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Ashton Thomas Private Wealth, a diversified wealth management firm headquartered in Scottsdale, Arizona, today announced that Financial Architects of Tucson, Arizona, was partnering with the firm. The Financial Architects name will be retired as part of the transition and the firm's Tucson location will become a regional office of Ashton Thomas. Financial Architects will also be implementing Ashton Thomas' digital practice management solution and significantly reducing back office staff.

Founded in 1965 by James "Jim" Walker as Walker & Associates, Inc., Financial Architects adopted its present name in 1973. The firm had a number of partners over the years and operated as its own broker-dealer for a period of time. Brienne Dylewski joined Financial Architects in 2003 and became an owner in 2007. In 2013, she assumed full ownership of the firm from Mr. Walker as the result of a planned, multi-year transition. Prior to the transition to Ashton Thomas, the firm was affiliated with KMS Financial Services, Inc. and had \$230 million in assets under management.

Ms. Dylewski commented regarding the new partnership: "Being a financial advisor is not as simple as it once was. So many seemingly necessary things are competing for our attention, while taking time and resources away from our core business – actually providing advice and service to clients. Over the course of 2017, I realized something had to change about the way I was running my practice. After considering several affiliation and business model options, I decided to partner with Ashton Thomas Private Wealth as their regional office in Tucson. I think we are a good match, and I look forward to leveraging the firm's resources for growing my practice – and this office – as we move forward together."

The addition of Ms. Dylewski's practice gives Ashton Thomas Private Wealth a notable presence in the southwestern United States. The firm also has a regional office in the Salt Lake City metropolitan area, and has plans for expansion throughout the western half of the country and beyond.

Aaron Brodt, CEO and founder of Ashton Thomas, stated: "We are thrilled to have Brienne and Financial Architects join the Ashton Thomas family. She brings a wealth of experience to the team and gives us a strong foothold in the Tucson market. The Ashton Thomas culture and our digital ecosystem are attracting incredible talent, and we look forward to helping Brienne and her clients grow and thrive in the years ahead!"

Ashton Thomas is committed to a culture of excellence, integrity, and respect in every aspect of its business. The firm also strives to remain at the forefront of technological innovation and thought leadership within the financial services industry.

Advisors, staff, and strategic partners are encouraged to apply both independent thought and collegial collaboration to every unique client case. Combined with the firm's commitment to efficiency and automation, this creates space for the client and advisor to build a more meaningful relationship and discover new opportunities for financial progress.