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## Design Group, Barry-Wehmiller International merge to form unified consulting platform

*Operating as Design Group, the engineering and IT services firm employs more than 1,400 professionals*

ST. LOUIS — Nov. 1, 2017 — Barry-Wehmiller Design Group and Barry-Wehmiller International have officially merged to form a single, unified consulting platform, which will operate under the Design Group name. The merger creates a premier engineering and information technology services firm of more than 1,400 professionals.

With the merger, Design Group now offers strategic IT consulting and equipment design services in the manufacturing domain, in addition to being a supplier of manufacturing automation and control systems, facility design, process engineering, construction management and regulatory compliance services for the world's leading companies in life sciences, consumer products and other industrial sectors.

"The combination of our two firms allows us to share our collective experience and technical capacity, and leverage organizational efficiencies as a premier engineering and IT consulting firm for industrial clients," stated Joe Wilhelm, Group President, Consulting.

"This merger enables Barry-Wehmiller International to achieve its full potential within the well-established business model of Design Group," commented Barry-Wehmiller CEO Bob Chapman. "This significantly broadens our depth and range of client services by approaching the market as one firm."

Design Group's redesigned website, [bwdesigngroup.com](http://bwdesigngroup.com), showcases the firm's innovative ability to provide expanded services for clients, from small engineering initiatives to integrated, multidisciplinary solutions.

"This is a significant milestone in Design Group's history, and we are excited about the potential it represents," said Wilhelm. "I am confident that this merger will create value for our clients, and enable professional growth opportunities for our professionals."

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### ABOUT DESIGN GROUP

Design Group operates from more than 40 global offices in the United States and India, providing engineering and IT consulting for the world's leading companies through the efforts of 1,400-plus engineering and technical specialists. Design Group professionals have direct industry experience with industrial automation, process engineering, regulatory compliance and systems integration. An autonomous part of Barry-Wehmiller, Design Group provides professional engineering, architectural and construction-management services through our wholly owned and professionally licensed subsidiary, Design Group Facility Solutions Inc. For more, go to [bwdesigngroup.com](http://bwdesigngroup.com).

### ABOUT BARRY-WEHMILLER

Barry-Wehmiller is a diversified global supplier of engineering consulting and manufacturing technology for the packaging, corrugating, sheeting and paper converting industries. By blending people-centric leadership with disciplined operational strategies and purpose-driven growth, Barry-Wehmiller has become a \$2.8 billion organization with 11,000-plus team members united by a common belief: to use the power of business to build a better world. CEO Bob Chapman shares the story of the company's transformation in his new book, [\*Everybody Matters: The Extraordinary Power of Caring for Your People Like Family\*](#). To learn more, go to [barrywehmiller.com](http://barrywehmiller.com).