

### **YWS Architects Adds Another Licensed Architect To its Roster As Brandon Maldonado Passes Architecture Exam**

**Las Vegas, Nevada – (July 13, 2009)** – Las Vegas architect Brandon Y. K. Maldonado of YWS Architects has become a licensed architect, joining the current roster of six licensed architects at YWS, one of the nation’s leaders in leisure design and architecture.

Having joined YWS in October of 2006, Maldonado’s architectural talents were immediately on display with his work on Fontainebleau and Sam’s Town.

“I came here from my home in Hilo, Hawaii, and after finishing my education at UNLV, I joined YWS after seeing the inspiring work they accomplished on the Las Vegas Strip,” said Maldonado. “YWS is unique in that they have the capability to build a mega-resort or casino from the ground up. Not many firms can say that.”

A student of architecture since 1996, Maldonado graduated from University of Nevada, Las Vegas in 2000 with his Bachelor of Science degree in Architecture. Not satisfied, Maldonado returned to UNLV where in 2003 he received his Master’s Degree in Architecture. Upon earning his architect license, Maldonado also became a LEED Accredited Professional, highlighting his dedication to creating sustainable, environmentally-friendly buildings.



“Maldonado is the kind of architect that could easily lead the design of a fully functioning hotel,” said Tom Wucherer, co-founder of YWS. “His ingenuity and ability abound and we are proud to have him as part of the YWS family.”

#### **About YWS Architects**

YWS Architects, a Las Vegas-based architecture firm founded in 2001 by Tom Wucherer and Jon Sparer, is a leader in leisure design and architecture, including hospitality, gaming, dining, entertainment and fun! The firm and its management have set the bar high through its role in the design of world-class, trend-setting integrated resorts including Bellagio, Mirage and Treasure Island in Las Vegas, as well as Borgata in Atlantic City and the MGM Grand Macau. YWS is committed to transforming a plain space into a distinctive place that provides for compelling customer experiences. YWS is focused on the serious business of leisure. For more information, please visit [www.ywsinternational.com](http://www.ywsinternational.com).

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