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BOSTON BAKED BEAMS?

WHAT'S NEW AT AIA '08

Forgive the silly pun, but with the 2008 AIA National Convention upon us, we turn to Beantown to find new and innovative products—just as you turn to *Product News* in every issue. There's a lot of variety at the expo, eclipsing last year's total of 844 exhibitors, and many of them are also "exhibiting" in our pages.

There's another parallel: similar to the CSI division format we use to organize our spotlights, the AIA event organizers have created groupings for key product categories. Those pavilions for stone and tile, kitchen and bath, metal, lighting, and software suppliers showcase fresh new offerings in a concentrated, easy-to-visit way.

A major focus of this year's expo will be environmentally friendly products that are both practical and cost-effective. At the lighting pavilion, for example—as in these pages in the Electrical product division—we're seeing new fixture designs, security concepts, and unique LED technologies of all shapes and sizes. But there's more than lighting overhead. For example, increased interest in energy efficiency and better air quality has led to money-saving industrial and decorative fan fixtures that operate for as little as three cents per hour.

Kitchen and bath design is another big focus this year, as homeowners and developers turn from new housing to renovation and redecorating projects. That explains the boom in *Product News* as well as the bigger Kitchen and Bath Pavilion at the AIA expo. Cabinets, accessories, countertops, appliances, and plumbing fixtures—everything including the proverbial kitchen sink—has been improved and released this season.

Another perennial focus for our magazine is the earthy world of marble, granite, ceramics and other hard, natural finishes. The AIA's Stone & Tile Pavilion will highlight many of the manufactured alternatives you've seen in these pages over the years—and in this issue. Look in our Masonry division for such categories as brick pavers, cultured river rock, split-face concrete, and decorative and colored concrete and composite products that mimic the beauty of stone.

Of course, the annual AIA national convention brings together people and ideas, too—something that we value greatly. That's why we introduced Architects' Corner not long ago, along with our snapshot of industry economics and events. But it's our guided tour of tomorrow's products that truly previews the future of building design.

