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## AO APPOINTS NEW PRINCIPAL AND DIRECTOR TO LEAD OAKLAND OFFICE AND MODULAR DESIGN STUDIO

### NEW LEADERSHIP STRENGTHENS PRESENCE IN BAY AREA DEVELOPMENT

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Nickolos Gomez, Principal and Director of Modular Design and Construction

[AO](#), a leading full-service architecture firm with design expertise spanning the full commercial real estate spectrum, today announced the appointment of industry expert Nickolos Gomez as Principal and Director of Modular Design and Construction. He will lead the organization's efforts from AO's new Oakland office located downtown at 1111 Broadway, Suite 300.

Gomez brings more than 20 years of experience in designing and shepherding multifamily developments in California including affordable, market-rate, housing, to student and senior living communities. He is an industry leader in modular design and construction and has successfully partnered with factories in Asia, Europe, Canada and throughout the United States on projects. To

date, he has permitted more than 2,500 units of factory-built housing. He is passionate about urban infill housing and always inspired by the opportunity to develop projects that contribute to the unique and complex fabric of the cities they are in.

With over 50 modular projects underway, AO is an industry leader in the design and construction of modular projects, embracing and reimagining this innovative building method. AO's disciplined approach to modular consistently delivers high-quality developments with greater efficiency than traditional construction.

A graduate of California College of the Arts architecture program, Gomez is a native Californian and proud of his Bay Area roots. He is active in the East Bay community and serves on the Modular Building Institute (MBI) Design Professionals Advisory Council, as well as the Alameda Public Art Advisory Council (PAAC) where he completed an eight-year term.

## **About AO**

AO is a relationship-focused, design-driven architectural, interior, and planning services firm helping clients create places where people and businesses flourish. In its 48th year, the firm boasts wide-ranging expertise across multifamily, retail, hospitality, mixed-use, science and technology, data centers, restaurant, healthcare, office, industrial, parking, landscape, interiors, and global design, modular, transit-oriented development, and public utilities. AO is known for its ardent collaboration with developers and owners and deep expertise across various building types. AO operates from studios in Orange, San Diego, Oakland, and Sunnyvale, CA, New York, NY, Atlanta, GA, and Orlando, FL, where it serves clients across the Americas, Asia, and beyond. Visit [aoarchitects.com](http://aoarchitects.com) to learn more.