



## Safdie Architects Promotes Four Senior Partners

Charu Kokate, Christopher Mulvey, Jaron Lubin, and Sean Scensor  
partner with Founder Moshe Safdie in leading the design studio

**August 30, 2022 (Somerville, MA)** — Safdie Architects today announced the appointment of long-time Partners Charu Kokate, Christopher Mulvey, Jaron Lubin, and Sean Scensor as Senior Partners who will continue to lead the global practice alongside founder Moshe Safdie. Building upon the framework of the partnership initiated over a decade ago, the appointment represents the strategic evolution of the practice and extension of the firm's 60-year trajectory. This new structure consolidates executive leadership responsibilities, which will be shared equally between the senior partners. Founding Partner Moshe Safdie will remain active in the day-to-day operations of the firm, working closely with the Senior Partners to lead the firm.

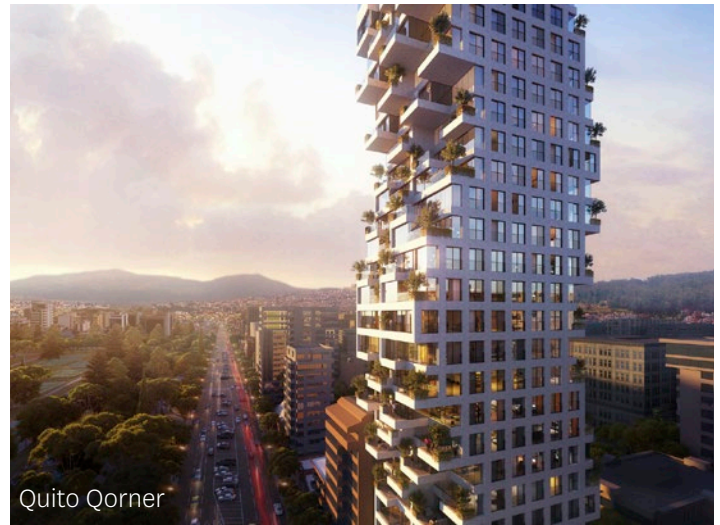
*"This firm has always been a place where architects, early in their career, are given enormous opportunity to develop their creative, technical and leadership skills to craft buildings of the highest quality," said Moshe Safdie. "Over a decade ago, I set in motion the process of restructuring the firm as a partnership, creating pathways for younger architects to develop as future leaders. Since that time, I have been transferring significant responsibility to a select group of architects who embraced the values and ideals that drive our work, and who have increasingly taken on responsibility for both projects and running the practice."*

*"The appointment of Charu, Chris, Jaron and Sean as Senior Partners recognizes not only that they are a team with exceptional, diverse, and complimentary talents – and formidable experience-- but also the collective manner in which they lead the practice into the future."*





Albert Einstein Education & Research Center



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Surbana Jurong Campus

Kokate, Mulvey, Lubin, and Scensor, who have worked alongside each other and with Safdie for almost 20 years, have been instrumental in the success of the practice. They have worked on many of the studio's most iconic projects, including the United States Institute of Peace (Washington, D.C.), Marina Bay Sands Integrated Resort (Singapore), Crystal Bridges Museum of American Art (Bentonville, Arkansas), Jewel Changi Airport (Singapore), and Raffles City Chongqing (China).

Current Safdie Architect projects include:

**Albert Einstein Education and Research Center in São Paulo, Brazil;** an advanced medical school and research center designed around a vaulted and lushly landscaped atrium garden; completed in August 2022

**Quito Qorner in Ecuador;** a fractalized residential tower whose unique building profile creates a "hillside" of terraces for residents overlooking La Carolina Park, merging indoor and outdoor living; scheduled for completion in late 2022

**Surbana Jurong Headquarters Campus in Singapore;** envisioned as a center of research and innovation, the campus

is set across a network of "treehouse pavilions," harmoniously integrating nature throughout the work environment; scheduled for completion in mid-2023

**EDITION Singapore and Boulevard 88;** connected by a lushly planted garden terrace, the development comprises a pair of private residential towers above the newest offering of the iconic boutique hotel brand; scheduled for completion in early 2023

**Crystal Bridges Expansion, in Bentonville, Arkansas;** continuing the tradition of merging art, architecture, and nature, this expansion will build upon Safdie Architect's original museum design to provide expanded opportunities for visitors to engage with educational programming and the greater community; groundbreaking scheduled late-2022.

In addition to being intimately involved in the firm's projects, publications, exhibitions, and research, the partners have been dedicated to supporting the professional development and empowerment of the next generation of the firm's architects.



### **Charu Kokate**

Based in Singapore, Charu Kokate leads the firm's efforts in Asia. An advocate for excellence in construction practice, Charu is integral to realizing and delivering complex projects that fully embody their original design intentions. She connects, empowers, and enables clients, contractors, and consultants from project inception through completion. An active mentor to emerging industry professionals, Kokate empowers women in the design field, helping them to shape their career trajectories. In addition to public talks and lectures, Kokate has served as a design judge internationally and in Singapore. Kokate earned her undergraduate degree from the University of Pune in India, and holds a Masters in Architecture from Pennsylvania State University.



### **Chris Mulvey**

Chris Mulvey oversees the business management, strategic planning, and operations of Safdie Architects' global practice. During his 24 years with the studio, Mulvey has played a pivotal role in the design of several prominent projects, established the firm's first project office in China, and has been instrumental in developing initiatives to support the firm's future generation of leaders including the establishment of a Diversity Advancement Scholar program with the Architects Foundation, as well as annual internship and mentorship programs. A graduate of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Mulvey employs a hands-on approach, highly aware and involved with all aspects of the practice.



### **Jaron Lubin**

Jaron Lubin contributes a tireless commitment to advancing the firm's impact through strategic design thinking and exploration. Lubin's passion for progressive design methodologies is embodied in many of the studio's most complex and multi-dimensional urban projects. Lubin leads or actively engages with much of the research, fellowship, teaching and architectural exploration of the firm. A graduate of the University of Michigan and Distinguished Alumni of UCLA, he is a frequent writer, juror and lecturer. In addition to having served as Design Critic in Architecture at the Harvard University Graduate School of Design, Lubin is also currently teaching a course at GSD, "The Shape of Things to Come," with Moshe Safdie.



### **Sean Scensor**

With intersecting skills in design, advanced building technology, and project management, Sean Scensor focuses on bridging between the art, science and business of envisioning and realizing the studio's diverse designs. Over his 24 years with the firm, Scensor has directed many of the studio's most complex projects. Most recently, his work has been concentrated in Latin America, orchestrating bespoke teams of design and construction industry collaborators. A graduate of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Scensor brings imaginative thinking, a critical eye, and a values-driven approach to running the practice to keep it nimble and resilient.





Safdie Architects celebrating the opening of Jewel Changi Airport

## Safdie Architects

Safdie Architects is a design studio imbued with a spirit of innovation, guided by the belief that architecture should be inherently timeless, connected to nature, and profoundly humane. Founded by pioneering architect Moshe Safdie, the firm operates in the model of a design studio, with a forward-thinking, research-oriented practice. Based in Boston, with offices in Jerusalem, Singapore, and Shanghai, Safdie Architects draws upon a depth of experience to deliver some of the world's largest and most complex commissions in imaginative and unexpected ways.

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