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## Kirksey Architecture expands to Dallas

Kirksey and th+a join forces and strengthen North Texas presence

**HOUSTON, TEXAS** —With offices in Houston and Austin, Kirksey Architecture expands to North Texas with Dallas-based t. howard & associates (th+a) joining the firm. Combining the two firms provides clients the comfort of an established Dallas-based firm and the depth of knowledge and experience of an award-winning Texas firm practicing on a global scale. Both companies offer architectural, interior design, and planning services. Integration enhances expertise and geographical reach, creating a practice with 173 employees and 72 registered architects, serving a broad range of industry sectors. This marks the opening of Kirksey's third Texas-based studio, with established offices in Houston and Austin.

"Joining forces with th+a in Dallas is a huge step for our firm, one that we believe will provide a tremendous opportunity for staff and market-sector growth. Kirksey and th+a share similar cultures, values, and talents, and together we can better serve our clients and the North Texas region," says Kirksey President, Wes Good. "th+a's reputation for designing creative environments that are ideal for learning, living, working, and healing, and their long-term client base makes them a natural fit for expanding Kirksey."

Established in 1998 by Founder and President Todd Howard, th+a has remained dedicated to building relationships based on quality and trust and focused on providing solution-driven services. Howard has deep roots in Dallas. His engagement in the community through his service on both municipal and non-profit boards reflects his commitment to sustainable design and informs his speaking engagements related to the climate. Beyond th+a's 24 years of experience, 14 skilled staff members, and a shared vision for growth, other factors drove the Kirksey and th+a union. Howard has a long-standing relationship with some of Kirksey's leadership team. "I have known some of my new colleagues for years, personally and through our leadership in professional organizations. Our ability to now collaborate by designing environments that enhance our clients' quality of life is a wonderful next chapter," says Howard.

The two firms have explored several partnership opportunities over the years. Kirksey and th+a recently pursued, and were awarded, work for Dallas ISD's Career Institute South project as part of the 2020 Bond. The timing was right for Kirksey and th+a to take full advantage of their success and align for strategic growth. "I am excited about the opportunities and services that our combined firms present to clients in the North Texas region to shape communities, promote sustainability, and influence our environment," says Howard.

As of January 11, 2022, th+a will operate as Kirksey | th+a. Todd Howard will serve as Executive Vice President, Director – North Texas. In addition to the Dallas ISD Bond project noted above, current notable th+a projects include Metrocare Hillside Clinic and Client Services buildings, Jubilee Park and Community Center Parkland Clinic, Texas Health and Human Services Rusk Campus Administration Building, and Primrose Buckner.

Kirksey was founded in 1971 in Houston and opened an Austin office in 2018. The firm has specialized practice groups, each focused on a market sector, to address clients' unique business strategies and objectives. Kirksey is a carbon-neutral company committed to sustainable practices. The firm has several projects in the Dallas–Fort Worth metroplex, such as the recently completed



residential high-rise The Victor with Munoz+Albin, the new Eagle Landing Dining Hall for the University of North Texas, the passively-ventilated aquatic and recreation facility for the City of Euless, and a multi-building campus master plan for Praedicare, Inc.

Headshots: Wes Good and Todd Howard



*Images of Recent and Current Projects:* The Victor, University of North Texas Eagle Landing Dining Hall, and Metrocare Hillside Clinic and Client Services buildings





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