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Konover tags Coppa as next-generation CEO

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Jane Konover Coppa is taking the reins as chief executive of the West Hartford real estate services company founded more than a half century ago by her father, Simon Konover.

Also, James Wakim was promoted to president and chief operating officer of The Simon Konover Co.

"Jane has been instrumental in my transition of strategic leadership of the family run board of directors," Simon Konover said in a statement Tuesday.

Coppa has moved steadily through the Konover, holding leadership roles within it and its affiliates, Konover Hotel Corp., Konover South LLC and SIKON Construction Co. LLC.

Wakim joined The Simon Konover Co. in 2008 as executive vice president, running day-to-day operations for its five operating divisions.

Konover Co. and affiliates own and manage more than 5,500 apartments, more than 2.7 million square feet of office and industrial properties, more than 5.5 million square feet of retail space, and 18 hotels and specialty properties.