

Developing 2300 Wilshire Blvd.

Just after celebrating 21 years in the industry, Staples Construction also celebrated breaking ground on a \$28-million mixed-use development project located at 2300 Wilshire Blvd. in Santa Monica. During contract



Staples constructs a 38-ft-deep shoring and podium structure.

negotiations, Staples focused on laying out a strategy to address the complexities of the project, such as zero lot line on one of the most traveled boulevards in Santa Monica, the daily management of working in a neighborhood of high-end residential homeowners and, most importantly, the shoring and podium structure that is 38 ft deep.

When finished, the 158,940-sq-ft space will be home to two levels of subterranean parking, street-level retail stores and two levels of condominiums (30 units in total). This is the first U.S. project for the owners, East Pacific Properties LLC, a subsidiary of Hong Kong-based GR Properties Ltd. Selecting Staples Construction as the general contractor for this project was a long and arduous process that is proving itself to be worthy, as Staples meets the daily challenges with expertise and professionalism. Groundbreaking was



Shoring takes place on Wilshire Boulevard amidst daily commuter traffic.

in October 2016, and the building is scheduled to open in summer 2018.

For more information, visit www.staplesconstruction.com. ♦

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First Composite Wood Building With Rooftop Parking

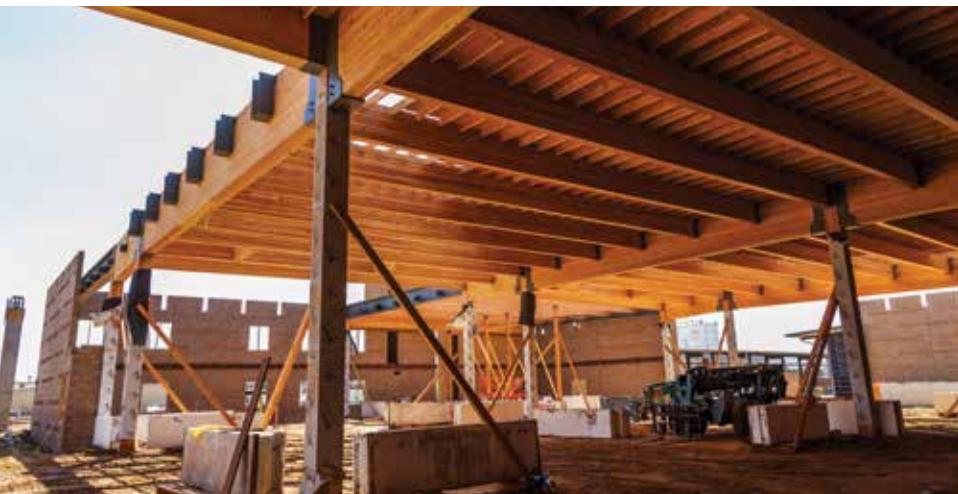
Using a celebration of wood and concrete, the architectural building design on Ganahl Lumber's new Torrance yard showcases the company's passion for innovation as well as demonstrates lumber's versatility as a building product.

The 18-acre yard with a total of 225,000 sq ft of new buildings includes an 86,000-sq-ft retail store, the stand-out structure on the site where the framing is built with Douglas fir and American yellow cedar glu lams. The large yard also provides ample space for

lumber storage and includes an onsite mill. Utilizing a composite design, the wood frame structure—comprised of 14-in.-wide by 60-in.-deep glue-laminated beams—includes drilled lag bolts that get cast into the concrete deck.

With the intention of showcasing lumber products, the project also contains many wood species and finishes ranging from beautifully stained red mangaris siding to reclaimed construction heart redwood (from the early 1900s) to rustic Douglas fir siding salvaged from the Hollywood Park Race Track. The project envisions several environmentally beneficial features to be added and has provided accommodations for photovoltaic cells, windmills and fuel cells.

Oltmans Construction is proud to team on this project with Ganahl Lumber, Withee Malcolm Architects and Englekirk Engineers. For more information, visit www.oltmans.com. ♦



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