

### **Gene Watanabe Bio**

As a design professional, Gene is regarded as a client advocate, recognized for his collaborative approach and ability to bring diverse teams together to uncover innovative solutions.

Gene Watanabe is a Firmwide Design Leader for Gensler and a principal of the firm's Los Angeles office. He is a visionary design thinker who influences and inspires Gensler's enduring design sensibility on projects around the globe.

He is responsible for some of California's most important new buildings, both public and private. Projects like Lumen West LA, a repositioning office project that re-imagined the experiential office and transformed the neighborhood, the new Hyundai Motor America U.S. Headquarters set the stage in workplace and headquarters design, while the award-winning 2000 Avenue of the Stars in Century City has been instrumental to the redevelopment and repositioning of the surrounding community. His work has received awards and is published widely in design and business magazines.