

# S. Fla. architecture firm sets up shop in C. Fla.

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John Cunningham is Managing Principal of the Winter Park office of Miami-based Zyscovich.

Two big names in Florida architecture have joined forces to create a bigger presence in Central Florida. Miami-based Zyscovich Architects, which already has been active in the region, announced local entrepreneur John Cunningham as the managing principal of its new office in Winter Park.

Cunningham had previously spent 19 years as design partner of Winter Park-based ACi Inc., which was involved in several large projects in Central Florida — including recent ones like Casselberry’s Lake Concord Park and the planned \$60 mixed-use project in Maitland known as Maitland Concourse North. Cunningham, who has nearly 35 years of experience and a strong base in Central Florida, said he looks forward to accessing Zyscovich Architects’ international platform to expand locally.

“The possibilities in Central Florida are limitless,” Cunningham told Orlando Business Journal. “This really brings me the opportunity to expand our power and strength in Central Florida.”

Zyscovich has worked in Central Florida’s institutional market for the last nine years, including working on projects such as Florida’s Turnpike service plazas, and the Dr. Phillips Elementary School and Westridge Middle School replacement projects. Zyscovich handles design for campus renovations, alterations and studies on an ongoing basis for the University of Central Florida.

Additionally, the firm was involved in designing the South Florida stations for the \$3.1 billion Brightline intercity passenger rail system by Coral Gables-based All Aboard Florida.

The company also is in the running for more projects, including urban infill, mixed-use and more, but Cunningham declined to share further details.

“Orlando has grown up in the last few years; nine years ago, it was just starting to mature,” Cunningham said. “It’s a long commute, and Miami is four hours away. They wanted to be more local. And now, I have the ability to continue what I’m doing ... and be part of something much bigger.”

Cunningham said that the plan is to expand the local office, adding 15 architecture professionals in the next year.

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