

March 13, 2014

RE: Ali Riza Bilen and ARO Yapi

To whom it may concern,

The purpose of this letter is to acknowledge the professional relationship we as an architectural firm have had with Ali Riza Bilen, when we completed the Saks Fifth Avenue store in Esentai Mall in Almaty, Kazakhstan in Fall 2012. Ali is an outstanding creative professional who we have had the pleasure of working with since 2010 as we developed the store interiors of this 11,000 square meter luxury retail store. One of our major clients is Saks Fifth Avenue, based in New York, who we have completed 6 stores internationally with many different contractors over the last decade. Working with Ali and his team stands out as an excellent experience. He is very knowledgeable, professional and eager to get the job done efficiently and to our standards. Our project was often challenging, but we worked very closely with Ali, who was diligent in meeting the schedule and organizing the various trades to accomplish this wonderful store. We highly recommend working with him on any retail construction project, especially with his experience in Kazakhstan.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if necessary to elaborate on our experience with Ali. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Karen Oleson Creative Principal