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Donna Gaines, The Godmother returns to the firm she founded Gaines International.

[Search expert to the design and building industry returns to the firm she founded in 1981]

(Chicago, IL/April 12, 2018) – Gaines International, a wholly owned subsidiary of Allen Austin – a top 40 global management consulting firm, welcomes back its founder Donna Gaines.

About Gaines

[Donna Gaines](#) brings decades of search expertise to Allen Austin, the firm that acquired Gaines International in October of 2014. Gaines International has partnered with client companies in the A/E/C space in over 3,000 search engagements, from C-Suite to Project Manager. These engagements have spanned the globe and have covered every market sector, and every functional discipline. Donna's firm has assisted clients in achieving their strategic objectives, including moving into new markets sectors, geographies, new service offerings and simply acquiring the best talent in the A/E/C sectors.

Donna has returned to the mother ship to continue to build the firm that she created after spending two years offering Transition Coaching services to the design profession where she assisted design firms in setting up ESOP's, Advisory Boards, Value Acceleration Programs, Valuations and more.

"I am energized by my partners and staff at Gaines International | Allen Austin. It is like going home after a long vacation. It is so good to be back at the firm I founded; they are my family. I am excited about the interesting initiatives and projects that we are executing on behalf of our clients," said Donna.

[Rob Andrews](#), Chairman & Chief Executive Officer of Allen Austin said, "We are thrilled to have Donna back. In addition to being one of the sector's favorite consultants, she has more passion for the creative arts, design, engineering and construction than anyone else we know."

About Allen Austin

A global management consulting firm specializing in retained search and leadership advisory. In an industry that hasn't innovated in over 100 years, Allen Austin delivers solutions based on its own study and architecture around (TPL) Total Performance Leadership: The Nine Disciplines that enable organizations to reach their highest potential, engage their workforces and deliver unprecedented



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shareholder returns. The Allen Austin FORESIGHT™ search process, which is TPL Discipline #3, delivers exceptionally well-aligned A Players that stick, perform, and deliver exceptional results.

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