



EXTERIOR PROJECTS



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“The really bright white is great. Most products aren’t that pristine.”

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Arterra

- Location:** San Francisco, CA
- Function:** Residential Condominiums
- Architect:** Kwan Henmi Architecture
- Color:** A22.6.2 Dark Denim, A05.0.0 Pure White and Custom Color Orange
- Structure:** Meteon Satin
- Fixing System:** TS110 Exposed fixing with screws on an aluminum subframe

“What’s so awesome about Trespa is that all of the vivid colors allow for such versatility.”

Designed for Art Lovers

Three sculpturally designed buildings embrace an elegantly landscaped open courtyard – juxtaposing the warmth of recycled and sustainable materials with the elegance of expansive glass walls.

The 16 story, 286 unit, Arterra development at 300 Berry Street in the new Mission Bay neighborhood of San Francisco was designed with an eye toward beauty and environmental sustainability – combining vivid colors with a creative selection of materials that are attractive as well as healthy for the planet.

Designed for Earth Lovers

Arterra was created with numerous resource-efficient systems in addition to the extensive use of recycled and sustainable materials. A plant-covered roof and Trespa Meteon® sustainable exterior facade panels have been combined with other materials including glass, cork, bamboo, grasses, and plants to create an environmentally sound atmosphere.

Initially, LEED certification was not considered for the Arterra project – but as the design progressed it became clear that there would be enough environmentally friendly products involved to make it possible. “From an architectural point of view it made so much sense, because we were doing it already,” said Sylvia Kwan of Kwan Henmi.

Arterra is now registered under LEED NC 2.2 (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design, New Construction 2.2), and will become the first LEED-certified green high-rise community in San Francisco – both remarkable and rewarding for all involved.

Arterra and Trespa Meteon

Over 82,000 square feet of Trespa Meteon was used as exterior cladding on the Arterra project. Meteon’s contributions to the project included extreme durability, ease of maintenance and unparalleled design flexibility provided by a stunning range of colorfast colors and textures.

Meteon was installed as a rain screen cladding system, allowing the building to “breathe” – which contributes to healthy indoor environments and accommodates exterior insulation to reduce energy consumption and costs. Meteon is durable and long lasting, and can be affixed on existing walls, allowing the builder the freedom to redesign a building without demolition. Panels are easily removed and can be thermally recycled in a common industrial incinerator with high energy recovery, or safely placed in a landfill – all in accordance with national or local disposal regulations. Additionally, Meteon can contribute to US Green Building Council LEED® credits.

Designing with Vision

The design firm of Kwan Henmi Architecture/Planning, Inc. provides high-quality architecture, urban and interior design and planning services – with specialized expertise in residential, educational, commercial, civic, and transportation projects. Kwan Henmi’s experience ranges from complex, large-scale public projects to smaller private renovation projects – they understand and are familiar with the design and construction process on all levels.

Throughout their 26 years in the San Francisco Bay Area, Kwan Henmi Architecture/Planning has contributed to the design of high-profile projects such as The Watermark luxury high-rise condominiums, The Paramount Moscone West Convention Center, AT&T Ballpark, and Oakville Grocery Gourmet Foods.

