal represents an unparalleled opportunity for me as a structural engineer to collaborate with some of the most imaginative, expert minds in the industry," said Jajich. "Together, we're empowered to push beyond conventional engineering solutions and exceed expectations in service to DeSimone's clients in the UK and beyond."

Jajich has developed structural engineering solutions for several projects by artist James Turrell. For “Twilight Epiphany,” a permanent outdoor installation at Rice University in Houston, the innovative use of tapered and skewed structural steel cantilevers allowed the artist to push the outer limits of cantilever span and slenderness in the design while concealing the structure.

Jajich holds an MS in Structural Engineering from the University of Minnesota and a BA in Physics from Macalester College in Minnesota. A licensed Professional Engineer (PE) in New York, a Structural Engineer SE in Illinois, and a Chartered Engineer (CEng) in the UK, Jajich was elevated by IStructE in 2022 to the prestigious Fellow (FIStructE) grade.

Since launching a London office in early 2023, DeSimone Consulting Engineering has expanded its UK footprint and scope of services through the acquisition of structural engineering firm, DP Squared Ltd., in Manchester, and legal consulting services company, Decipher, whose services include quantum and project advisory, quantity surveying, project planning, and dispute resolution. In the US, the company has strengthened its service offering with the acquisition of several specialized firms, most recently acquiring San Francisco-based KP Elevator Consulting.

DeSimone’s service offering now includes façade and building envelope consulting, fabrication-ready modeling, tilt-up design and detailing, wind engineering and vibration mitigation, vertical transportation, seismic engineering, risk management, dispute resolution, and more.

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About DeSimone Consulting Engineering

Founded in New York City in 1969, DeSimone Consulting Engineering provides structural engineering, façade design and building envelope consulting, fabrication-ready modelling (FRM), and construction consulting services across building types. Known for delivering thoughtful, innovative, and sustainable solutions to clients around the world, the firm places a premium on providing trusted, dedicated service from offices in the United States, Canada, United Kingdom (with offices in London, Manchester and Hebden Bridge), South America, and the Middle East (www.de-simone.com).