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URBAN GREEN COUNCIL NAMES JOHN MANDYCK AS FIRST-EVER CEO

Mandyck brings extensive corporate, academic and nonprofit sustainability experience to leading NYC environmental organization



NEW YORK (June 18, 2018) – After 25 years at United Technologies Corporation (UTC), most recently as Chief Sustainability Officer, John Mandyck will join Urban Green Council as Chief Executive Officer effective September 5, 2018. Mandyck began his career in government affairs at the Greater Syracuse Chamber of Commerce, progressing to larger roles in communications, marketing and sustainability at Carrier Corporation and UTC, giving him a unique global perspective on solutions to address climate change in an increasingly urbanized world.

Mandyck is the founding chair of the Corporate Advisory Board for the World Green Building Council and former chair of the Board of Directors at Urban Green. He is a member of the advisory board for the Harvard University Center for Climate, Health and Global Environment, and an Adjunct Professor at the University of Connecticut School of Business, where he

teaches the sustainability course required for all full-time MBA students. He is also the co-author of the book *Food Foolish*, which explores the hidden connection between food waste, hunger and climate change.

“Coming to Urban Green feels like I’m at the right place at the right time. I know the organization well, care deeply about its mission, and look forward to engaging Urban Green staff and stakeholders to build on their great body of work—while adding a fresh perspective along the way,” said Mandyck. “Urban Green will play a pivotal role in advancing the future of sustainability.”

Executive Director Russell Unger will be staying with Urban Green, becoming Chief Strategy Officer in September. He will continue leading the organization until Mandyck starts. “I couldn’t be more excited for John to join Urban Green,” said Unger. “I’m also looking forward to redirecting my energies to strategic and programmatic work in the fall.”

“The Board and I are incredibly grateful for the tremendous contributions Russell has made over the past 11 years. He put Urban Green on the map, and will continue to serve in a senior capacity,” said Urban Green Board Chair and JB&B Partner Scott Frank. “We’re also delighted to have John at the helm, who has been an exemplary board member and adviser to Urban Green. This is an exciting new phase for all of us.”

“I’ve had the pleasure of working with John on the Urban Green Board for over eight years,” said Silda Wall Spitzer, Urban Green Vice Chair. “I know he’ll bring great energy to this new position.”

Jeff Brodsky, Vice Chairman of Related Companies and former Urban Green Board Chair, said, “John brings a really unique skill set to Urban Green. He has a truly global point of view on sustainability combined with a deep understanding of large buildings and systems to help Urban Green reach its next level of excellence.”

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Urban Green Council’s mission is to transform buildings for a sustainable future. We help New York City and State develop cutting-edge policy, we educate a broad range of professionals, and we research solutions that are amplified through coverage in major publications like *The New York Times*. By working with both government and industry, we leverage our effectiveness.

Urban Green pursues activities that have scalable impact: We focus exclusively on buildings, which account for 66 percent of New York City’s emissions and 52 percent of NY State’s.

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