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Quadrangle Architects Principal Richard Witt elected as a Fellow of the Royal Architectural Institute of Canada (FRAIC)

TORONTO – (February 10, 2015) Quadrangle Architects is pleased to announce that Principal, Richard Witt, has been elected as a Fellow of the Royal Architectural Institute of Canada by the College of Fellows. The College of Fellows bestows Fellowship on RAIC members in recognition of outstanding professional achievement or distinctive service to the profession or to the community at large.

Richard has built a national and international career based upon a desire to positively advance the built environment through urban intensification, master planning, sustainable design and the adaptive reuse of buildings and sites within city centres and their edges. At Quadrangle, Richard directs much of the firms international and urban community work while leading teams responsible for the design of complex projects at diverse scales. Ranging from the award winning and precedent setting midrise urban infill development Cube Lofts in Toronto’s Little Italy, to the heritage revitalization of Liberty Village’s 60 Atlantic Avenue into a dynamic mixed-use commercial property, Richard has established expertise for his ability to balance constraints and deliver design excellence in confined urban conditions. In addition, Richard also leads master plan and community development initiatives for clients across the Greater Toronto Area, the Middle East and in China, including the Fengxian mixed-use master plan in Shanghai.

A strong advocate of sustainable design principles, Richard was one of three architects invited to represent Ontario’s green build sector in the Premier’s 2009 CleanTech trade mission to India and 2013 CleanTech trade mission to China. Understanding the importance of industry partnership and city building, Richard has previously held the role of Co-Chair to the Toronto Society of Architects and is currently on the advisory board of for the Urban Land Institute Toronto and is the chairman of the Canadian Chapter of the Council on Tall Buildings and Urban Habitat.

“For Richard to achieve this great honour relatively early in his career is a testament to the influence he has on the profession and our community,” noted Susan Ruptash, Managing Principal at Quadrangle.

The convocation ceremony for the 2015 Fellows will be held in Calgary, Alberta on Thursday, June 4 at the 2015 AAA/RAIC Festival of Architecture.

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