











responsible, and true to their surroundings.

Drawn from the uniqueness of each project and client, we take pride in creating sustainable landscapes and outdoor living spaces that are simple, efficient and timeless. We bring to each task a contemporary aesthetic that emphasizes the values of clarity and simplicity, the appreciation of nature, and the integration of natural energy into the built form.

No matter the size or complexity of your project, our goal is to provide all of our clients with innovative design solutions that exceed expectations. **Contact us to today to learn more about our professional services.** 

philosophy





Knäak Design Group, LLC is a progressive landscape architecture and planning firm specializing in the design of master planned communities, recreational amenity centers, commercial retail spaces, and beautiful private residences. Our firm is comprised of registered landscape architects, civil engineers, certified building contractors, and ornamental horticultural experts. Our clients benefit from our diverse team and having available a pool of interdisciplinary knowledge and skills. We provide our clients with exceptional service and the ability to work cooperatively with other professional consultants.





Knäak Design Group has had the honor of taking part in some of the most prestigious planned communities across the country. Our primary goal in the design of any master planned community or resort is the creation of a unique sense of place that combines nature, culture, architecture, and unique planning. We consider all of the constraints and opportunities of the site at the beginning and work diligently with our clients to understand the finished product and the type of community that they envision. KDG has been a creative force in community and country club design throughout Florida, Nevada, Arizona, and Texas.



We take careful consideration of budget constraints and cultural influences while maintaining sensitivity to the natural environment. No matter the size, we know a successful project is based on a well-planned and sustainable strategy.

## community & resort design





From magnificent water features to unique sign monuments, the details are always what define the design.



The planning and design of every new community amenity center is an exciting and challenging endeavor for us. The primary strategy during the design development stage of both private and public amenity design has been to give the end users what they really want. Whether it is a themed sports park or an architectural feature which establishes the overall sense of place within a community, we strive for the end users to call it home.





We have worked within every realm of the amenity center concept. We have designed and conceptualized the community theme to create a resort playground that weaves together pools, open plazas, golf & tennis complexes, along with fully-equipped fitness centers.

## recreational amenity centers







The amenity center is the heart of physical and social interaction within a community.



### Knäak Design Group and AdAu Aquatic Engineering

have teamed to provide the very best in design/build services for pools and water features. Our design team brings years of practical construction experience to the planning and preparation stages of a project. This experience leads to practical design solutions which will save time and cost during the construction phase of work. We have constructed everything from one-of-a-kind pools for your home to large commercial water features for residential communities, parks, and public spaces. KDG and AdAu welcome the opportunity of developing unique ideas and enjoy collaboration on sitespecific design work.



Leonardo DaVinci once said,
"Water is the driver of all
nature." Whether it is a simple
bubbling pot in a residential
garden or an extravagant
community pool or entry
feature, we understand how
important the presence of
water can be in a project.
This comes from the tie
people feel to nature when
surrounded by such a vibrant,
necessary part of life.

## pools & water features







### FIND SERENITY WITH WATER

If your project is in need of that little something extra to set it apart from the ordinary, a water feature may be just the answer.



Community and commercial themes are extremely important in today's world as this often serves as the first impression to potential clients and visitors. By combining our knowledge of the construction industry with our design talents, we can establish a well-integrated solution for commercial or residential projects through monuments and signage. We ensure that your project's brand is not only stylish and makes a statement but will also stand the test of time.



INTEGRATED BRANDING

If you don't think you need great branding to impress, think again. The level of visual detail an architectural sign or monument can offer your project will truly remain priceless.

concept, project an image, or illustrate a lifestyle is through the use of dynamic entry features. At KDG, our knowledge of graphic design and marketing expertise gives you the competitive edge you need to portray the concept and intent of the project through proper signage. We have completed designs for community and commercial entries featuring elaborate fountains, guardhouse structures, and lushly landscaped boulevards that ultimately help sell the project to your customers.

The best method to signify a

## signs & monuments









Our team members are experienced in Site Planning and Civil Engineering design services for community, resort, and commercial sites. Understanding and navigating the development approval process is critical to success. We can take a project through planning & zoning, preliminary design, platting, and ultimately to the final design stage where the project is ready for bid and construction.

By coordinating with our landscape architects, our clients receive well thought-out plans that not only make sense economically but are also aesthetically pleasing to the end user.

## FORM FOLLOWS FUNCTION

By carefully incorporating our client's vision with the environmental realities of the site, we can save time and money by avoiding common pitfalls that often delay projects.



civil engineering & planning









# INNOVATIVE SOLUTIONS

The goal of any commercial development is to keep the consumer coming back.



Knäak Design Group has been involved in the site planning and design of prime retail complexes and business parks throughout the country. Whether you are in need of an eye-catching entry or a pedestrian friendly design we can help develop a functional and innovative solution that reflects both your style and that of your targeted clientele.

We understand that the development of a commercial space in a community can allow businesses to thrive. Based on our portfolio of commercial and office related businesses, our clients have trusted us to create places where people feel safe and ultimately choose to patronize.

### commercial development





KDG takes great pride in our graphic and marketing capabilities. We are proficient in hand graphics as well as numerous types of computer software applications. Our 3-dimensional rendered images help paint the picture of our client's vision and in many instances are used by our clientele to assist in marketing their end product.



3D imaging & visualization







A VISION INTO REALITY

If you are a land developer wanting to build excitement in a high-end, eye catching manner, or a realtor who is in need of a highly effective marketing tool, we have the solutions for you.

Architectural Renderings help build public and client consensus by providing a "real world" snapshot of an intended design. Our full colored photo-realistic perspectives work best as a sales tool for future development projects and can be utilized on billboards, brochures, and websites. Let us show you mindful ways to a better ROI and conversions on your real estate marketing dollars.



