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## Kimmerle Group Hires Michael Azarian, AIA, Expanding Healthcare Division

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Expansion targets New York and New Jersey Hospitals and Healthcare systems

**New York, N.Y. – October 19, 2018** – Kimmerle Group (KG), a multifaceted design, real estate, planning, development and branding practice with offices in New York and New Jersey, announces the hiring of Michael Azarian, AIA, LEED AP, who joins as Managing Director of the firm's Health Care Studio. Azarian has more than 35 years of experience in the healthcare construction industry and takes a senior leadership role in the firm's expansion of its services for the health industry.

Heading Kimmerle's Health Care Studio, Azarian will expand the firm's healthcare practice throughout New York and New Jersey and beyond, with a focus on Primary to Tertiary Care Trauma main frames, as well as enhancing the design of off-campus medical office buildings, and outpatient care centers. Services address ground up construction and existing building renovations, as well as serving as a liaison between the architect and the owner. He will oversee and coordinate all efforts of the firm's healthcare project team, ensuring that the owner's project goals are being met as well as ensuring that each project is properly staffed.

"Michael's vast breadth of work and experience in the healthcare field supports our ongoing healthcare expansion," said George J. Kimmerle, founder and president. "He has a deep understanding of the intricate and everchanging healthcare landscape, and has successfully managed projects in all phases of Planning, Design and Construction. Michael has earned several awards for his work in the healthcare sector and is highly respected within the field. We are excited to widen our regional presence with Michael at the helm."

Michael Azarian has served on the New York Chapter AIA Health Facilities Committee. In addition, Azarian has held a teaching post for Urban Health and Environmental Design at New York University, and has been invited as a guest critic at Harvard. His work has been featured in over a dozen publications, including the Harvard University Press, Health Facilities Review, The AIA Press, The New York Times, and The Wall Street Journal. As a thought leader, Michael has spoken at industry forums and led numerous panel discussions on healthcare.

## **About Kimmerle Group**

Kimmerle Group is a multifaceted architecture, design and consulting practice with over three decades in the real estate and construction industries, specializing in office, multifamily, retail, medical, industrial, and investment properties throughout the United States, with a focus on the New York metropolitan area.

Architecture and design expertise support the consulting approach at the core of Kimmerle's practice since its foundation in 1990. Since inception, the firm has operated in a set of affiliated specialties, including urban planning & design, healthcare real estate consulting and design, workspace procurement, project management, real estate services, and branding. Kimmerle's sustained growth is a result of both a big-picture focus on every assignment, and the intimate and transparent business relationships the firm has built throughout the years.

Kimmerle is recognized for its commitment to evidence-based design and the application of green, sustainable architecture principles. Kimmerle's leadership is also continuously engaged in academic research, extending the depth of the firm's practice, especially on issues relating to community health, sustainability, justice, and human empowerment.

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