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## **Pickard Chilton Selected to Design New Home for Levine Museum of the New South in Charlotte, North Carolina**

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*New Museum Planned for South End Neighborhood as Levine Museum Marks 35<sup>th</sup> Anniversary*

**(New Haven, Conn. – February 17, 2026)** – [Pickard Chilton](#), an award-winning architecture studio best known for its innovative and cutting-edge design of corporate headquarters and campuses as well as civic and cultural institutional projects, has been selected as design architect for the new home of the [Levine Museum of the New South](#) in Charlotte, North Carolina. The announcement coincides with the museum’s 35<sup>th</sup> anniversary and marks the beginning of planning for a new campus in the city’s burgeoning South End neighborhood.

Over the last two decades, South End has evolved from an industrial district into one of Charlotte’s most dynamic neighborhoods, shaped by a growing mix of businesses, restaurants, retail, and new housing. The museum’s future home will build on that momentum, establishing a new cultural anchor for the neighborhood and strengthening its role as a place where visitors come together through history, dialogue, and sharing.



“The Levine Museum of the New South holds an essential place in Charlotte’s cultural life, and this new home is an opportunity to honor that legacy while helping shape what comes next,” said Kristin Hawkins, Associate Principal at Pickard Chilton. “Our goal is to design a building that feels rooted in history and identity, yet unmistakably forward-looking; welcoming the city into a space designed for storytelling, gathering, and meaningful public engagement.”

The museum’s mission will guide the project’s design, with a focus on place, culture, and inclusivity. As planning progresses, Pickard Chilton will collaborate closely with the museum’s board, administration, and staff, the Leon Levine Foundation, and the greater Charlotte community. The design will be informed by a community-facing, collaborative process that engages all partners.

“This new campus represents a bold step forward for the Museum and for Charlotte,” said Dr. Richard Cooper, President and CEO of the Levine Museum of the New South. “It will be more than a museum—it will be a gathering space where history sparks conversation and where diverse perspectives come together to explore what the New South has been and what it is becoming.”



The new Levine Museum building represents a once-in-a-generation moment for the institution and for Charlotte, reinforcing the museum’s role as a civic gathering space and a platform for dialogue as the city continues to grow and evolve.

#### **ABOUT PICKARD CHILTON**

Pickard Chilton is an international architectural practice noted for its expertise in the design of large, complex, and often high-profile buildings including corporate headquarters, high-rise commercial office and multi-family towers, hotels, and academic and life science facilities. The firm’s layered perspective informs all of its work, presenting clients with a sophisticated, knowledge-based approach that emphasizes design vision, placemaking, integrity, a focus on client objectives, and exceptional service. Since 2006, projects totaling over 80 million square feet have been designated or targeted LEED Gold or Platinum, representing corporate, commercial, residential, and institutional buildings in design, under construction, or completed – one of the highest amounts in the United States.

Headquartered in New Haven, Conn., the firm's recent completed projects include the Tokyo Midtown Yaesu tower in Tokyo, Japan; 600 Fifth in Washington, DC.; The Eight in Bellevue, Wa.; and, AstraZeneca's new R&D facility in Cambridge, Ma. Current projects include The RO development in Houston, Tx.; CoStar Group's new corporate campus in Richmond, Va.; the St. Regis Residences and the Ritz Carlton Residences, both in Houston, Tx.; Sherwin-Williams's new headquarters in Cleveland, Oh.; Northwestern Mutual's North Office Building in Milwaukee, Wi; Mutual of Omaha's new headquarters in Omaha, Ne; and Linkpillar 1 at Takanawa Gateway City in Tokyo, Japan; as well as commercial and residential developments in Austin, Atlanta, Dallas, Denver, Houston, San Francisco, and Stuttgart, Germany. Please visit [www.pickardchilton.com](http://www.pickardchilton.com) for more information.

#### **ABOUT LEVINE MUSEUM OF THE NEW SOUTH**

Levine Museum of the New South is the region's premier history museum, telling the stories of the diverse people who have shaped and been shaped by this region. Through exhibits, dialogues, digital programs and celebrations that tell everyone's story, Levine Museum explores the world today through the lens of history to deepen understanding, ignite productive dialogue and inspire civic engagement. Since its founding in 1990, the Levine Museum has earned a national reputation for its innovative and compelling programming and for its commitment to using history to build community. For more information, visit [museumofthenewsouth.org](http://museumofthenewsouth.org).