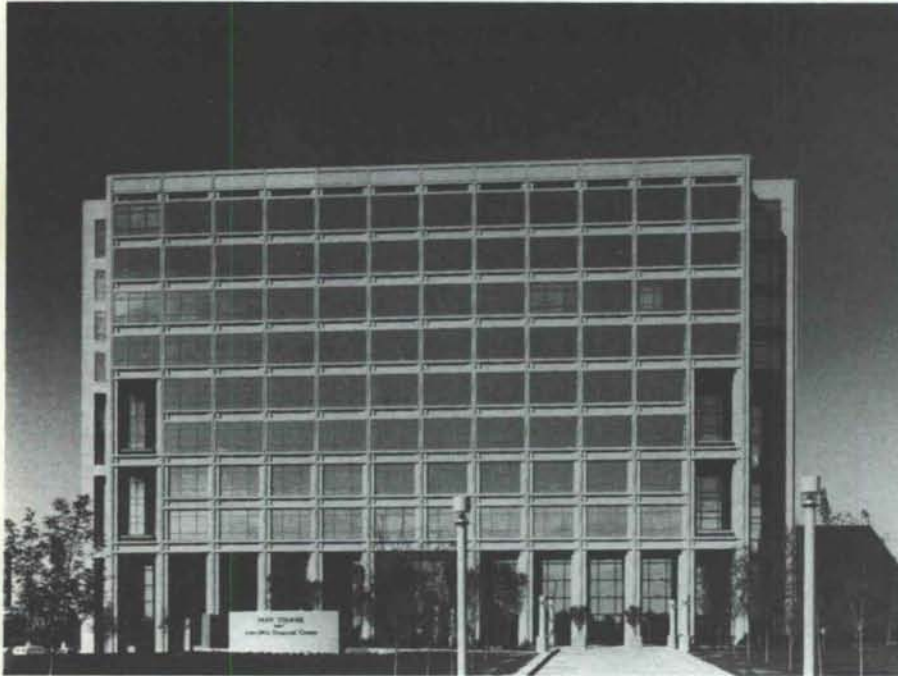


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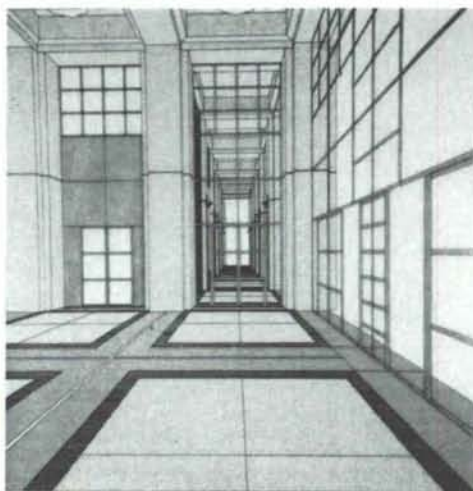
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The Ameriwest Financial Center at Park Square is a mixed-use urban development project located in the Uptown District of Albuquerque, New Mexico. Phase One of this project provides 196,800 square feet of office space, 43,000 square feet of retail space and parking for more than 400 vehicles.

The master plan for this project endeavors to create a focus for the area by knitting together, in an urban fabric, existing hotel, office, and restaurant facilities. The new center incorporates the traditions of New Mexican public space, including plazas and courtyards connected by arcades and landscaped promenades, to provide a cohesive pedestrian - oriented environment. To free additional space for courtyards and landscaping, the majority of parking is housed within a five-level parking structure. The visual impact of this structure is minimized by integrating portions of the retail structure at grade level.

The project addresses many traditional design elements of New Mexico to give it its regional character. The buildings are clad with precast granite aggregate in a color similar to the local sandstone. The blue-green color used in detailing the building is reminiscent of that used for window framing in historic New Mexican architecture. Trees are used to provide shaded walks and to provide spatial definitions as they are in New Mexico's oldest public spaces. Wood lattices are provided as canopies for pedestrian arcades. Stone, in the form of exposed concrete aggregate, is used extensively for pedestrian walkways.



Jury Notes

"Selectivity of the geometry in two dimensions...elegant attention to proportion, scale and detail...A limitation of materials yet the palette is luxe...Site composition convincing - a single statement of place, set into that ridiculous surround of un-explainable meander, Uptown Albuquerque."



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