

# WHO'S NEWS in CONSTRUCTION & DESIGN

**Thornton Tomasetti** announced the promotion of **Robert Otani, P.E., LEED AP BD+C** to principal of the international engineering firm. He is based in the New York office.



Otani has more than 18 years of professional experience in structural design, project management and advanced computational design and modeling.

Otani is Thornton Tomasetti's special structures leader. He has extensive experience in seismic, wind, dynamic and thermal analysis and is an expert in the design and detailing of special structures.

A longtime member of the Structural Engineers Association of New York (SEAoNY), Otani has been chairman of the codes and standards committee and served as president of the organization in 2007.

He was a technical member of the New York City Model Code Program for three years, and is the author of several technical papers and publications.

Otani is a licensed professional engineer in New York as well as New Brunswick, Nova Scotia and Alberta, Canada, and a LEED Accredited Professional Building Design + Construction.

He is an adjunct instructor at Columbia University Graduate School of Architecture, Planning and Preservation and an adjunct assistant professor at the Pratt Institute's Undergraduate School of Architecture, both of which are in New York.

Otani holds a bachelor's degree in civil engineering from Rutgers University in New Jersey and a master's degree in civil engineering from Pennsylvania State University.

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**Thornton Tomasetti** announced the promotion of **Khaled Othman, P.E.** to vice president in the New York office of the international engineering firm.

Othman has been with Thornton Tomasetti since 1999. He has more than 14 years of experience in the structural investigation, condition assessment, feasibility studies, forensic analysis and stabilization of existing buildings and in design for structural repairs, renovations and additions.

Othman is a licensed professional engineer in New York and is a member of the Structural Engineers Association of New York (SEAoNY).

He holds a bachelor's degree in civil engineering from Zagazig University in Cairo and a master's degree in structural engineering from Stevens Institute of Technology in Hoboken, N.J.



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**Thornton Tomasetti** announced the promotion of **John Fairbairn** to vice president, human resources in the firm's New York office.

He has been with Thornton Tomasetti since 2005. Fairbairn has more than 25 years of experience in human resources with mid-size, multi-office firms in the financial services and international conservation fields.

He is a member of the Society for Human Resources Management. He holds a bachelor's degree in American studies from Middlebury College in Middlebury, Vt., and a master's



degree in public administration from the Robert F. Wagner School of Public Service at New York University.

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**Balfour Beatty Infrastructure Partners LLP** (BBIP) announced the hiring of **Rob Keough** to join the firm's New York office as principal.

He will focus on the origination, execution, and management of infrastructure investments in North America.

Keough brings over 15 years of experience in transportation and infrastructure finance to BBIP.

Prior to joining BBIP he was managing director at John Hancock Life Insurance

Company, where he was most recently portfolio manager of John Hancock's infrastructure equity portfolio.

During his tenure at John Hancock he played a leading role in building and managing an infrastructure portfolio in the core infrastructure asset classes of power generation, electric transmission and distribution, oil & gas midstream, utilities, toll roads, airports, ports and rail.

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Perkins Eastman announced recent senior-level promotions in several offices and affiliate companies.

The promotions occur annually and reflect the company's commitment to building and maintaining a strong and dynamic leadership team across its many practice areas, multiple offices, and network of affiliates.

The firm promoted one new principal: **James Butterfield RA**; New York, NY

The firm promoted 11 new Associate Principals across various offices, including **Mohammed Attia, Paul Carr, Alan Ho, Angie Lee RA, David Levo, Yu Duk So** and **Joanne Violanti AIA, LEED AP**, all in New York

In addition to principal and associate principal-level promotions, 29 employees were

promoted to associate and 11 to senior associate.

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**Alex Santacroce**, who managed construction projects on behalf of tenants as well as capital projects in his role as Senior Project Manager for real estate giant SL Green, has joined **AJS Construction** as vice president – director of construction.

Santacroce will oversee the execution of projects, managing the various teams and departments that contribute to each success.



Most recently, Santacroce served as senior project manager at SL Green, overseeing construction and project management for the portfolio of nearly 8 million square feet of space representing more than 300 tenants.

He has more than 35 years experience in construction. Prior to SL Green, he served as a senior project manager for ATCO Properties, and a

project manager for Chase Manhattan Bank.

He began his career as principal of his own interior construction firm.

Santacroce is a recipient of BOMA's Renovated Building of the Year for his work at 485 Lexington Avenue on behalf of SL Green.

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**Steve Martucci** has been promoted to vice president of operations for **PFI** (Plant Fantasies Inc.).

Martucci joined PFI in 2003 as an account executive and was quickly promoted to sales director then operations manager, a position he has held for the past two years.

He has played a key role in several major PFI projects including the 250 Hudson green roof with FXFOWLE Architects; the renovation of the Grace Buildings public plaza; and, most recently, a three-part installation at Gotham West luxury rentals.

He has worked with many of the City's leading developer/owners, architects and construction management

companies including Plaza Construction, TF Cornerstone, and Jack Resnick & Sons.

A graduate of Arizona State University, Martucci holds a Bachelor of Arts Science in Communications and has over 19 years of experience in the landscape industry.

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**SBLM Architects** announced that **Richard Alan Votta, AIA**, has joined the firm as the managing director of SBLM's Healthcare & Wellness studio. Votta joins SBLM with over 25 years of experience in the healthcare industry specializing in architectural design and medical facility planning.

In his prior position, he was a project manager at Mount Sinai Medical Center.

His previous experience was as chief facilities planner with the University of Pennsylvania Health System.



## Skanska GM to serve on Salvadori board

Skanska USA announced that New York's Salvadori Center has selected Tom Webb, executive vice president and general manager for Skanska USA Building's Metro New York office, to join its board of directors.

Webb brings more than 31 years of construction experience to Salvadori's board, and will provide valuable expertise to support Salvadori's mission to inspire students and teachers to use the built world as a foundation for learning about mathematics, science, art, language, social studies, and technology.

"Education is integral to advancing the construction industry, and we greatly appreciate Salvadori's approach in teaching science and math through the exploration of infrastructure," said Richard Kennedy, co-chief operating officer of Skanska USA Building's Metro New York office.

"Tom has played a key role in mentoring our staff throughout his career at Skanska, and we are confident he will add tremendous value to Salvadori's educational programs. As a board member of the ACE Mentor

Program's New Jersey chapter, I am especially thrilled Webb is joining Skanska's ongoing effort to advance the industry through inspiring and educating the next generation of construction and engineering professionals."

In his role at Skanska, Webb drives the firm's overall business operations for its building business unit throughout the New York tri-state region.

He oversees a team of hundreds of construction and engineering professionals, and is also responsible for developing and maintaining lasting relationships with Skanska's key customers and partners.

Webb is passionate about supporting the tri-state region's educational and philanthropic community.

For example, the Ronald McDonald House of New York recently honored Webb with a "Builder of Hope" award for his commitment to the organization's mission to house families with sick or hospitalized children.



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