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Since joining VOA in November, 2001 as Managing Principal in VOA's Orlando, FL, office, Jonathan has met his objectives to refocus the Operation's objectives, expand its markets and increase revenue. Over the past eight years he has served as Principal-in-Charge on large-scale leisure entertainment / hospitality projects throughout the United States, the Caribbean and the United Arab Emirates totaling over \$500M in construction value.

A sampling of recent and upcoming projects from Jonathan's portfolio includes the newly-completed Agua Caliente Casino • Resort • Spa in Rancho Mirage, CA; a \$150M, 400-key, 5-star themed hotel and a 400,000 square-foot Villas Resort Complex at Mina Al Arab Resort, Ras Al Khaimah, UAE; a new \$90M, 4-star, 400-key signature Themed Golf Resort in Port St. Lucie, FL; the new Prospect Reef Resort, Tortola British Virgin Islands; and the new \$50M environmental, cultural and entertainment center, Cordova Center on the Rock, near Des Moines, IA. His design approach speaks to making connections that inspire guests to engage with the property physically, emotionally and intellectually. He believes hotels should be beautiful and successful, and that design should make a significant contribution to the client's bottom line.

Jonathan has been quoted as an industry expert and has written articles for business and trade publications, has served as moderator and speaker at national conferences throughout the US and the Caribbean, and has been the subject of several notable industry profiles, most recently in the "Social Networking" feature, Hotel Design magazine, December, 2009, and was included among 25 industry luminaries in Hotel Design's 2007 "Who's Who in Design & Architecture."

Jonathan holds a BA in Architecture from the University of California, Berkeley, and an MBA from the University of Oregon, Eugene. His 30-year-plus career in the design/build industry includes hands-on design and construction experience with leading architectural firms and general contractor firms from the Pacific Northwest to Alaska to Florida. He is an active member of the American Institute of Architects (AIA), Urban Land Institute (ULI), American Planning Association (APA), International Assoc. of Amusement Parks and Attractions (IAAPA), National Indian Gaming Association (NIGA), Florida Restaurant and Lodging Association (FRLA), and the Themed Entertainment Association (TEA).

In addition to architecture, Jonathan's passions include a life-long fascination and love of boats and boat-building. He has built six boats, most of them outboard motorboats, restored a 22-foot Flying Scot sailboat, and is currently building a kayak. He lives in Orlando, FL with his wife, Serena, and two dogs, all of whom enjoy camping and fishing expeditions in the family Airstream.