



KOBI KARP
FIRM PROFILE

THE CAPRI CONDOMINIUM
MIAMI BEACH, FLORIDA

THE FIRM

For over two decades, Kobi Karp Architecture and Interior Design (KKAID) has been providing creative and innovative design solutions to renowned clients in the hospitality, retail and high-rise residential development community. The firm specializes in architecture, interior design and planning. KKAID's clientele includes corporations such as Hyatt, Hilton, Starwood, Super Clubs, Club Med, Wyndham, Sonesta and development corporations such as The Related Group, Leviev Boymelgreen, Maefield Corporation, BSR Development, Forest City Enterprises, Magna, Renzi Holdings, Fortune International, Cornerstone Group, Paradise International, Maclee and Merco Group. These entities along with local government agencies turn to KKAID to design and renovate properties, create interiors and plan sites for pending development.

KKAID is headquartered in Miami and its profile extends beyond the typical architectural firm in offering a diverse range of services relating to buildings, from planning through design, construction, and management. To date, KKAID has participated in the completion of more than \$10 billion in commercial, residential and mixed-use properties. The firm's staff has the expertise to take projects from site planning through project build-out and has established a reputation that has won the loyalty of clients, the esteem of colleagues and the praise of city planners.

Kobi Karp, the firm's principal, is a recognized member of the American Institute of Architects, honored for his award-winning designs and buildings. He is also a licensed interior designer and general contractor and an active member of The American Society of Interior Design and several other professional associations.



ARCHITECTURE

KKAID's modern designs and architectural work have been published and recognized internationally. They are inspired by the vernacular of the environments in which they reside. Its standard allows for the focus of the new design to relate to its logistical and historical contexts. The firm specializes in collaborating with clients to reach their project's mission while working within their budgetary parameters. The firm understands the need to create viable commercial, residential and mixed-use environments that produce a valued return on investment. KKAID believes that each project must be delivered on time, within budget--every time.

INTERIOR DESIGN

KKAID uses its extensive network of professional suppliers enabling its designs to provide a wide range of natural and cutting-edge materials, finishes, fabrics, accessories, and custom-designed furnishings at human and personalized appeal. Our firm works with clients to create interior business environments that are elegant, stylish and infinitely livable. As interior architects our approach to design is exclusively focused on how the aesthetics and organization of a space can reflect a project's image, improve efficiency and productivity and create visual and mood heightened appeal.

PLANNING

Planning encompasses creative uses of planning regulations related to the urban and architectural codes for each project. KKAID specializes in creating public and private spaces that symbiotically coexist with surrounding buildings, both existing and/or new. KKAID projects have ranged from coordinating retail traffic patterns and master plans for urban infill mixed-use projects to historically preserving landmark areas within Miami Beach Art Deco Hotel District. KKAID is strongly versed in this discipline, as completed in its diverse projects in the hospitality, lifestyle, multi-family, residential and resort fields.

BIOGRAPHY

Kobi Karp is founder and principal of Kobi Karp Architecture & Interior Design, Inc.(KKAID). KKAID is a full-service architectural and interior design firm providing a vast array of services, ranging from the design of large-scale, high-rise condominium and hospitality projects to intimate, small-scale low-rise residential and commercial structures.

Educated at the University of Minnesota's Institute of Technology, Kobi Karp earned degrees in both Architecture and Environmental Design. Subsequently, Kobi began his career working on major hospitality and all-inclusive resort projects throughout the United States and the Caribbean. Such work served as a catalyst in Kobi becoming part of the revival of Miami Beach's classic and enchanting Art Deco district, where hotels and residential buildings were restored to their former glamour. His firm has been awarded several prestigious and architectural awards and has been featured in renowned national and local publications based on their major contributions in the preservation of historical areas.

To date, KKAID has graced the landscapes of major cities across the United States, as well as many of the most sought after tourist destinations of the Caribbean. KKAID continues to develop large-scale projects across the country and internationally.

BEHIND THE DESIGN: KOBI KARP



EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND

Bachelor of Architecture
Institute of Technology, University of Minnesota

Bachelor of Science in Environmental Design
Institute of Technology, University of Minnesota

PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

American Institute of Architects (AIA)
American Society of Interior Designers (ASID)
National Trust for Historic Preservation
National Counsel for Interior Design Qualifications (NCIDQ)
National Counsel for Architectural Registration Boards (NCARB)
Board of Directors, Police Athletic League (PAL)

AWARDS

Norman Giller Award, North Beach Development Corporation (NBDC), 2006
Dade Heritage Trust Historic Preservation Award, The Strand, 2006
National Association of Home Builders (NAHB) "Best Loft Community" Award, Absolut Lofts, 2006
Developers and Builders Alliance (DBA): "Landmark Award" - The Bridgewater, 2006
"Residential High-Rise of the Year" - Tao, 2006
"Residential Multi-Family of the Year" - Beach House, 2006
"Loft of the Year" - Uptown Marina Lofts, 2006
"Historical Preservation of the Year" - The Strand, 2006
Miami Design Preservation League Merit Award, Circa 39, 2004
Miami Design Preservation League Merit Award, Cadillac Hotel, 2004
Dade Heritage Trust Historic Preservation Award, Cadillac Hotel, 2004
Florida Builders Association Merit Award, Cadillac Hotel, 2004
Outstanding Young Architect of the Year Award, (AIA) Miami, 1999
Outstanding Service Award, (AIA) Miami, 1999
Key to Miami-Dade County, Senator Gwen Margolis, 1999
Gold Award, American Resort and Development Association (ARDA), 1998
Silver Award, American Resort and Development Association (ARDA), 1998
Outstanding Leadership Award, Sunny Isles Beach, 1998
Miami Design Preservation League Merit Award, Astor Hotel, 1996
Governor's Design Team, Minneapolis, Minnesota, 1987
Thesis Award with Honors, Minneapolis, Minnesota, 1987

PROFESSIONAL LICENSES

Registered Architect In:
Arizona 45208
Colorado 303858
Florida 0012578
Georgia 009152
Nevada 5062
New York 027230-1
Texas 19850

Registered Interior Designer In:
Florida 0003850

General Contractor

RECOGNIZED IN THE FOLLOWING PUBLICATIONS...

Architectural Digest • New York Times Magazine • Ocean Drive Magazine • The Miami Herald • El Nuevo Herald
U.S.A. Today • Hotel/Motel Management • Hospitality Management • Daily Business Review • South Florida Business Journal
Florida Inside/Out Magazine • Miami Today • HOME Miami • HOME Ft. Lauderdale • Vive Magazine • Contract Design • The Hi-Riser
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