



KMD Architects Offers Review of New, Recently Completed Commissions

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KMD Architects, a San Francisco-based firm providing healthcare, hospitality, academic, commercial and corporate architectural services, announced the addition or completion of several significant projects in the U.S. and Mexico.

Robert Ludden, KMD Architects chief operating officer and principal, said the designs reflect the firm's focus on "sustainability, state-of-the-art innovation and intended function." The projects include the following.

The Bertschi School (Seattle, Wash.). The school's Living Science Classroom will meet the overall design goal of a "net-zero" building as defined by the standards of the Living Building Challenge. Upon completion in November 2010, the classroom will generate all of its own energy with renewable resources, harvest and treat all water on site and run at maximum levels of efficiency with a healthy indoor environment.



Rendering of The Bertschi School, Seattle, WA

The classroom was designed by The Restorative Design Collective led by KMD Architects, a multi-disciplinary team comprised of a number of Seattle's leading green building professionals, which collectively contributed more than 3,000 pro-bono hours of their services to design the school's new classroom.

Banyan Tree Hotel & Resort (Acapulco, Mexico). KMD Architects says it captured the

essence of Asian warmth and hospitality with its design of The Banyan Tree Cabo Marques, a mixture of modern luxury and the inherent beauty of the land. Perched atop a cliff overlooking the Pacific Ocean, the villa resort features steeply pitched roofs, wide eaves and stilt foundations. The boutique resort, which opened in April, 2010, includes 45 luxury villas, a world-class spa, two specialty restaurants, a beach club, and a fitness center.



Banyan Tree Resort & Hotel, Acapulco, Mexico

Children's Medical Center (Dallas, Texas). One of the largest pediatric teaching hospitals in the country and recognized for excellence in its Center for Cancer and Blood Disorders and its Heart Center, Children's commissioned KMD Architects to master plan and design each "Center of Excellence." KMD says its separate designs for the two centers will enable the hospital to more effectively and comfortably provide care, while giving flexibility in how it operates. Construction is planned in multiple phases, and will begin in 2011.



Children's Medical Center, Dallas, TX

Rosewood San Miguel de Allende (San Miguel de Allende, Mexico). KMD Architects says it worked carefully to preserve the colonial atmosphere of the historic town in its design, scheduled to open in January 2011. The property features a five-star resort and spa, more than 100 residences, meeting and event facilities for up to 300 people, an outdoor amphitheater,

landscaped gardens, and an extensive rooftop terrace.



Rosewood San Miguel de Allende, San Miguel de Allende, Mexico

East County Hall of Justice (Dublin, Calif.). The firm says its design sought to provide a high level of sustainability (LEED Silver Certification minimum) and to contribute to the productivity and health of staff and visitors. The project will be composed of a new five-story courthouse with 12 criminal courts and one traffic court, a new five-story county-agency office building, and connecting central lobby. Anticipated completion is early 2013.



East County Hall of Justice, Dublin, CA

The Carlyle Residences (Los Angeles, Calif). Designed by KMD Architects and developed by Elad Properties (the same developer of the Plaza Hotel in New York), The Carlyle is described as a 24-story super-luxury condominium tower situated in Los Angeles' high-profile Wilshire Corridor.

The project, which is complete, includes 78 residences, with are six penthouses in the top three floors, each with more than 5,000 square feet of living and outdoor space. Construction is complete. KMD's previous major projects in Los Angeles include The Wilshire, another luxury high-rise condominium tower on Wilshire Boulevard, and Two Rodeo Drive in Beverly Hills.



Carlyle Residences Building, Los Angeles, CA

KMD Architects has offices in San Francisco, Portland, Seattle, Los Angeles, and Mexico City, and has completed projects in more than 30 U.S. states and 20 countries around the world. The firm has won more than 200 design awards, including 42 from the American Institute of Architects in the past two decades. KMD says it is guided by a philosophy of "a visionary, forward-thinking approach, a strong sense of environmental responsibility, an entrepreneurial spirit and a practice founded in research."