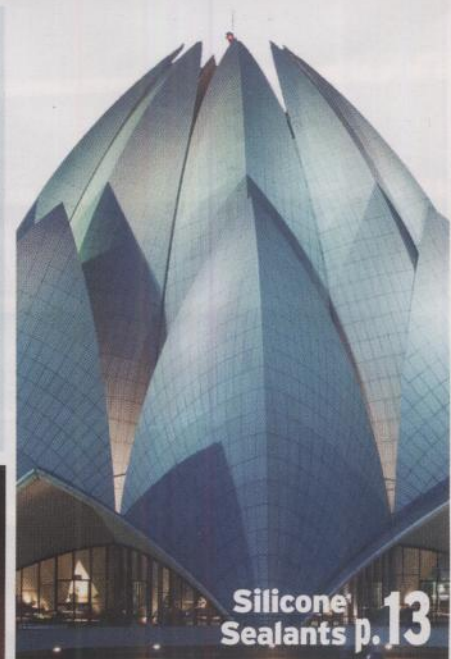


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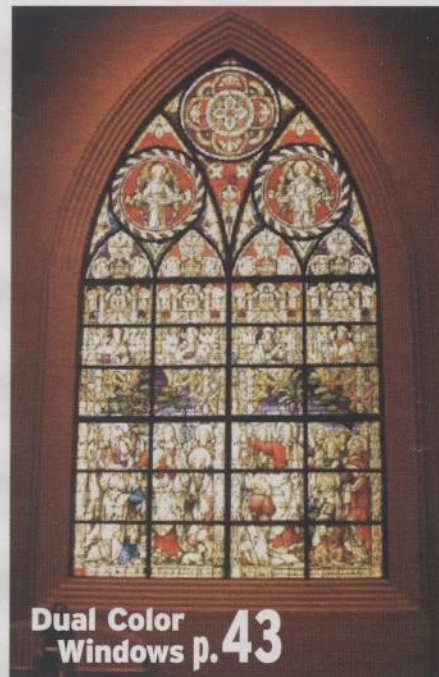
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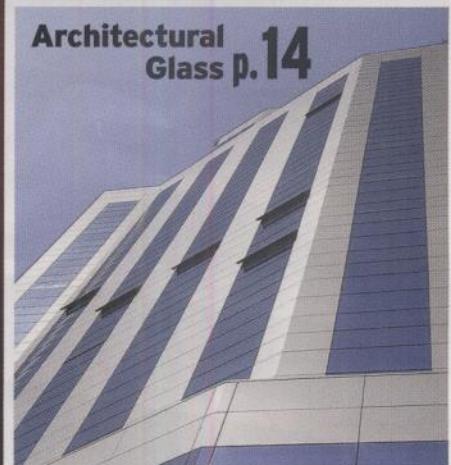
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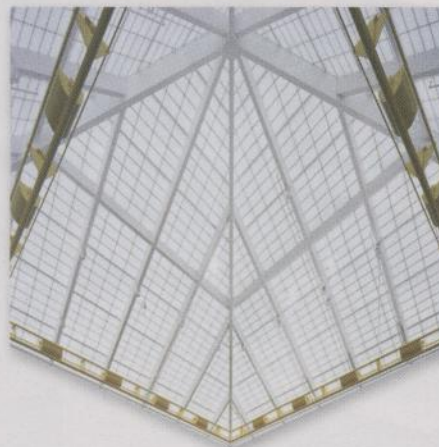
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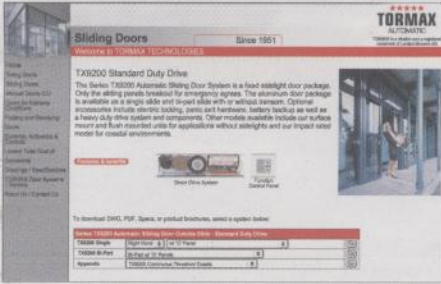
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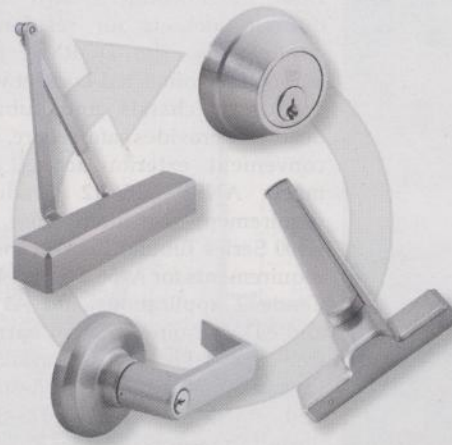
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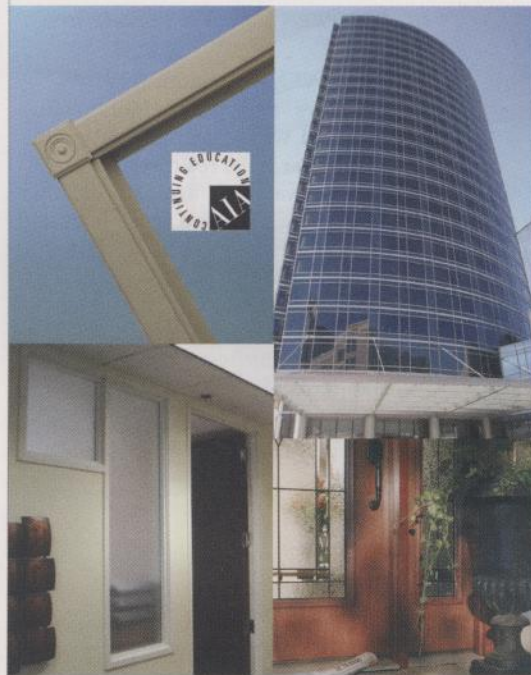
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ARCHITECTS' CORNER

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Design Director, Interiors, FXFOWLE Architects, New York, NY

Jacoby is currently serving as lead designer on a LEED accredited interior fit-out for the New York office of Flack + Kurtz.

Favorite building type: I'm an unusual (but far from unique) case. I'm an architect who prefers to design interiors instead of buildings. The fact that I have spent most of my career in New York City, where there is a massive need to renovate existing buildings, has helped make this preference into a sizable career.

Favored building material:

Glass, for its unique qualities of transmitting and modulating light. I use as much of it on every project as my clients will allow.

Building materials getting his attention: I've been very interested recently in the Neopariés countertop material from Galaxy Glass. It looks exactly like polished Thassos white marble but, because it is made from crystallized glass, is utterly impenetrable and will never stain.



"I use as much glass on every project as my clients will allow."