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PILLAR CONSTRUCTION

PROTECTS AND
BEAUTIFIES
BUILDINGS IN
THE DC REGION

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Since 1988, Pillar Construction of Alexandria, Virginia, has been providing contractors and owners with a system designed to protect a structure's interior while improving the exterior – Exterior Insulation and Finish Systems (EIFS). While EIFS has the capability to add value and protection to a project, the right contractor is needed to install the product to guarantee the system reaches its full potential. And as various contractors around the Washington, DC region have learned, Pillar Construction is a premier installer of EIFS systems. With a long list of successful projects under its belt, Pillar Construction looks to expand its services throughout the region.



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Contractors, owners, and property managers throughout the Washington Metropolitan area have been looking to Pillar Construction for the protection and beautification of their projects for more than 13 years. Throughout its history, Pillar Construction has been able to provide a quality product with superior service for its clients across the region and across the country.

Pillar Construction was founded by Raja Khoury, Mike Sheleby, and AJ Coudsi. The three men had years of construction experience to their credit, and set off to provide a niche service to a variety of construction markets. Before long, the company began to grow, and from its original three employees Pillar Construction now hires more than 180 employees to handle its massive operation encompassing three major markets in the United States.

By 1997, Pillar Construction looked to expand into other geographic areas, eventually settling on Dallas, Texas, and Boston, Massachusetts. By branching out to other areas in the country, Pillar Construction was able to offer its clients a broader base of operations while maintaining its strong local presence.

"Washington, DC is still where we were founded, and still where we keep our attention focused," said Khoury, president of Pillar Construction. "We really enjoy the challenges of working in the other markets, but this is and always will be our home."

Pillar Construction is an affiliate member of the Association of the Wall and Ceiling Industries (AWCI); an affiliate member of Associated Builders and Contractors; an affiliate member of EIFS Industry Members Association (EIMA); an affiliate member of American Subcontractors Association, DC Metro Chapter; an affiliate member of Exterior Design Institute (EDI) with Certified Inspectors; and a certified installer of Dryvit Systems, Synergy, STO Corporation, Finestone, Bonsal STUCCO, and Parex products. Pillar Construction takes its work very seriously, staying

ahead of the latest products, training, and technology to better serve its valued clients.

Sheleby, Pillar Construction Operation Manager, said the EIFS system has been valuable to clients in the past, and continues to add value as the system changes and evolves with the construction industry. "They keep coming up with newer products, providing a better integration system to improve drainage," he said. "All of this has happened while keeping the consistency of the exterior appearance, which has always been a big selling point of the EIFS system."

Along with its products, Pillar Construction remains focused on other aspects of the industry. "Safety is a big concern for us," Khoury added. "We emphasize safety in everything we do, and have been recognized as a very safe workplace throughout the region." Pillar Construction was awarded Associated Builders and Contractors Safety Awards the past three years.

Pillar Construction has amassed a wealth of completed projects (over 5,000,000 s/f of EIFS) throughout the Washington and Baltimore metropolitan areas, involving various market sectors in the construction industry. These projects include:

SHOPPING CENTERS

The Shops at Sumner Place, Bethesda, MD
 Little River Turnpike Shopping Center, Annapdale, VA
 Ballston common Mall, Arlington, VA
 Hallmark Shopping Center, Stafford, VA
 Frederick Crossings, Frederick, MD
 Seven Corners Shopping Center Phase III, Falls Church, VA
 Belleview Shopping Center, Alexandria, VA
 Gateway Center, Rockville, MD
 Mariton Shopping Center, Upper Marlboro, MD
 Loehman's Plaza, Rockville, MD
 Bethesda Building III, Bethesda, MD
 PenMar Shopping Center, Forestville, MD
 Plaza America, Reston, VA
 The Spectrum at Reston Town Center, Reston, VA
 Gaitherstown Plaza, Gaithersburg, MD
 Yorktown Shopping Center, Fairfax, VA
 Wheaton Triangle, Wheaton, MD
 Prince George Plaza, Hyattsville, MD

SCHOOLS

Amyclae School, Stafford County, VA
 Barden School, Fort Belvoir, VA



West Potomac School, Alexandria, VA
 Kemp Mill Elementary School, Silver Spring, MD
 Seneca Valley Middle School, Germantown, MD
 Sleepy Hollow Elementary School, Falls Church, VA
 Deale Elementary School, Deale, MD
 High Technology Instructional Center, Germantown, MD
 Mt. Vernon and Charles Barrett Schools, Alexandria, VA
 Germantown Middle School, Germantown, MD
 Beall Elementary School, Rockville, MD

Stafford School, Stafford, VA
 Round Hill School, Round Hill, VA
 Norwood School, Bethesda, MD
 Evergreen School, Leesburg, VA

CHURCHES AND SYNAGOGUES

Jericho Baptist Church, Landover, MD
 Isle of Patmos Baptist Church, Washington, DC
 Beth Shalom, Rockville, MD
 Mt. Zion Church, Arlington, VA
 Maharishi Vedic Center, Bethesda, MD

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HIGHRISE APARTMENTS

2200 "M" Street (Ritz Carlton), Washington, DC
 Park Connecticut, Washington, DC
 Avalon Court II, Pikesville, MD
 Redwood Apartments, Baltimore, MD
 Columbia Center, Arlington, VA
 Caren Co-op, Adelphi, MD
 Inner Harbor Apartment East, Baltimore, MD
 Parkwood Court Apartments, Alexandria, VA
 Kentland Apartments, Gaithersburg, MD

