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Michael P. Johnson of Michael P. Johnson Design Studios Ltd. in Cave Creek, Arizona, was inducted as a Professor with the prestigious International Academy of Architecture (IAA) in May 2015 in Sofia, Bulgaria, in recognition of his 50+ year career in contemporary and modern design and architecture and service as faculty at the Frank Lloyd Wright School of Architecture. Membership in the IAA is exclusive and by invitation only, and members are leading academicians and faculties from around the world.

Johnson is one of only 23 American architects out of a total of 155 inducted with the IAA as both a Professor and Academician. Johnson is one of the Valley's major figures in modern architecture. He is best known for his design of the iconic restaurant AZ88 in downtown Scottsdale, and the sleek, modern Yoder-Doornbos residence that is cantilevered off the south side of Camelback Mountain. Johnson taught at the Frank Lloyd Wright School of Architecture at Taliesin West for 28 years and was the faculty advisor responsible for the construction of the award-winning Mod Fab™ located on the Taliesin West campus, a one-bedroom apartment for visiting faculty, lecturers and architects.

Growing out of the social, political and economic upheaval of the 1960's and the legacy of Minimal art, with its consideration for an object's relationship to its surrounding space and use of monochromatic and geometric materials and reductive shapes and surfaces, Johnson's architectural designs are a critique against mass consumer culture and its media fixations and commodified objects. His residential and commercial designs propose bold simplicity of form, balanced proportions and sleek industrial surfaces. Johnson is recognized domestically and internationally for his minimalist and sophisticated architecture.

For more information about Johnson and his built and studio projects, please visit [mpjstudio.com](http://mpjstudio.com).

