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THE DAVIS COMPANIES APPOINTS CHRISTOPHER LASKY AS VICE PRESIDENT OF DEVELOPMENT IN PITTSBURGH, PA

LASKY TO OVERSEE THE RESTORATION AND REPOSITIONING OF THE UNION TRUST BUILDING

PITTSBURGH – January 7, 2015 – [The Davis Companies](#), an integrated real estate investment, development and management firm today announced the appointment of Christopher Lasky as Vice President of Development. Lasky will serve as Project Manager for The Davis Companies' redevelopment of the Union Trust Building in Pittsburgh, Pa. and will be the company's point person on future projects in the Greater Pittsburgh area. The Davis Companies is currently in the process of restoring and revitalizing the iconic Union Trust Building, commissioned by the industrialist Henry Frick in 1915, to meet and exceed the demands of the 21st century workplace.

"Given the Union Trust Building's significance to Pittsburgh, it was essential to have someone heading the project with deep-rooted experience in the city," said Jonathan Davis, CEO and founder of The Davis Companies. "Besides his great depth of experience in architecture, design and construction management, Christopher possesses an enormous wealth of knowledge with regard to the city and its real estate market which we are confident will prove to be an invaluable asset in driving the Union Trust project toward completion, as well as for future projects as we expand our footprint in the Pittsburgh area."

Lasky will serve as Project Manager for The Davis Companies' extensive renovation and restoration of the Union Trust Building, which is located on Mellon Square in downtown Pittsburgh. As part of its strategy to reposition the building as a home for 21st century companies, The Davis Companies recently signed its first two leases with tenants Truefit, a Pittsburgh-based software technology innovation firm, and Jawbone, a world-leader in consumer technology and wearable devices. Upon completion of renovations in the first quarter of 2016, the property will feature more than 500,000-square-feet of Class-A retail, office, tech-startup and amenity space.

Lasky comes to The Davis Companies from Massaro Construction Management Services LLC, where he served as Vice President and was responsible for the day-to-day operations and oversight of contract negotiations, workforce management, strategic planning and financial performance. Notable clients he has previously worked with include Pennsylvania State University, the Pittsburgh Parking Authority and the City of Pittsburgh.

Lasky has 20 years of architectural and project management experience, 18 of which were spent working in the Pittsburgh market, including for the City of Pittsburgh's Department of Engineering and Construction.

He graduated from The Cooper Union for the Advancement of Science and Art with a degree in architecture. Lasky is a registered architect in the state of Pennsylvania and is currently a member of the Roster of Neutrals for the construction division of the American Arbitration Association and the American Institute of Architects Documents Committee. In addition, he serves on the Board of Quantum Theater in Pittsburgh.

About [The Davis Companies](http://www.thedaviscompanies.com/)

Committed to excellence in both investment performance and operations, The Davis Companies is an integrated real estate investment, development and management firm headquartered in Boston that has invested in nearly \$3.0 billion in gross asset value through real estate equity, debt, and fixed-income securities. A unique combination of capital markets, development and management expertise allows The Davis Companies to nimbly tackle complex and contrarian opportunities. Directly, and with its valued partners, The Davis Companies currently owns and manages a real estate portfolio of 12 million square feet across the Eastern United States. For more information on The Davis Companies, please visit <http://www.thedaviscompanies.com/>.

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