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Dazbog Coffee Co. completes new 'Red Square' HQ, manufacturing building

Dazbog Coffee Co., Colorado's largest independent coffee roaster and purveyor, recently completed construction on a modern new Red Square manufacturing facility and company headquarters.

Located in Denver's central Interstate 25 corridor, the new five-story Red Square manufacturing and roasting facility will allow Dazbog Coffee to more than triple its production capacity. Adjacent to the Red Square is Dazbog Coffee's new corporate headquarters; the company employs more than 150 people.

"Our roots are in central Denver and we are committed to staying here, so we went vertical to create this iconic new building that will give the company plenty of capacity to grow for at least the next decade," said Leonid Yuffa, co-founder, president and chief operating officer of



Dazbog, which was founded in 1996. "Dazbog has grown as the city of Denver has expanded."

"This project gave us a chance to create a bold new image that was highly visible for Dazbog," said architect Chuck Pell. "The large Red Square will catch the

eye of every traveler on I-25 and let them know Dazbog is the place for bold coffee."

Dazbog Coffee also recently opened a new coffee shop inside Denver's Wellington E. Webb Municipal Office Building. ▲

DU's Burwell Center for Career Achievement is designed to be LEED Platinum certified

Lake|Flato Architects, along with Denver-based design partner Shears Adkins Rockmore, joined the University of Denver in celebrating the groundbreaking of its new Burwell Center for Career Achievement. Designed by the two firms in collaboration with Landscape Architect Didier Design Studio, the milestone marks an important step toward transforming the campus into a gathering place for the extended DU community.

The new Burwell Center for Career Achievement at the University of Denver will sit on a high-profile, connective site on the private university's campus.

Located on the ground level of the new building, this large multi-use lobby and work space will provide a community hub for connection and collaboration. This common space also features rich wood tones, a result of the building's mass timber structural design.

Situated at a key nexus between the campus's traditional core and its growing urban edge, the new 23,000-square-foot Burwell Center for Career Achievement will be a campus hub focused on student career development, employer engagement and alumni activities. A tower stair will serve as a beacon and an executive lounge will provide views to the campus, the adjacent city core and the nearby Rocky Mountains, connecting visitors to the neighboring landscape. Designed as a LEED Platinum building, the building is anticipated to use 70% less energy than comparable university buildings.

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out this project has been extremely impactful. Early in the project a series of integrated design workshops, engaging hundreds of people from the DU community, established a social contract for the building. This informed every decision we made – it allowed the entire team to design a project that we are all proud of and that will serve the DU community for generations to come," said Dan Craig, AIA, project architect for SA+R.

The building and its surrounding site are focused on creating "sticky spaces," areas that encourage users to linger and interact. The ground floor is designed to connect with the surrounding landscape, linking the center to DU's academic core and its future campus additions. As one moves up through the building, interactions gradually become more intentional and focused. The ground floor encourages serendipitous encounters around the sticky spaces, whereas the upper floors are focused on coaching, interviews and career advising.

"Coming out of our integrated design workshops, it was clear that the DU community was committed to a sustainable and environmentally responsible project," said Ryan Yaden, AIA, project architect for Lake|Flato. "This ethic led to the selection of mass timber using the most sustainable forestry practices for the building's structural system, which will be exposed throughout. The result will be a beautiful, biophilic space that harmonizes with the natural and built context. On the outside, photovoltaic panels are expressed as part of the building's roof form, clearly demonstrating the DU commitment to environmental stewardship."

Planned for a fall 2020 opening, the project has been led by the design team at Lake|Flato, with SA+R providing local architectural support, regulatory insight and construction administration facilitation. Didier Design Studio has led the landscape design while PCL Construction provided preconstruction services and will lead the construction process. ▲

Vertex Builders completes work for Swedish hospital birthplace unit

Vertex Builders recently completed the new robotics operating room and support spaces at the Swedish Medical Center birthing unit. The company was selected to retrofit existing spaces in order to accommodate the new operating room, support spaces, pre-op and recovery areas.

"There are a number of unique challenges associated with the integration of modern equipment into existing hospitals, including increased weight loading, existing building constraints and the fact that very

little is standardized with newly released equipment," said Ted Laszlo, a partner at Vertex Builders.

Some of the work completed by Vertex Builders included removing walls and retrofitting of existing space to accommodate the large robotic operating equipment; addressing existing building constraints, including existing utilities, structure and mechanical/electrical systems; and adding new structure to allow for the addition of new equipment and a new roof-mounted air-handling unit. ▲

GTC builds multiple fire stations: 2 in Greeley, 2 in Arvada

GTC recently was awarded construction of two new fire stations in Greeley. Station No. 2 will be at 23rd Avenue and Reservoir Road. Station No. 6 will be at the intersection of Promontory Circle and Promontory Parkway. Both stations are being designed by the Denver office of Short Elliott Hendrickson Inc. The award of these two stations brings the number of new fire stations GTC is currently working on to six.

Earlier this year, GTC was awarded the construction of two new fire stations in Arvada. Station No. 7, at West 91st and Eldridge, is adjacent to the new Arvada PD Delta Sector Station, which recently was completed by GTC. Sta-

tion No. 9 will be near 80th and Simms, across from Pinebrooke Community Church and Alice Sweet Thomas Park. Each station will be 9,000 square feet. Allred & Associates is designing each station.

GTC also is building Loveland Fire Station No. 7 on North County Road 27, next to Big Thompson Elementary School. The station was designed by Belford Watkins Group; it will be 10,400 sf and include three apparatus bays.

Additionally, construction is nearly complete on Adams County Fire Station No. 11, at 1675 W. 69th Ave., in Denver. At 31,000 sf, it is the second-largest fire station ever built by GTC. Station 11 was designed by Allred & Associates. ▲

AGC of Colorado presents safety, excellence awards

The Associated General Contractors of Colorado honored its members' commitments to workplace safety and environmental excellence at the 32nd annual Safety & Environmental Awards that were presented to local general contractors and specialty contractors.

"Our members understand the importance of a strong commitment to safety culture and environmental awareness in construction, where job sites are constantly evolving, and new hazards emerge almost daily," commented Michael Gifford, president and CEO of AGC/C. "Although we formally recognize their efforts only once a year, we honor their daily dedication to send each employee home safe every day."

Brad Gassman, AGC/C's safety and environmental director, presented the awards and introduced representatives from the various pro-

grams to provide the latest safety and environmental updates to attendees. The first award category recognized firms in the Colorado Stormwater Excellence Program, which is the first regulatory agency-recognized, self-policing stormwater compliance management program in the nation. Companies are ranked as either Participating or Qualified, based on performance data. AGC/C's latest Participating companies moved to Qualified status in February. Adolfson & Peterson Construction, The Beck Group, Brinkman Construction, Fiore and Sons Inc., Fransen Pittman General Contractors, GH Phipps Construction Cos., Golden Triangle Construction Inc., Haselden Construction LLC, Hyder Construction Inc., Milender White Construction Co., PCL Construction, Swinerton Builders and Waner

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