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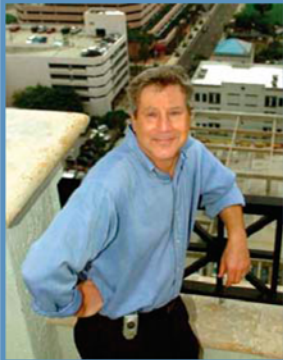
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Preemptive Conditioning



Larry Cohan, AIA, CSI
Managing Principal

Looking back, I have gained an appreciation and understanding for the nuances of 2006 – it was a year for preparation and growth.

We emerged from what can be best described as an ephemeral period of uncertainty in the field as a stronger and more knowledgeable group. The industry was bogged down by speculation and which led companies and investors to pull the emergency break – leaving many projects and corporations in a state of suspended animation.

While we didn't exactly dodge the bullet, we seized the moment and focused our efforts on keeping our talented staff intact, mastering Revit, building business at our Celebration office and establishing relationships with developers outside of South and Central Florida.

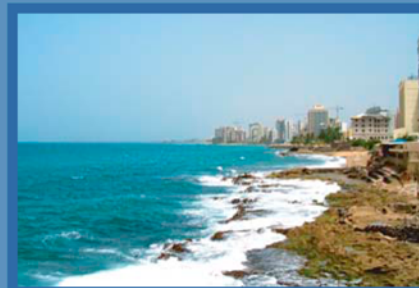
Finally, the dust has begun to settle and there seems to be a renewed interest in picking up where things left off last year. All in all, the outlook for this year is promising and we are looking forward to continued growth in 2007 and revealing quite a few exciting projects that are in development.

TAKING STRIDES



This boutique firm is on the move and as a result has a lot more to offer. BCA acknowledged the climate change in the industry and was able to transition from a regional practice to a player in the international arena – a strategic move to defend their position as a leading force in the industry. Larry Cohan is brimming with excitement as he witnesses the firm's transition and had this to say, "I knew we had a great plan, and with our talented staff I knew we could pull it off. I am ecstatic with just how quickly new projects came to us, from new clients. It proves that our business model – a boutique firm recognized for quality service – can succeed in up markets, down markets, and across the Caribbean."

Combined with the opening and expansion of the Central Florida Office, BCA is evolving into a more diverse firm. "We took some calculated risks and were fortunate to have fallen upon a very cushy bed of feathers" said Vanessa Jimenez. Vanessa was not only referring to their swift success in the Caribbean, but also to the continued integration of Revit into the practice.



View of Atlantic Coastline at Regency Site

With the back-story fully developed, let's fast-forward a bit and jump the pond known as the Caribbean to explore BCA's prototype project, Regency Parc Residences. This project is the materialization of two BCA goals, international expansion and use of cutting edge technology.

The fusion of styles at Regency, comparable to the provocative mash-ups in the music industry, produced a stimulating effect through the balance of different styles.

Instead of creating a typical design, BCA concentrated on producing a style of their own by mixing vintage and progressive concepts with raw and refined elements.

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Architecturally the design is a prime example of innovative spaces. The radiant marriage of glass and stainless steel meshes accentuate the relationship between the classic curves and bold linear elements, yielding a unique concept that embraces sophistication and simplicity.

Regency Parc is an 18 story, 124 unit waterfront project in Condado, Puerto Rico and the first BCA high rise project to be fully-developed using Revit. In addition to facing Ashford Avenue, an area which is being developed as the main corridor for fine dining and luxury shopping, Regency Parc Residences also offers exceptional vistas of the Atlantic Ocean and the Condado Lagoon.

A roof-top pool and amenities level was developed to take advantage of the natural landscape. "It is one thing to have a roof-top pool in the middle of a city, but it is quite another when you have the Atlantic to the North and the Lagoon to the South. Residents will have the best of both worlds with luxurious top of the line finishes throughout the project and the ocean and city at their doorstep – the project will set a new standard for condominiums in Condado" stated Adan Fons, Director of Design.

The project being developed by the team of Terrence Conley, Deborah Weitzman, and Alex Avayu is in the final stages of design development and everyone is very excited about the effect it could have on the area. ■



Regency Parc Plaza



Condado, Puerto Rico

Adding to the Starting Lineup

BCA would like to introduce **Gary Frankel** and **Gene Kaletsky**. Gary and Gene come to BCA with very different backgrounds, but one very strong similarity, a shared passion for the work they do.



Frankly Speaking

Drafted by BCA, Gary Frankel, AIA, NCARB, University of Florida alumni and die-hard Gator fan entered enemy territory in early January - an office dominated not only by alumni from the University of Miami, but Ohio State University as well... rivalry aside, Gary received a warm welcome.

Gary's professional history spans more than 20 years and includes work on hospitality projects in the

French West Indies and Denver, Healthcare Facilities, Retail, Mixed-Use, Single-family residential and Educational work throughout Florida and the United States.

Gary joined BCA as Senior Project Architect and is currently working on commercial and multi-family condominium projects.



Supplementing the Design Playbook

In the world of Architecture, a sure-fire way to be recognized as a well-rounded design firm is to possess the resources to deliver any type of project. The addition of Gene Kaletsky, award-winning designer, to BCA introduced several new areas of expertise. "Gene's personal play book of designs is unlike anything

BCA has ever produced... his experiences and techniques are far-reaching and we are glad to have him as part of our team" said Larry Cohan.

Gene spent the last 14 years developing complex transportation facility designs. Notable projects include, Jacksonville's Multi-Modal Center, a Port Everglades cruise terminal and a Federal Airport security project at Pennsylvania's Harrison International Airport.

Prior to that, Gene exercised his passion for Public Assembly and Performance Facilities with work on projects like the New York State Theatre and Plaza-Lincoln Center for the Performing Arts. Other areas of expertise include commercial, industrial and institutional projects as well as hotel and restaurant design.

Currently, Gene is involved in the schematic design for a private island Hotel and Spa in the Caribbean – details on this exciting new project will follow in the next newsletter. ■

CONSTRUCTION UPDATE



Construction at the **Diplomat Oceanfront Residences** and **Marina Grande at Riviera Beach** has come to close. While under construction, these two large-scale projects endured one the most disruptive hurricane seasons in recent history. The teamwork, professionalism and dedication displayed by the teams involved with the projects (General Contractors, Engineers and Consultant firms, etc), drove these projects forward to completion without sacrificing quality or severely affecting budgets or schedules.

BCA would like to thank those who were involved with these two projects, including **Suffolk Construction**, **Pavarini Construction**, **JM Engineers**, **CHM Structural Engineers**, **Hershell Gill Structural Engineers**, as well as all of the other individuals and teams who made these projects a success. ■



*Diplomat
Oceanfront
Residences*



*Marina Grande at Riviera
Beach & Loggerhead Club
and Marina.*