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“Wakefield Beasley & Associates Launches Offices in Dubai and Panama”

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Wakefield Beasley & Associates Architects, Inc., the award-winning architectural firm based in Atlanta with an office in Jacksonville, has launched two new international ventures positioned to increase their market shares for professional design services in retail, mixed-use, multi-family, resort hospitality, office, industrial and interior design.

Driven by growing client interest, and an approach which considers how markets are becoming more integrated as part of a global and regional strategy, WBA opened their Middle East North Africa (MENA) office in Dubai, United Arab Emirates, in March 2009. Serving as Director of the MENA office is Iain Capon, a senior level executive in real estate development and design management. Mr. Capon’s international expertise includes Managing Partner, Dubai Office for DSA International, a South African architectural firm, and Vice-President, Design Development of Al Thani Investments LLC, also in Dubai, United Arab Emirates.

Further supporting the shift of professional services across international borders, and the resurgence of the professional consortium, WBA announces its alliance with Voyager Group International (VGI), an association of several design professionals throughout the USA. This new endeavor will deliver best-in-class architectural design, consulting engineering, construction management and related professional services. Confirming the commitment of the venture is a new Panama City, Panama office which opened in March 2009.

“Technology binds our team, integrating the collective possibilities we can offer internationally with our unique and diversified corporate culture,” said Michel Lentz, Principal/Director of the Retail/Mixed-Use Studio. “We have always retained a diversified team, boasting staff from 17 countries and speaking more than 25 languages. It’s just now through our expanding operations and technological growth that we have an opportunity to explore exciting projects on some of our own employees’ native soil.”