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DeSimone Promotes Façade and Building Envelope Expert Benjamin Reich, AIA, to Associate Principal

Company also elevates three at the Associate level and a total of 29 team members across firm's global offices

NEW YORK, NY, July 22, 2025 — Global engineering services leader DeSimone Consulting Engineering has announced a new round of firmwide promotions that includes the elevation of architect Benjamin Reich, AIA, CPHC, a specialist in the design and restoration of façade and building envelope systems, to Associate Principal of the firm.

DeSimone also elevated architects and façade specialists Whitney Boykin, AIA, LEED AP, and Daniel Chung, RA, to Senior Associate, as well as structural engineer, Ahmed Tayeb, LEED GA, who has been named an Associate. In all, [29 team members from across DeSimone's international offices](#) earned promotions as part of the company's commitment to recognizing outstanding performance and supporting employee development and advancement.

"Today's global promotions highlight the experience and expertise of DeSimone professionals who drive innovation and deliver the high standard of service to our clients for which we are known, so it is with pleasure that we acknowledge and reward these individuals," said Stephen V. DeSimone, Chairman and CEO of DeSimone Consulting Engineering. "Benjamin Reich, AIA, CPHC, Associate Principal, has proved critical to advancing the work of our firmwide façade and building envelope consultancy, and with this promotion expands his responsibilities to include management of our façade restoration team in Miami."

Benjamin Reich has nearly 20 years of experience in façade design, detailing, and construction, in addition to façade and building envelope restoration, roofing and waterproofing design, detailing, and construction. As a project manager for complex building envelopes, he recently led the façade and building envelope design for the new award-winning MSC Cruise Terminal in Miami, and the award-winning, curved, step-and-turn Olympia DUMBO residential tower in Brooklyn. He currently serves as a design leader for the façade of the Bruce Springsteen Archives and Center for American Music, a timber-framed cultural building for Monmouth University in New Jersey, among other projects.

Reich's expertise has been employed in the past for projects such as the Baccarat Hotel & Residences, a 50-story tower that includes a luxury hotel, condominiums, and a major public library; the 1.1M SF 35 Hudson Yards, a 72-story, mixed-use development; and the 2.9M SF 50 Hudson Yards, a 58-story, commercial office tower.

A registered architect in New York and Florida, he earned a Master of Architecture degree from Columbia University and a Bachelor of Science in Art and Design from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. He is a member of the American Institute of Architects and a Certified Passive House Consultant with the Passive House Institute US.

Whitney Boykin, AIA, an architect promoted to Senior Associate, has over 16 years of experience as a façade expert across many high-profile projects internationally. These currently include the

distinctive, arched façade for 520 Fifth Avenue, a 1,000-foot-high, mixed-use, residential, supertall tower currently under construction in NYC; The Brook, a 51-story residential skyscraper in Brooklyn, NY; and the Mandarin Oriental Hotel and Residences, a dual-tower development in Miami, Florida, slated for completion in 2030.

Boykin earned a Master of Architecture degree from the Columbia School of Architecture, Planning, and Preservation, and a Bachelor of Environmental Design degree from the University of Colorado at Boulder.

Daniel Chung, RA, has also been promoted to Senior Associate. Chung has over 19 years of façade experience, specializing in design, new construction, field inspections, and the investigation and remediation of existing systems. As a registered architect in New York and New Jersey, Chung has played a key role in the design and construction of a variety of enclosure systems across project types, including the 89 DeKalb Avenue mixed-use tower on the Long Island University Brooklyn campus; 25-01 Queens Plaza North, a residential tower in Long Island City; and 25 Cottage Street, a mixed-use development in Jersey City. He earned his Bachelor of Architecture degree from Cornell University.

Ahmed Tayeb LEED GA, a structural engineer, has been elevated to the rank of Associate. A 30-year industry veteran known for applying his technical knowledge and cross-disciplinary skills to many architecturally challenging and structurally demanding projects internationally, Tayeb has led the structural design and coordination of complex, large-scale developments, most recently, for the structural design of the sustainable Wasl Tower in Dubai. He currently lends his expertise to such projects as 1900 Biscayne Boulevard, a pair of 42-story residential towers that form part of the Edgewater Collective, a large-scale, mixed-use development in Miami.

Based in DeSimone Consulting Engineering's Abu Dhabi office, Tayeb earned a BS in Civil Engineering at Cairo University in Egypt, and is licensed engineer in the UAE.

This latest round of promotions underscores DeSimone's dedication to excellence and continued growth as the firm focuses on broadening its suite of specialized services to provide integrated, multi-service engineering and uniquely related offerings that complement the firm's deep international experience across complex projects and dynamic market sectors. This unique approach has propelled the firm's reputation for excellence among leading developers, architects, and infrastructure firms while empowering the company to attract and retain the very best talent.

The firm's global platform of services 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.

DeSimone has also earned recognition among the nation's top workplaces, securing commendations from USA Today, amNYmetro, Crain's New York Business, the South Florida Sun Sentinel, and The Sunday Times of London.

Find a full list of DeSimone promotions [here](#).

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