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Kaplan Thompson Architects Names New Principal

Portland, ME — January 6, 2026 — Kaplan Thompson Architects, a leader in sustainable design based in Portland, Maine, is pleased to announce the promotion of Adam Wallace, AIA, to the role of Principal.



[Adam Wallace](#), a Maine Licensed Architect who joined the firm in 2015, joins founding partners Phil Kaplan and Jesse Thompson, and Principal Adrienne Stauffer, in leading the award-winning firm. Since joining Kaplan Thompson, Adam has been a key driver of the firm's mission to responsibly design buildings that inspire meaningful connections, put people and the environment first, and make the world a better place. His expertise spans a wide range of scales, from technical detailing and fine woodworking joinery to the implementation of innovative, sustainable design solutions.

“Adam’s passion for design and his deep and intimate knowledge of how buildings are really constructed have made him an indispensable part of our team,” said Founding Principal Phil Kaplan. “He consistently inspires confidence in clients, is entrusted by builders due to his extensive time in the field, and maybe most importantly, has earned the admiration of the entire team through teaching and mentoring at every level. Even as a Principal, I have learned so much from Adam.”

A graduate of Hobart College and the University of Maine-Augusta, Adam has brought a wealth of practical knowledge to the firm, having previously co-owned a remodeling and custom cabinet-making business. His portfolio includes significant contributions and leadership on award-winning projects such as Beaver Lodge Lookout, 5 India, Parris Terraces, and Squid Cove. Notably, Adam is passionate about incorporating mass timber and cross-laminated timber into both multifamily buildings and single-family homes.

“I am honored and excited to step into this new leadership role at the firm,” said Wallace. “Over the past ten years, I’ve come to realize this is a truly special place with an incredible team that sets us apart through the work we produce. I look forward to continuing the work we do in sustainable, high-performance architecture, ensuring our projects have a positive impact on our children and neighbors for years to come.”

Adam is an active member in the green building industry through the Northeast Sustainable Energy Association’s Building Energy Bottom Lines program. An avid outdoorsman, he enjoys sailing, skiing, and kiteboarding on frozen lakes, as well as restoring a vintage wood-hulled trawler, embodying the creative, hands-on spirit that defines Kaplan Thompson Architects.

About Kaplan Thompson Architects

[Kaplan Thompson Architects](#) has been committed to designing beautiful, sustainable, attainable buildings since 2006. With a focus in residential new construction and renovations, multifamily homes, community spaces, and educational facilities, the firm operates throughout New England, primarily in Maine, New Hampshire, Massachusetts, and Vermont.

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