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DeSimone Expands Vertical Transportation Capabilities with Experienced Senior Hire

Robert Haughey brings a proven track record leading elevator modernization and maintenance programs for some of the nation's most prominent portfolios.

(NEW YORK, NY) November 10, 2025 — DeSimone, a leading global engineering firm recognized for innovative design, highly specialized consulting services, and a client-focused business orientation, today announced the expansion of its vertical transportation service offering with the addition of Robert Haughey to lead its practice in New York.

With nearly a decade of experience across vertical transportation consulting, modernization, and maintenance strategy, Haughey brings DeSimone's clients a depth of field-tested expertise gained through progressive roles with Otis Worldwide Corporation, Schindler Elevator Corporation, and Lerch Bates.

Known for his collaborative and solutions-oriented approach, Haughey emphasizes reliability, transparency, and client partnership in every engagement.

His portfolio includes major projects for such clients as Amazon, JPMorgan Chase, American Express, JLL, Hines, Brookfield Properties, CBRE, Related, Marriott International, NBCUniversal, Radio City Music Hall, Raytheon, and Kaiser Permanente.

In his new role, Haughey will strengthen DeSimone's capabilities in elevator and building systems strategy and integration following its acquisition last year of KP Elevator Consulting—known for landmark projects like the elevator modernization at the Seattle Space Needle. Haughey's appointment builds on that foundation, and reflects the firm's ongoing commitment to offering a global array of in-house, specialized services to meet its clients' project needs as few firms can—especially in cities dense with tall buildings like New York.

"We're excited to welcome Robert Haughey to our New York office, as he has already earned an outstanding reputation consulting on some of the city's most challenging and celebrated tall buildings," said Stephen V. DeSimone, Chairman and CEO of DeSimone. "We look forward to Robert's leadership of our New York vertical transportation team as part of our integrated service offering."

DeSimone Principal Kelly Houlihan, QEI, said, "Robert Haughey's exceptional leadership skills, attention to detail, and ability to translate the complexities and nuances of vertical transportation projects to DeSimone's project partners will be highly beneficial to our clients in New York and

beyond.” Houlihan added, “His exemplary work ethic and high-quality work standards will inspire our team to push the bar ever higher in guiding clients through even the most innovative and challenging vertical transportation projects.”

Most recently, Haughey served as lead vertical transportation consultant for some of the nation’s most prominent modernization and maintenance programs, including JPMorgan Chase’s national vertical transportation portfolio. For the bank’s new global headquarters at 270 Park Avenue, a 60-story skyscraper in Manhattan, he led and conducted in-depth pedestrian and traffic-flow analysis and contributed to the integration of both people flow and material flow systems to meet the building’s efficiency goals.

At 383 Madison Avenue, a 47-story tower, Haughey served as the lead consultant overseeing maintenance management and a comprehensive modernization program involving 33 elevators and escalators.

“DeSimone has earned a reputation for engineering innovation and quality, and I’m eager to support and amplify that in the vertical transportation space in New York—and beyond.” said Haughey. “I look forward to serving as a trusted advisor to DeSimone’s clients—owners, architects, and developers—as they navigate complex modernization and maintenance programs for major capital projects, translating complex technical challenges into clear, actionable strategies.”

With offices across North and South America, the UK, and the Middle East, DeSimone’s work is consistently recognized with awards for creativity and innovation in engineering.

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About DeSimone: Founded in New York City in 1969, DeSimone provides structural engineering, façade and building envelope consulting, vertical transportation consulting, forensics, detailing, fabrication-ready modelling (FRM), project controls, dispute resolution, and expert witness services across building types. Known globally 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, South America, and the Middle East. In 2025, DeSimone was named a Top Workplace by *USA Today*, a Miami Best Place to Work by the *Miami Herald*, a Top Workplace by the *South Florida Sun Sentinel*, a Best Place to Work by *The Sunday Times of London*, a NYC Top Workplace by *amNY Metro*, and a NYC Best Place to Work by *Crain’s New York*. <https://www.de-simone.com>.