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PRINCIPAL
MANAGING DIRECTOR

Jim West is a 1996 graduate of The University of Kansas where he received his Bachelor of Architecture. A trained pastry chef, he joined GFF in September 2011, became an Associate Principal in 2014, a Studio Director in 2015, Managing Director of the Austin Office in 2018 and was named a Principal in 2019. Jim is also a member of the GFF Management Committee that handles the day-to-day management of the firm. His portfolio includes mixed use and multifamily residential, retail, healthcare, hospitality, master planning and senior housing project types. His experience includes project management through all phases of site-planning, design, production, construction, and administration including the coordination of multiple consultant teams. He has vast knowledge on the Fair Housing Act Design Guidelines, The American's with Disabilities Act Design Guidelines and the Texas Accessibility Standards, and has a broad depth of knowledge of building codes and building systems. Outside of his project and Managing Director duties, Jim leads the recruiting efforts to bring the best talent to the firm. Outside of GFF, Jim is active in ULI, sits on

REGISTRATIONS

Texas Missouri Kansas Utah
Colorado Illinois Tennessee

“I didn’t become an architect to watch the world change, I became an architect to change the world.”

the Austin TOD Local Member Council and serves on the University of Kansas School or Architecture + Design Dean’s Advisory Board and the Board of Directors for the Hill Country Conservancy.

Jim has over 28 years of experience working in and around Austin and is not only familiar with the current local Zoning Code, Neighborhood Plans and Overlay Districts, but also with the local Building Codes and Amendments. He also has significant project experience in San Antonio, Colorado and Utah. He has in-depth familiarity with the various City departments and agencies and their processes. He is comfortable working with neighborhood groups, presenting projects in front of both the Planning & Zoning Commission and City Council.

In his spare time Jim loves to travel, volunteer with the Austin Animal Shelter, spend time with his dog, Guff, and also makes a fantastic bourbon ice cream.

SELECTED PROJECT EXPERIENCE

The Pearl at Bee Cave, Austin, TX
Kairoi Colfax & Downing, Denver, CO
Kairoi Belmar, Lakewood, CO
CRP Lakeline, Austin, TX
Alexan St. Elmo, Austin, TX
Aura North Lamar, Austin, TX
Alexan Garza Ranch, Austin, TX
Aspen Heights Riverside, Austin, TX
University Park Phase II, Austin, TX
Heritage Plaza, San Antonio, TX
Magnolia Heights, San Antonio, TX
Denargo Phases III and IV, Denver, CO
The Rivera, San Antonio, TX
Lakeshore Azul, Austin, TX
Lakeshore Pearl Redevelopment, Austin, TX
Burnet Marketplace, Austin, TX
Sabina, Austin, TX
Corazon Mixed Use, Austin, TX
M-Line Tower, Dallas, TX
The Alexan Fairmount, Dallas, TX

The Alexan, Dallas, TX
Alexan Cityline, Dallas, TX
One Uptown at Uptown ATX, Austin TX
The Chase West & The Chase East at Uptown ATX, Austin, TX
The Bond, Austin, TX
Icehouse, Salt Lake City, UT
CSW South Lamar, Austin, TX
The Domain Phase I and II, Austin, TX*
West 7th, Fort Worth, TX*
The Monarch, Austin, TX*
Republic Tower, Dallas, TX*
Legacy Town Center, Plano, TX*
Paseo Colorado, Pasadena, CA*
St. Luke’s Redevelopment, Denver, CO*
Addison Circle, Addison, TX*
Mandarin Oriental Hotel, Miami, FL*
Mercantile Block Redevelopment, Dallas, TX*
Erickson Retirement Communities-Eagle’s Trace, Houston, TX*

*Prior to joining GFF