



Encounter Restaurant at Los Angeles International Airport – Los Angeles, CA

ProjectProfile

Size: 47,000 sq. ft.

Distributor: Westside Building Materials

Applicator: APEX Plastering Company

The original Theme Building, which houses the Encounter Restaurant, opened in 1961. The Theme Building (which included its famous 135 ft. high parabolic "arches"), was designated as a City Cultural and Historical Monument in December 1992, by the Los Angeles City Council.

Almost 50 years later when a 1000 lb. section of the exterior stucco fell to the ground, the building was closed and an investigation began to determine the cause, and correction.

Parex USA was contacted in May 2007 by Architect Harrison Whitney, who was one of the architects on the original Theme Building design team, in 1958. He was hired as a consultant for Gin Wong & Associates of Los Angeles, to assist Architect Millard Lee in determining the mode of failure, and design a structural and aesthetic correction.

The team determined that water had seeped into the original stucco and corrosion of the building's steel substructure framework had caused the failure.

After meeting with GWA reviewing the plans and details, Parex USA presented a Parex EIFS System and a Parex Stucco Assembly as potential replacement claddings. Several months later after much extensive research and testing of the original steel framework, and a very involved approval process including the City of Los Angeles, structural engineers, and many others, the Parex Stucco Assembly had been approved and specified for the retrofitting and APEX Plastering Company was selected as the applicator.



The Challenge

- Historical Building
- Unique Structure Design

The Solution

- Parex TYPE F Base
- Parex 121 Dry
- Parex Mesh
- Parex 310 Primer
- Parex DPR Acrylic Finish, Sand Smooth-White