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Akerman Senterfitt's Collaboration with The LAB Miami and the Local Startup Community Showcased in the Media

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Akerman Senterfitt and its relationship with the rising startup incubator the LAB Miami was showcased in the *Daily Business Review, South Florida Business Journal, GlobeSt.com* and *Miami Herald.* The articles detail the firm's opening of an outpost at The LAB, a collaborative work-learn campus for the entrepreneurial community located in the heart of Miami's Wynwood Art District, and highlight Akerman's forward-thinking approach and commitment to support Miami's next gen entrepreneurs. Leading the effort are Mary Carroll, chair of Akerman's corporate practice group, and Daniel Faust, a real estate shareholder who represents Wynwood redeveloper Goldman Properties U.S.A. Inc.

"Akerman's involvement in the LAB is part of our institutional commitment to weave our lawyers - in Miami and across the firm's national platform - into the fabric of the grassroots entrepreneurial movement in the United States," said Andrew Smulian, Akerman chairman and CEO.

"From our perspective, you never know where the next entrepreneur will come from, and this is an exciting opportunity to get involved at a grass-roots level in South Florida," said Carroll. "We want to get ahead of the curve."

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"It's important to Akerman to demonstrate that it's a forward-thinking firm, that we're progressive in thought and entrepreneurial in nature," said Faust. "We wanted to demonstrate this to the community, especially the startup community."

Daily Business Review article - "Hip Akerman Goes Trendy with New LAB Miami Office"

South Florida Business Journal article - <u>"Akerman Senterfitt seeks venture capital ties at LAB Miami incubator"</u>

GlobeSt.com article - "Akerman Sets Up Coworking Outpost at The LAB"

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