

FIRM OVERVIEW

Founded in 1977, Pelli Clarke Pelli Architects has earned a reputation for designing buildings that express the core values of our clients. We have designed many of the world's most recognizable buildings, including the World Financial Center in New York, the Petronas Towers in Malaysia, and the International Finance Centre in Hong Kong. Our award-winning portfolio includes retail and mixed-use projects, academic buildings, libraries, museums, research centers, residences and master plans, and we have served private clients, businesses, institutions and government agencies. Our work reflects the belief that a firm must not be constrained by a signature style. Rather, great design arises from sincere collaboration with a client and a deep respect for a project's environmental, economic and social contexts.

Pelli Clarke Pelli has been a leader in environmentally sustainable design for over a decade. Our designs included sustainable strategies even before the U.S. Green Building Council established its Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) program and our work includes the country's first residential tower to achieve LEED Platinum, the program's highest rating. Our vision of sustainability extends beyond the technical concerns of reducing a building's energy consumption. To be truly sustainable, a design must address the economic and cultural factors that make a project successful long into the future.

Pelli Clarke Pelli structures its practice to realize the highest standard of design and service. We carefully limit the number of commissions we accept, allowing Senior Principals Cesar Pelli, Fred Clarke and Rafael Pelli to be fully engaged in every project. Further, we organize the firm into small studios, assuring that a consistent team of architects is dedicated to a project from planning through construction. We have built strong relationships with the world's best technical consultants, and we continually integrate the most effective design and communication technologies into our practice. Our experience has taught us that achieving excellence in design is only possible when the technical, budgetary, and schedule constraints of a project are clearly recognized and skillfully managed.

Pelli Clarke Pelli designs buildings that are contemporary, broadly resonant and optimistic. We see architecture as a continually evolving art that can express the aspirations of our shared culture. In our designs, we draw on architecture's rich history, on evolving technologies, and on the partnerships we build with our clients. We have been honored with critical acclaim and hundreds of design awards, including the American Institute of Architects' most prestigious honor for an architectural practice, the Firm Award. In 1995, the American Institute of Architects awarded Cesar Pelli the Gold Medal, its highest honor for an individual. In 2004, the firm was awarded the Aga Khan Award for Architecture for the Petronas Towers.