HOTELS

Marriott Tysons, Tysons Corner, Vienna, VA
 Sleep Inn, Hagerstown, MD
 Spring Hill Lake Fountain Lodge, Greenbelt, MD
 Homewood Suites, Washington, DC
 Residence Inn, Vienna, VA
 Portsmouth Renaissance Hotel, Portsmouth, VA
 Marriott Baltimore (Wyndham), Baltimore, MD
 Staybridge Suites, Andover, MD
 Turf Valley II and II, Ellicott City, MD
 Hampton Inn, College Park, MD
 Sleep Inn, BWI, Luthin, MD
 Marriott Hotel, Washington, DC
 Hilton Garden Inn, Washington, DC
 Staybridge Suites, Columbia, MD
 Homestead Germantown, Germantown, MD
 Brighton Gardens, Bethesda, MD
 Homewood Suites BWI, Luthin, MD
 Holiday Inn Modernization, Culpeper, VA
 Holiday Inn Express, Thornburg, VA
 Holiday Inn, Tyson' Corner, VA
 Hilton Garden Inn, Owings Mills, MD
 Hampton Inn, Bowie, MD
 Sierra Suites Hotels, Fairfax, VA



Hampton Inn, Winchester, VA
 Courtyard by Marriott, Frederick, MD

GOVERNMENT BUILDINGS

NOAA, Dulles, VA
 IAM, Hollywood, MD
 FDA, College Park, MD
 US Post Office, Oakton, VA
 Naval Surface Weapons Center, Carderock, MD
 Upper Occoquan Water Treatment, Centerville, VA
 Comprehensive Health Care Center, Quantico Marine Corps Base, VA
 Upper Cheseapeake Medical Center, Beltsville, MD
 Physical Science Laboratory, Adelphi, MD

Scale Model Facility, Adelphi, MD
 Sciences Museum of Richmond, Richmond, VA
 Quantico Temporary Lodging Facility, Quantico, VA
 USPS Headquarters, Washington, DC
 Silver Spring Counseling, Silver Spring, MD
 No. VA. Mental Health Institute, Falls Church, VA
 Family Housing Welcome Center, Anacostia, Washington, DC
 Annapolis Transportation Facility, Annapolis, MD
 New Carrollton Public Works Facility, New Carrollton, MD
 WRAMC Building 501, Silver Spring, MD
 Montgomery Village Post Office, Gaithersburg, MD
 Police Department, Manassas, VA
 FOB Building 3, Suitland, MD
 NRL 60 Bldg.1, 3 & 60, Washington, DC
 Walter Reed Medical Center, Silver Spring, MD

RETAIL STORES

Kaufmann's, Johnson City, NY
 Target, Greenbelt, MD
 Hearth USA, Springfield, VA
 Old Navy, Charlottesville and Manassas, VA
 Wawa, Bowie & Waldorf, MD
 Target Alexandria, Alexandria, VA
 Shoppers Food Warehouse, Fredericksburg, VA
 Target Reston, Reston, VA
 Winnidixie, Fredericksburg, VA
 Sears @ Marley Station, Glen Burnie, MD
 Mastercraft Interiors, Rockville, MD
 Safeway Store #0764, Arlington, VA
 Super Fresh, Centerville, VA
 The Uptons at Reston Town Center, Reston, VA
 Wal-Mart Store, Alexandria, VA
 Fresh Fields, Washington, DC

Petsmart Store, Columbia, MD
 Khol's @ Frederick, Frederick, MD
 Khol's @ Herndon, Herndon, VA

THEATERS

Hoyts Theater, Martinsburg, WVA
 Loews Theater, White Marsh, MD

RESTAURANTS

Romano's Macaroni Grill, Reston, VA
 On the Border Restaurant, Reston, VA
 Pizzeria Uno, Potomac Mills, VA
 Copeland's Restaurant, Centerville, VA

CAR DEALERSHIPS

Hertz Car Rental, Dulles, VA
 Dollar Rent A Car, Dulles, VA
 Cherner Lincoln Dealership, Fairfax Co., VA
 Lexus of Alexandria, Alexandria, VA

OFFICE BUILDINGS

Above Net Office Building, Reston, VA
 Reflections Office Building, Reston, VA
 John Marshall II Office Building, McLean, VA
 EDS, Building, Reston, VA
 CNAC, Alexandria, VA
 Market Square, Washington, DC
 U. S. Mint Headquarters, Washington, DC
 Board of Trade, Washington, DC

RESIDENTIAL

Avalon Homes, Pikeville, MD
 Pulte Homes, Maryland & Virginia
 Stanly Martin Homes, Virginia

Khoury said the company's most challenging projects are the highrise buildings, which provide a larger surface to insulate and waterproof. "But no matter how large or small the building, we give the same attention to each project," he said.

Pillar Construction is looking to further expand its operations, looking at a possible location in Southern California. However, no matter where Pillar Construction introduces its brand, the Washington and Baltimore markets will remain a priority for the company.

"We are often looked upon as one of the most important parts of a project," Khoury said. "And we will always remain loyal to the clients and contractors that have made us a success today."

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