From small community parks to large resort-style facilities and everything in between, we have the experience and personnel to design creative outdoor spaces for the enjoyment of users for many years to come.

With the scarcity of land, the demand for community parks and ball fields is now more prevalent than ever. Knäak Design Group is dedicated to creating recreational areas that are as functional as they are beautiful. Developing a park's singular identity through details such as signage, site furniture, lighting, and fountain design is one of our highest priorities.

#### STUNNING **FUNCTIONALITY**

The importance of green space cannot be underplayed.



parks & recreation



Over the years, HOAs and CDDs face unique situations typical of aging

**REVITALIZING OUR** 

**COMMUNITIES** 

residential developments transfer the major community controls over to organizations known as Homeowner Associations (HOA) and Community Development Districts (CDD). The HOA inherits the responsibilities and concerns of the community from the developer or builder and must protect the investment of its homeowners. We provide assistance with various degrees of community issues and coordinate all aspects of your project including but not limited to as-built plans, permit compliance, inspections, design consulting, and landscape or amenity upgrades.

At a certain stage, most

community management services





Knäak Design Group has an extensive portfolio that reflects their years of experience in custom residential and model home design. We have worked closely with some of the best builders and developers nationally to create breathtaking outdoor living spaces. Our clients receive specialized attention from our registered landscape architects, licensed contractors, and ornamental horticultural experts who guide them through the landscape design process. Our attention to detail can be seen on every landscape project from our luxurious pools & spas, unique patio designs, and even our gourmet outdoor kitchens.



At KDG, our mission is to exceed our client's expectations in design, construction, and reputation for each and every project. Our clients value our extensive knowledge, experience, and resources because our goal is to assure the maximum function and enjoyment of your outdoor space while maintaining your budget.

custom residential & model homes







desire to connect with the outdoors is essential to the human spirit.



#### Robert B. Knäak ASLA, RLA, CLARB, CBC

Registered Landscape Architect, Robert B. Knäak, has been instrumental in the design of community, commercial, and residential projects throughout the country. After graduating from Polytechnic State University in San Luis Obispo, California, Robert gained invaluable experience working for some of the country's most prestigious developers while mastering the art of country club and resort design. In 2005, Robert founded Knäak Design Group and continues to lead the company through business development, land development, contract preparation and negotiation.

Robert Knäak is a licensed registered Landscape Architect in Arizona (RLA #52862), Florida (RLA #6666907), and Texas (RLA #2591). He is also a member of the American Society of Landscape Architects (ASLA), a Florida Certified Building Contractor (CBC #1256813), and holds certification with the Council of Landscape Architectural Registration Boards (CLARB #6093).

#### Michael L. Mayer, RLA, ASLA

A graduate of Texas Tech University, Michael Mayer has over 20 years of experience in the field of Landscape Architecture working for innovative firms in resort design & development, commercial, and residential fields. His thorough knowledge of construction practices ensures comprehensive drawing preparation and site supervision. Mike has a proven ability in comprehensive resort design concepts, technical drawings, and graphic presentations on which clients rely to bring projects to fruition. He provides senior management oversight for all land development projects throughout Texas, Nevada, and Florida.

Michael Mayer is a licensed registered Landscape Architect in California (RLA # 3730), Nevada (RLA#583), and Texas (RLA#2629).

#### James M. Towery, RLA, ASLA, CLC

As a graduate of Michigan State
University, Jim Towery has over 30 years
experience in the design/build area of
Landscape Architecture. He has worked
on numerous residential golf course
communities and residential estate
projects throughout Florida. Jim has
extensive knowledge of site evaluation,
field design, construction practices,
scheduling, and plant material selection
essential for design/build project
management.

Jim Towery is a licensed registered Landscape Architect in Florida (RLA #617) as well as a certified Landscape Contractor (State of Florida #10) and certified Professional Horticulturist (State of Florida #6658).

#### Team AdAu Project Management Staff

A team of professionals complements AdAu Aquatic Engineering, LLC with backgrounds in commercial construction, mechanical and quality engineering, aquatics regulation, and chemistry. Together they have formed a truly outstanding firm dedicated to time-tested practices backed by handson "in the field" experience. Creating a recreational water venue incorporating the most efficient circulatory, treatment, and filtration systems in the world is reason enough to partner with AdAu Aquatic Design and Engineering.

## William J. AuMiller, President (Mech Eng, CPC #1457868)

Mr. AuMiller is a graduate of the University of Maryland's A. James Clark School of Engineering with a degree in Mechanical Engineering (BSME). BJ's strong technical background and his leadership skills have proven to be a great asset in helping aquatic facilities meet their design and engineering challenges. BJ is a State of Florida certified commercial pool/spa and general contractor that brings timetested construction experience to every project and every aquatic feature.

## **David W. Admire, Vice President** (Sales, Arch Design)

Mr. Admire is a Certified Mechanical Draftsman with a Degree in Architectural Design from ETI in Cleveland, Ohio. David has over 20 years experience as a General Contractor working throughout Northeastern Ohio and has over 10 years of experience in the commercial pool industry working throughout North America in both design and construction. He is the Vice President and Founding partner of AdAu Aquatic Engineering, LLC. and a member of the World Water Park Association.

#### RESUME OF CLIENTS

Marriott Vacation Club International
Pulte Homes Group
Hyatt Grand Cypress
WCI Communities
Blandford Homes
DR Horton
Sunrise Colony Company
City of North Miami
County of Miami-Dade GSA

University of Florida @ Gainesville
Florida Southern College
Florida YMCA

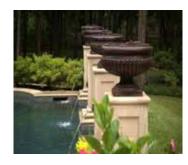




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