

Design Innovator Corey Martin Joins THA Architecture as Design Principal

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THA Architecture today announced the appointment of Corey Martin, considered one of Portland's leading designers, as a design principal. Martin, who co-founded the award-winning firm PATH Architecture, is noted among a pioneering group of innovative practices in Portland. Martin's leadership at THA signals the firm's expanding focus on advanced approaches to design, sustainability and craft.

Thomas Hacker, founding principal of THA Architecture, said: "Corey has established himself as a brilliant young talent in the Northwest, and as a design principal at THA, he will build on our legacy and help lead the firm into a bright and exciting future. I'm looking forward to working with him in the coming years."

Martin, an Oregon native, is strongly influenced by the unique relationship between the natural and built environment of the Pacific Northwest. He worked at Richard Potestio and Allied Works Architecture before starting his own design, furniture, and sculpture firm in 1999. He later formed a partnership, M1C2, to undertake a series of high profile projects for the University of Oregon, and in 2005, he established PATH Architecture with architect and developer Benjamin Kaiser. With PATH, Martin helped spearhead a wave of design-driven speculative development in Portland and gained growing acclaim for creating modern buildings that display a particular sensitivity to daylight, spatial dynamism, and craft.

"I have long admired the timeless design of THA's buildings and our work shares qualities that make this partnership a natural fit," Martin said. "I am honored to be a part of the future of this exceptional firm."

Martin's work has received wide recognition, including AIA Portland Merit and Craftsmanship Awards and a 2011 *Residential Architect* Design Award for the Park BOX—a two-unit row house deftly organized to capture views, light and privacy. Other notable projects include Williams Five, a multi-unit, live-work residence that received the AIA Portland Mayor's Award For Design Excellence; and the Butler Residence, an environmentally responsive home that highlights the interplay of city and nature. His work has been published in *Metropolis*, *New York Times*, *Sports Illustrated*, *Residential Architect*, *The Architects Newspaper*, *Dwell* online, *Oregon's Daily Journal of Commerce*, *Oregon*, *Portland Monthly*, and *Oregon Home*.