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An architect by trade, Zach applies a narrative-led treatment to the design and development of Disney's experiences at Walt Disney World Resort.

Zach helps drive the vision and design execution for all Imagineering efforts at Walt Disney World Resort. With Disney's largest resort approaching its 50th anniversary, Zach's team is ushering in an impressive slate of enhancements, including new magic to the major transformation of EPCOT – the most ambitious theme park undertaking in Disney's recent history.

Zach joined Walt Disney Imagineering in 2004 where he worked on design concepts for Hong Kong Disneyland, Tokyo DisneySea, and Disney California Adventure Park. He subsequently partnered on the research, planning strategy, and successful relaunch of Disney California Adventure Park; and contributed to the planning and development for Shanghai Disney Resort. Over the course of his career, Zach has led teams in charge of master planning and developing our slate of projects for each global destination – marrying creative vision and business strategy into projects our teams execute across the world.

With a strong sense of curiosity and wonder, Zach believes that inspiration can come from anywhere. He was first compelled by the magic of Disney parks during a family trip to Walt Disney World shortly after EPCOT opened. "So much of what Disney creates sparks ideas that last a lifetime. For me it was seeing the power design has to capture ideas, optimism, inspiration and storytelling that drew me to the study of architecture. And eventually a career at the center of where magic is made."

Zach graduated from Clemson University with a Bachelor of Science in Architecture and received his Master of Architecture from Princeton University. Zach is also a lecturer with the UCLA School of Architecture, where he teaches a graduate seminar on the role of "story" in modern architecture.

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