

1550 Alberni, Vancouver

Vancouver's newest landmark is the uniquely designed residential tower at 1550 Alberni. The building's modern concept and meticulous attention to detail make it a true architectural marvel. The design took its cue from nature and was shaped by the environment, all while respecting the Japanese aesthetic tradition.

Kengo Kuma, a renowned Japanese architect, is recognized for his innovative use of wood in his projects, and his Alberni tower is no exception. This is his first residential tower design in North America.

This 43-story structure was created using special curved concrete. All 188 of the town's residents feel like they're really living in harmony with nature.

The ground level features a Japanese moss garden beneath arcing arches. Included in the multipurpose complex are a wine tasting room, art gallery, music room, a fitness center on two floors, a retail space, a Japanese restaurant and a pool. Laminated glass with SentryGlas® was selected for this project on glass floor and vertical fins, for the canopy they chose Trosifol® Clear PVB.

Architect Kengo Kum

Developer: Westbank

Structural Engineer: Glotman Simpson Consulting Engineers.

Laminated Glass Supplier: Glass 3 Enterprises

Contractor: Flynn Canada

Interlayer: Trosifol® Clear PVB and SentryGlas®

LEED: Gold

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