

Chapter Design Award in Architecture

VITA Tysons

Tysons, VA

Shalom Baranes Associates**Interior Design Consultants:** Cecconi Simone**Landscape Architects:** Rhodeside & Harwell**Structural Engineers:** Cardno**MEP Engineers:** WSP**General Contractor:** Donohoe Construction Company

The VITA Tysons project, another project by **Shalom Baranes Associates**, is a 512,000-square-foot, 429-unit apartment tower located at 7902 Tysons One Place in Tysons, Virginia, almost directly across from the Tysons Corner Metro Station. The 30-floor structure—the first phase of a master plan developed to promote a more walkable and sustainable hub—is currently the tallest building in the vicinity. It is part of a mixed-use development that also includes a hotel and an office tower connected to Tysons Corner Center.

The building's plan, with two primary bends, responds to the project's somewhat irregularly shaped site. "An important design goal was to create a building profile and image from distant views that would enhance the skyline for motorists and transit riders on [Metro's] Silver Line," the firm said. "The form developed from a traditional shaped diagram provided in the master plan. Bending the shape in the east and west corners significantly improved light and views in the apartments. Pinching and shaping of the east edges created view separation and added privacy between the apartments and neighboring office building. The corridors of the residential levels are offset, providing a more intimate floor plate of two shorter wings." The project "has been recognized for setting a new tone as neighboring communities begin their own architectural transformations in response to growth along the expanding Silver Line."

The building was previously covered in the Spring 2016 issue of ARCHITECTUREDC.



Lobby of VITA Tysons.

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