



Great Glazing: The Pythian Apartments

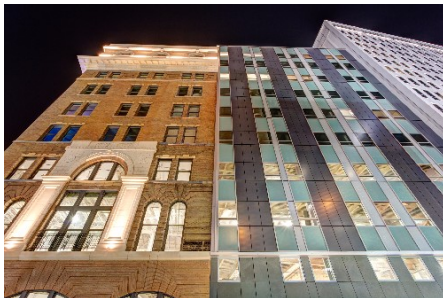
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The basics: The Pythian Apartments building in downtown New Orleans is a \$44 million renovation completed in June 2017. The historic nine-story building, originally built in 1908 by S. W. Green as an African-American fraternal club, now houses 69 apartments. Unlike other high-rise condo renovation projects, the Pythian Apartments target middle-income workers to provide affordable housing in a desirable downtown neighborhood. Designers prioritized the recreation of multiple historic appearances, as the building underwent two previous major renovations. Historical windows and curtain wall were essential to that goal.



The players: Architect, [Studio WTA](#); general contractor, [Landis Construction Co.](#); contract glazier, [DeGeorge Glass Co.](#); glass manufacturer, [Guardian Glass](#); glass fabricator, [Trulite](#); window supplier, [Winco Windows](#); metal systems supplier, [YKK AP America](#) (curtain wall); [Mapes Architectural Panels](#) (panels)

The glass and systems: Glazing contractor DeGeorge Glass worked with both YKK AP, which manufactured the storefront and unitized curtain wall, and Winco Windows to replicate the building's appearance.

Guardian SunGuard SNX 62/27 coating on clear glass was specified for the replacement of the Pythian's operable windows, including several signature arched windows. Triple-silver Guardian SunGuard SNX 62/27 coating on clear glass provides visible light transmission of 62 percent and a solar heat gain coefficient of 0.27.

In consultation with the architect Studio WTA, the glazing team evaluated the original product dimensions to establish parameters for the the new impact-tested curtain wall and windows.

YKK AP's YUW 750 XT unitized window wall system was used to match the part of the building renovated in the 1960s. Winco Windows provided historical windows for the oldest part of the

building.

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