Squire & Partners restructures top team

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Top architecture practice names seven new partners as it embarks on 'a new era'.

Architecture and interiors firm Squire & Partners has announced a senior-level restructuring as part of a "new chapter" for the business.

Michael Squire, the founder of the London-based practice behind many of the capital's high-end projects, passed away last year aged 77.

In an update, the 130-strong studio said: "Since the passing of Michael in May 2023, we have taken the opportunity to examine the structure, leadership, future direction and operational effectiveness of the practice. We have undertaken both internal and external reviews to rigorously test our aspirations. We are now able to start implementing a new plan for the business that will build upon the last 47 years and lead the practice into the future."

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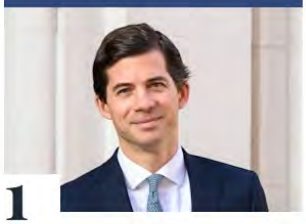

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The changes include an expansion of the partnership with seven new partners, all longstanding personnel, who will "increasingly take control of projects from partners Henry (Squire), Tim (Gledstone) and Murray (Levinson), whilst also leading specific areas of the practice to ensure continued focus and development".

The statement added: "Henry, Tim and Murray are in no way stepping back, but will continue to provide strategic design and leadership whilst looking to expand the practice further to a wider global audience."

The new Partners are:

- Bettina Brehler
- Maria Cheung (Interiors)
- Clelia Filipe (Finance)
- Olga Gomez
- Alessandro Mangiavacchi
- Michael Poots
- Sophie Steed

As part of the changes, the firm's Associate Directors are becoming Associate Partners and will also "take an active role in shaping the practice both internally and externally with the new partners".

> The team added: "We are excited to continue Squire & Partners' journey to becoming a world-leading architecture practice that delivers high quality, beautiful buildings that create maximum value for our clients and enjoyment for the future occupiers."

The new-look leadership team: (from top left) Henry Squire, Senior Partner; Murray Levinson, Senior Partner; Tim Gledstone, Senior Partner; Bettina Brehler, Partner; Maria Cheung, Partner; Olga Gomez, Partner; Sophie Steed, Partner; Alessandro Mangiavacchi, Partner; Michael Poots, Partner; Clelia Filipe, Partner

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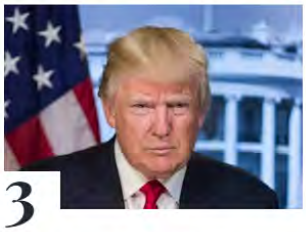

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> **Henry Squire, Senior Partner:** "'A rolling stone gathers no moss.' Although Michael started the practice in 1976, it began many years before with his father, who was also an architect, and his grandfather who founded The Architecture Club. There is therefore no beginning and no planned end, merely a continuing process of exploration, adventure, and evolution of a practice that places high-quality design for people as its core value. With this restructuring, we are moving from a personality-led practice to a multifaceted, multidisciplinary design ecosystem led by a team of exceptionally talented people."

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