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Land and Culture. Our shared landscapes connect us in more ways than we can imagine. The special memories we hold for a place are rooted in the land. The Land that brings us together is often underappreciated for its majesty. The air we breathe, sun that warms us and waters we drink do not categorize the space we occupy. We are fortunate to receive the gift of life from the land that keeps on giving without expecting anything of us in return. The sun, stars, trees, hills, mountains, wetlands, rivers, and oceans provide a connection to the universe that has lasted for centuries. How would Cultures thrive if the Land did not exist?

BIO

As a firm leader with 29 years of experience in 30+ countries, his global design and management sense has positively shaped many environments. Kona envisions welcoming places that promote quality of life in diverse neighborhoods worldwide. His portfolio includes award-winning developments that solve meaningful global issues with emphasis on communities, parks, hospitality, museums, aquariums, healthcare, and campuses.

A Fellow of the American Society of Landscape Architects (ASLA), Kona currently serves as ASLA President Elect. He is a Past President of the Landscape Architecture Foundation and active member of the Urban Land Institute. Kona serves on the University of Miami Architecture School and Nova Southeastern University Business School Real Estate Advisory Boards as well as the University of Georgia School of Environment + Design Dean's Council. He is a registered Landscape Architect holding a Bachelor of Landscape Architecture from the University of Georgia and Commercial Real Estate Certificate from Cornell University.