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Avison Young Wins Big at IFMA New York City 2020 Awards for Excellence Ceremony

New York City – The New York Chapter of the International Facility Management Association (IFMA) honored Avison Young with three awards for design and construction, environmental impact and corporate volunteerism at the IFMA New York City 2020 Awards for Excellence Dinner held recently at The Plaza.

Avison Young New York's Project Management Division received the **Design & Construction of a New Facility Award** for its work on the National Basketball Players Association's (NBPA) new facility at 1133 Avenue of the Americas. The Project Management Division oversaw the buildout of the NBPA's 45,000-square foot office space, state-of-the-art physical training facility and regulation sized basketball court.

"We are thrilled that IFMA recognized Avison Young with three awards and are especially proud that we were honored for our work on the very exciting NBPA project," said **Kirsten Beck, Principal and Vice President of Project Management for Avison Young New York**. "This was a challenging assignment which took three years and multiple phases to complete. We strive for excellence in all of our projects and it's very rewarding to have those efforts recognized."

Jill Daniele, Milrose Consultants, presented Avison Young with the **Distinguished Environmental Company of the Year Award**, noting that Avison Young focuses on Sustainability and Wellness within the global framework of its AY Global Citizenship Program, leading by example and setting an enviable precedent.

"Building Efficiency Standards where AY occupies space include LEED Silver, Gold and Platinum, BOMA Best, Energy Star, and Wired Certification," Daniele said. "In 2018, with the help of external consultants and their delegated office champions, data collection indicated a 5 percent reduction in energy usage, an 8.3 percent reduction in greenhouse gases, and a 17.4 percent reduction in water usage since 2017."

Matt Poveromo, Waldner's Business Environments, presented Avison Young's New York office with the **Distinguished Chapter Volunteer – Member Corporation Award** because of its outstanding commitment to IFMA.

"The participation of the associates of this organization is what has separated this company from the rest of the field," Poveromo said when announcing the award. "Bottom line - their commitment to IFMA this past year has been outstanding. From sponsorship, donations and tireless activity during Chapter events, this firm embodies the spirit that makes them an example of involvement to be emulated."

Photo caption: Displaying their IFMA Awards are, left to right, **Shayne Eisenman** and **Nadira Ramratan**, both with the National Basketball Players Association; **Kirsten Beck**, Principal and

Vice President of Project Management for Avison Young New York; **Matthew C. Korytko**, Project Manager for Avison Young New York; **Aaron Prager**, Director in the Capital Markets Group and Co-Leader of Avison Young's Global Citizenship Affinity Group. Photo credit: IFMA

About Avison Young New York's Project Management Division

Avison Young New York's Project Management Division performs and manages interior renovations, ground-up construction projects, infrastructure upgrades and capital improvement projects from conception to completion for tenants and owners. The experienced team includes engineers, interior designers, construction professionals and LEED certified specialists. Current assignments include overseeing the buildout of LinkedIn's 500,000-square-foot vertical campus across 11 floors in the iconic Empire State Building.

IFMA New York City Chapter

The mission of the IFMA New York City Chapter is to guide and advance the professional development of its members throughout their careers with support in certification, networking, education and research.

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