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AIA MICHIGAN GOLD MEDAL WINNER ANNOUNCED

May 5, 2015- Detroit, Michigan- The American Institute of Architects Michigan will award its Gold Medal to Victor Saroki, FAIA at the annual Celebration of Architecture on June 5 at the Woodward Garden Theater in Detroit.

The Gold Medal is the highest honor that can be given to an AIA Michigan architect. It is reserved for an architect who is distinguished in his or her career, works to advance the professional standing of all architects and lives up to the ethical standards of the American Institute of Architects.

Victor Saroki, FAIA is the president of Saroki Architecture, an award-winning architecture and interiors firm in Birmingham, Michigan since 1983. Victor was admitted to the College of Fellows of the American Institute of Architects in 2000. With over 30 years in business, his firm has earned over 60 design awards including the AIA Michigan Firm of the Year in 2007. Victor received the AIA Detroit Gold Medal in 2010. He was the Birmingham-Bloomfield Chamber Business Person of the Year in 2000, recipient of the Distinguished Architecture Alumni Award from LTU in 1998 and the Young Architect of the Year from AIA Detroit in 1994.

Victor graduated from the College of Architecture & Design at Lawrence Technological University, receiving a Bachelor of Science in 1979, a Bachelor of Architecture in 1980, and was conferred an Honorary Doctorate of Architecture in 2008. Focusing on his firm, Victor oversees all of the diverse work with projects including retail, hospitality, mixed-use, multiple residential and custom residential. His works include the Royal Park Hotel, Birmingham Theater, ABC Harley Davison, Forest Grill Restaurant, Shenandoah Country Club, Plum Markets and The District Lofts.

He is active in the profession and the community and currently serves on the Board of Trustees at LTU. He is Past President of AIA-Detroit and AIA-Michigan and also serves on the Board of Directors for the Chaldean Community Cultural Center.

Victor has been an invited speaker and a juror to LTU, The University of Michigan, University of Detroit-Mercy, Cranbrook Academy of Arts, Birmingham-Bloomfield Art Center and the Michigan Design Center. He has participated in many AIA juries including the National Interiors Jury. As part of the National AIA program, Victor chaired the AIA-Detroit 150 year "Blue Print for America" committee.

Extending his expertise to the community, Victor has served as a past board member with the America's Thanksgiving Day Parade, The Birmingham Community House, and the Birmingham YMCA. Victor and his wife Michelle started the firm together in 1983 and Michelle still plays an active role in marketing the firm as well as serving on the Board of the Michigan Architectural Foundation. They currently live in Birmingham and have two children.

The American Institute of Architects Michigan, headquartered in the historic Beaubien House across from the Renaissance Center in downtown Detroit, established its awards program to bring to public attention the value and importance of architectural excellence and to recognize those whose notable achievements encourage all to make excellence in architecture the standard. Visit www.aiami.com or call 313.965.4100 to learn more.

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