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Nashville office of Looney Ricks Kiss splits to form new company...Smith Gee Studio, a new architecture and land-planning firm...will continue "a strong strategic alliance to serve their ongoing clients and will look for future opportunities to collaborate." - MSN

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INSIGHT: Can Green Interiors Help Power the Recovery? How the demand for sustainability and long-term value are shifting attitudes in the world of commercial interiors, creating an environment ripe for design professionals with incentives for both landlords and tenants to move the sustainability agenda forward. By Sascha Wagner, IDA, CID, LEED AP, and Robin Bass, LEED AP - ArchNewsNow

-- Allied Works Architecture: National Music Centre of Canada, Calgary, Alberta, Canada
-- Competition winner: OMA: Chu Hai College Campus, Hong Kong, China

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