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American Institute of Architects Elevates Mark Nickita, FAIA to the College of Fellows

*AIA Fellowship Recognizes Significant Contributions to Profession of
Architecture and Society*

Detroit- February 15, 2017 - The 2017 Jury of Fellows of the American Institute of Architects (AIA) elevated Mark Nickita, FAIA to its prestigious College of Fellows, an honor awarded to members who have made significant contributions to the profession.

Nickita will be honored at an investiture ceremony at the AIA Conference on Architecture in Orlando, Florida.

The Fellowship program was developed to elevate those architects who have made a significant contribution to architecture and society and who have achieved a standard of excellence in the profession. Election to fellowship not only recognizes the achievements of architects as individuals, but also their significant contribution to architecture and society on a national level.

2017 Fellows

Out of a total AIA membership of over 90,000, approximately 3 percent are distinguished with the honor of fellowship and honorary fellowship. The elevation to fellowship is conferred on architects with at least 10 years of membership in the AIA in one or more of the following nomination categories:

1. Promoted the aesthetic, scientific, and practical efficiency of the profession
2. Advanced the science and art of planning and building by advancing the standards of architectural education, training or practice
3. Coordinated the building industry and the profession of architecture through leadership in the AIA and other related professional organizations
4. Advanced the living standards of people through an improved environment
5. Made the profession of ever-increasing service to society



Mark Nickita, FAIA

Mark Nickita, AIAAs an urbanist, architect, civic leader and entrepreneur, Mark Nickita, AIA is a city builder, creating, re-establishing and repairing the physical environment to achieve a walkable, pedestrian experience to enhance ones quality of life.

Mark is the founder and President of Archive DS—a firm that integrates urban, architectural and city building strategies. Mark is a tireless warrior for the City of Detroit. He has gained expertise in addressing the challenges of the post-industrial city. Through his projects, lectures, teaching, and global urban research, Mark has become an internationally recognized expert regarding challenging urban environments. Mark's projects are influenced by his intensive travel and research of over 400 major cities on four continents. He utilizes this global insight to create innovative solutions based on his awareness of best practices. Architecturally, Mark has designed numerous mixed-use buildings within the urban context, including adaptive-reuse, historic rehabilitation and new infill buildings. These projects often require alternative design solutions for challenging existing buildings and sites with distressed market conditions.

About The American Institute of Architects

Founded in 1857, the American Institute of Architects consistently works to create more valuable, healthy, secure, and sustainable buildings, neighborhoods, and communities. Through nearly 300 state and local chapters, the AIA advocates for public policies that promote economic vitality and public wellbeing. Members adhere to a code of ethics and conduct to ensure the highest professional standards. The AIA provides members with tools and resources to assist them in their careers and business as well as engaging civic and government leaders and the public to find solutions to pressing issues facing our communities, institutions, nation and world. Visit www.aia.org.

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