

Scott Johnson
Design Partner, Johnson Fain

As the design partner at Johnson Fain, a Los Angeles-based architect Scott Johnson designs buildings worldwide. He co-founded the office nearly 20 years ago with William Fain, the managing partner, his colleague and former Harvard classmate. The office has won national and international recognition for work in architecture, planning and interior design.

Johnson is a native Californian and has lived in many of the US' major cities and traveled the globe. Johnson is a graduate of Stanford University, the University of California/ Berkeley, and the Harvard Design School. Following graduate school, he apprenticed at The Architects' Collaborative, the design practice created by Walter Gropius, the former Bauhaus founder and Harvard dean, Skidmore Owings & Merrill. In addition, Johnson also studied along side renowned architect Philip Johnson in New York City for a number of years. In the mid 80's, William Pereira invited him to return to California to assume design leadership of his firm which later became what is now Johnson Fain.

As a practicing architect, Scott is widely acclaimed for his project-specific, unique and modern designs. Many of his buildings are recipients of major awards and have become landmarks in their particular regions, including the Opus One Winery in the Napa Valley, MGM Tower in Los Angeles, the Leo Palace Resort in the Mariana Islands and San Francisco's Rincon Center, the subject of Douglas Frantz' book, *From the Ground Up*.

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Scott was, until recently, the director of the Master of Architecture Programs at the University of Southern California's School of Architecture where he continues as a Professor in both theory and design. His most recent book focuses on the interrelation between these two areas and was published last year by Balcony Press as *The Big Idea: Criticality & Practice in Contemporary Architecture*. He is currently working on a new book on the design development of the skyscraper, due out in 2008.

Today, in addition to Dallas' Museum Tower, Scott is currently engaged in the design of the Oklahoma's American Indian Cultural Center, the restoration of CBS' historic West Coast radio headquarters including Hollywood's tallest skyscraper, a mixed-use hotel tower in Osaka, Japan and a large eco-resort in Napa County.

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