**UNIVERSITY OF FLORIDA, CITYLAB ORLANDO APPOINTS GARY BROCK OF CHARLAN BROCK ARCHITECTS TO BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

**MAITLAND, FL, May 16, 2018 –** For professionals already working in the architecture industry, it can often be a difficult road to pursue additional certification and schooling while already in the workforce. However, offerings such as the University of Florida, CityLab Orlando program provide lifelong learners the opportunity to pursue architectural licensing, all in a location that is convenient to students and with timelines that work around working professionals’ schedules.

One notable University of Florida School of Architecture graduate – Gary F. Brock, AIA, Principal and Partner of Charlan Brock Architects (CBA) – has recently joined the Board of Directors for CityLab Orlando, an off-campus program of the University of Florida’s Graduate School of Architecture.

Brock, who has been in the industry for more than 35 years, understands the importance of continuing education and licensing, and considers his position on the board as one that will afford him the opportunity to shape the education pursuits of architecture students in Central Florida.

CityLab-Orlando offers Master of Architecture and Master of Science in Architectural Studies degrees. Located in downtown Orlando, CityLab-Orlando provides students a unique opportunity to study architecture, urban theory and pursue individual research in the city of Orlando. The CityLab-Orlando program follows the same curriculum as on the main campus at the University of Florida but focuses on the exploration of architectural ideas within the context of the city and engages with the City of Orlando as a learning laboratory. The CityLab-Orlando Master of Architecture program is focused on design and investigates the cultural, social, technical, economic, and environmental contexts that shape buildings and cities, the history of architecture as it is present in built forms and spaces, and its materials and design.

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Brock co-founded CBA in 1981 and has been a strong guiding influence for CBA’s growth and success in the multifamily, mixed use, and student housing industries. He graduated from the University of Florida in 1974 with a Master of Architecture Degree. He was awarded the school’s highest award, the AIA School Medal, for excellence in the study of architecture upon graduation. Gary also received the Certificate of Urban Studies from the University of Florida. He has been a registered architect since 1976 and holds an NCARB national certification. He is a member of the American Institute of Architects and a registered architect in twelve states.

CBA is an Orlando-based architecture firm specializing in multi-family residential housing. Established in 1981, the firm has designed and completed upwards of 160,000 apartment units throughout the United States.

Charlan Brock Architects is an architectural firm that meets the changing needs of the broad multi-family, housing, and lifestyle center development industries. CBA has become the go-to firm for integrating housing of all typologies across the market spectrum, creatively designing financially successful products that are marketable and buildable. The company stays abreast of emerging trends, applying experience and knowledge in their consistent pursuit of excellence and innovation. CBA’s process is highly collaborative, developing close relationships with clients and outside consultants before, during, and after construction. For more information, visit [*cbaArchitects.com*](http://cbaarchitects.com).

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