



# DESIGN & DEVELOPMENT

In this Power Players section, Sports Business Journal recognizes the leaders in facility design and development. From architects and construction firms to acoustics and retractable roof experts, these are the folks who are at the planning table at the beginning and whose visions ultimately make each venue unique.

Our Power Players series launched on April 18, 2016, with a look at the influencers in the design and construction world. This is the first time that we have revisited a sector, but with a record \$8.9 billion in facility openings this year, we thought it was an appropriate time.

You might notice a slight change in the scope of companies compared with our first Power Players. Changes in security requirements, media production, environmental concerns, game-day expectations and the increase in the number of these venues that serve as anchors to mixed-use sites mean there are more shareholders involved on day one than there used to be.

But while the editorial staff of SBJ made the final decisions on who would make this list, the primary source of information came from industry peers. We asked things like: "What competitor do you respect the most?" and "What vendor do you want with you at the table from the beginning?" As you read through these pages, you'll see a lot of familiar faces. But you will also see some folks you have never heard of, even though they've been behind the scenes for years.

The result was a total of 89 people and 45 companies who stood out for their ability to develop new concepts that would stand the test of time, renovate existing spaces to maximize revenue, secure funding and public support, and push the boundaries of technology so fans feel safe, entertained and wanting to come back.

## ARCHITECTS

AECOM  
Brisbin Brook Beynon /  
SCI Architects  
CannonDesign  
DLR Group  
EwingCole  
Generator Studio  
Gensler  
HKS  
HNTB  
HOK  
Jones Lang LaSalle  
Pendulum Studio  
Manica Architecture  
Moody Nolan  
Perkins&Will  
Populous  
Rossetti  
tvdesign

## CONSTRUCTION

AECOM Hunt  
Barton Malow  
Gilbane  
Mascaro Construction  
Manhattan Construction  
Mortenson  
PCL Construction  
Shawmut Design &  
Construction  
Turner Construction

## DEVELOPERS

ASM Global  
Legends  
Oak View Group  
Sports Facilities  
Companies  
The Cordish Companies

## TEAMS

Miami Dolphins  
Los Angeles Dodgers

## SPECIALISTS

ANC  
Cisco  
Daktronics  
Dimensional  
Innovations  
Omni Hotels & Resorts  
Samsung North  
America  
Wrightson, Johnson,  
Haddon and Williams

## OWNERS REPRESENTATIVES

CAA ICON

## ENGINEERS

ME Engineers  
Thornton Tomasetti  
Walter P Moore

**Stories by**  
David Broughton  
and Karn Dhingra





# DESIGN & DEVELOPMENT CONSTRUCTION



## KEN JOHNSON

*President, Central Region*



## BOB HART

*President, Western Region*  
**AECOM Hunt**



## TROY HOBERG

*National Senior Vice President  
of Project Development*

**JOHNSON IS** the leader of the firm's sports practice and has over 35 years of industry experience, including 23 with AECOM Hunt. He is leading the development of UBS Arena, the New York Islanders' future home; the new Class AAA Polar Park in Worcester, Mass.; and a new arena in Savannah, Ga. In the past 20 months alone, Hart completed SoFi Stadium; Las Vegas Ballpark (the most expensive minor league ballpark ever built); Hodgetown ballpark in Amarillo, Texas; a modernization of the San Francisco Giants' spring training facility in Phoenix; and renovations at Los Angeles Memorial Coliseum and Arizona State's Sun Devil Stadium. He is overseeing the construction of the Los Angeles Clippers' new arena (the most expensive arena ever built) and University of Texas' Moody Center. Following a promotion in February, much of Hoberg's focus is on developing strategic alliances and establishing best business practices with the firm's regional offices. He counts the firm's 2014 construction of Sloan Park, the Chicago Cubs spring training facility in Mesa, Ariz.; the recently completed \$45 million Phoenix Suns training facility; and SoFi Stadium as his favorite projects. — **D.B.**



## LEN MOSER

*Vice President, National Sports*

## SEAN HOLLISTER

*Vice President*

**Barton Malow**



**MOSER HAS** been building professional and collegiate sports facilities for more than 30 years at Barton Malow, starting with Oriole Park at Camden Yards in 1992. More recently, spring training sites CoolToday Park (Atlanta Braves) and Clover Park (New York Mets), along with Lockhart Stadium, home to Inter Miami CF, are among the projects Moser has managed. He's also overseeing the construction of the Carolina Panthers' new \$1 billion headquarters and training facility in Rock Hill, S.C., which is slated to open in 2023. Hollister, who joined the 96-year-old company as a project manager in 2007, has worked on the University of Michigan football stadium expansion, the Rose Bowl reconstruction and Detroit's Little Caesars Arena. And though Barton Malow doesn't typically work in the New York market, the company is a part of the team building the New York Islanders' UBS Arena on Long Island, Hollister said. — **K.D.**



## ROBERT HAYES

*Vice President, Sports Leader*

**Gilbane**

**GILBANE HAS** long-standing relationships with the Boston Red Sox and Cleveland Indians, having completed numerous offseason upgrades for Fenway Park and Progressive Field. Over multiple seasons, Hayes oversaw \$144 million in renovations to M&T Bank Stadium, which included new ribbon and video boards, upper-bowl suites, escalators and elevators, and renovation of all concession stands, bars and lounges. Other construction projects Hayes has overseen include the Toronto Blue Jays Spring Training and Player Development Complex (joint venture with Turner), the Washington Mystics' Entertainment and Sports Arena (joint venture with Smoot), the Worcester Red Sox's Polar Park (joint venture with AECOM Hunt) and the revamp of the University of Maryland's Cole Field House. — **K.D.**

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