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## Omni San Diego Hotel Offers Breathtaking Bay Views Through Wausau's Curtainwall



Wausau, Wis. – Opened in April 2004, the new Omni San Diego Hotel features a 32-story unitized curtainwall system with integrated sunshades by Wausau Window and Wall Systems, as installed by Architectural Glass and Aluminum (AGA) of San Diego.

Developed by JMI Realty and designed by architectural firm Hornberger and Worstell of San Francisco, other key contributors to building this harbor-area beacon of high-rise hospitality include general contractor Swinerton and Walberg of San Francisco and consultant C.D.C. of Long Beach, Calif.

Located directly across the street from the San Diego Convention Center and connected via skyway to the Padres' new ballpark, this luxurious, downtown hotel is at the center of convenience. Inside, the amenities continue: rooftop terrace with outdoor pool and spa, complete business center, state-of-the-art meetings rooms and 20,000-square-feet of indoor/outdoor gathering space, a McCormick & Schmick's Restaurant, Get Fit guest rooms with in-room treadmills, and high speed Internet access for all 511 guest rooms and suites.

In addition to the ample hotel space, JMI Realty privately developed the building's top 11 floors as "The Metropolitan", an exclusive collection of 36 condominiums with floor-to-ceiling window views of the harbor and fast-growing East Village District.

Design architect Jeff Till of Hornberger and Worstell, San Francisco, explains that the firm sought to capture "the sports, entertainment and nautical" themes of the area. Exemplifying this metaphor, the firm created the western bay view elevation to resemble a wind-filled sail of glass, seemingly ready to float across the water.

Helping articulate this creative concept, glazing contractor AGA selected Wausau's 7250 Series U-Wall system to bring the architectural vision from rendering to reality. Wausau's unitized curtainwall system includes nearly 51,000-square-feet of glass and aluminum comprised of Viracon's 1<sup>1</sup>/<sub>16</sub>-inch VE2-85 insulated glass, and champagne-colored finishes by Linetec.

AGA project manager, Karen Doucette notes, "All you see is curtainwall. It's not interrupted by concrete or steel." Beyond the west wall, Wausau also provided uninterrupted views through 250 of its 3250 Series zero sightline vents. Doucette emphasizes that the project has been "a very complicated job, but we've had a really good experience with Wausau. They're one of the best companies out there."

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