

Case Study

Indian Wells Tennis Garden, Indian Wells, California

Restrooms Take Center Court at Indian Wells Tennis Garden

Challenge

Indian Wells Tennis Garden (IWTG) is a state-of-the-art sporting facility that showcases the second largest tennis stadium in the world and a full-service tennis club. Located in the midst of a sprawling desert oasis in Indian Wells, California, the original stadium at IWTG was built in 2000, while the second stadium was completed in 2014 to accommodate the flourishing annual BNP Paribas Open – the fifth largest professional tennis tournament. "Stadium Two" was built in a remarkable 10 months and 10 days in anticipation of the March 2014 BNP Paribas Open event.

Designed with an 8,000 seating capacity and three five-star dining restaurants, every detail of IWTG's new stadium was intended to enhance guests' experience, comfort and enjoyment – with the restrooms being a critical element due to high traffic, says Steve Simon, COO, IWTG. "Increasing capacity and improving infrastructure within the restrooms were key design considerations," said Simon. "We also wanted to optimize the rooms' convenience and cleanliness while creating a more upscale look and feel consistent with our venue."







Solution

Gary R. Wiggle, AIA, LEED AP BD+C, Keisker & Wiggle Architects, Inc., says he and his team set out to design Stadium Two's restrooms with the same level of cachet that surrounds the BNP Paribas Open. "Public bathrooms are unique because people are extremely critical of them and comment on their appearance to others," says Wiggle. "Our goals were to raise the bar for the aesthetics of these rooms, enhance efficiency and cleanliness, and create a beautiful and memorable experience. We wanted these restrooms to stand out and be the talk of the tournament."

Wiggle's team planned 18 restrooms throughout the facility, including eight sets of public restrooms and three private restrooms, in addition to the team offices and locker room areas. Features such as frosted glass, gold marbleized tile, epoxy-flaked non-slip flooring and sleek white Verge Lavatories blended together to create a warm, monochromatic and contemporary design palette.

"We chose Verge lavs because they convey a high aesthetic that gives the restrooms a real 'wow' factor," Wiggle says. "Verge's unique elongated design transforms a sink – a standard required fixture – into a highly functional yet striking centerpiece."

Plumbing Mechanical Contractor and President Scott Kincaid of Kincaid Industries, Inc., says from his standpoint, Verge is simple to install, which minimizes time and costs. "I like how its cantilevered design supports ADA design and discourages vandalism while promoting a clean 'Euro' no-plumbing look," he said. "Verge delivers an appealing upper-end commercial style."

Verge brightens and elevates the look of sustainable commercial restrooms

Distinguished by minimalist aesthetics and clean lines, Verge features an attractive, molded and seamless basin made from durable Evero™ Natural Quartz Surface. The only molded natural quartz material available, Evero blends the elegance of quartz with the durability of granite and the luminance of exotic and recycled materials for a beautifully sustainable restroom solution.

Easy to clean and maintain, Evero does not support microbial growth, and is stain, chemical, scratch and heat resistant. With over a dozen color selections inspired by nature, Evero is composed of a bio-based resin made of soy and corn, contains up to 70 percent recycled content, and is GREENGUARD-certified as a low-emitting material.

Available as a single user model, or in 2- or 3-user models, Verge's sleek elongated basin shape funnels water to the drain and minimizes "Verge Lavatories are an extremely popular and well-received feature of IWTG's restrooms."

Steve Simon, COO, IWTG

standing water. A hidden drain and minimalist trap cover keep plumbing completely behind the scenes.

"The restrooms in Stadium Two are among the nicest I've ever seen," says Jody James Watkins, CEO/president, Watkins Landmark Construction. "I was very impressed the first time I saw Verge sinks installed – they immediately caught my attention. Their clean and minimalist design heightens the overall experience in these highly remarkable rooms."



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