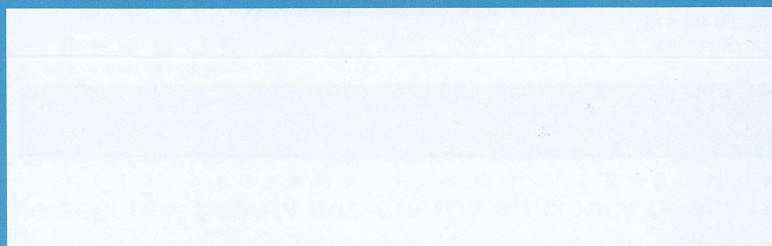


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Touzet Studio's three-story, 21,592-square foot building in Miami's design district will be completed by summer 2015.



Touzet Studio, Miami, has designed a new commercial building in the Miami Design District that will serve as a gateway to the neighborhood. The client is a boutique real estate brokerage firm.

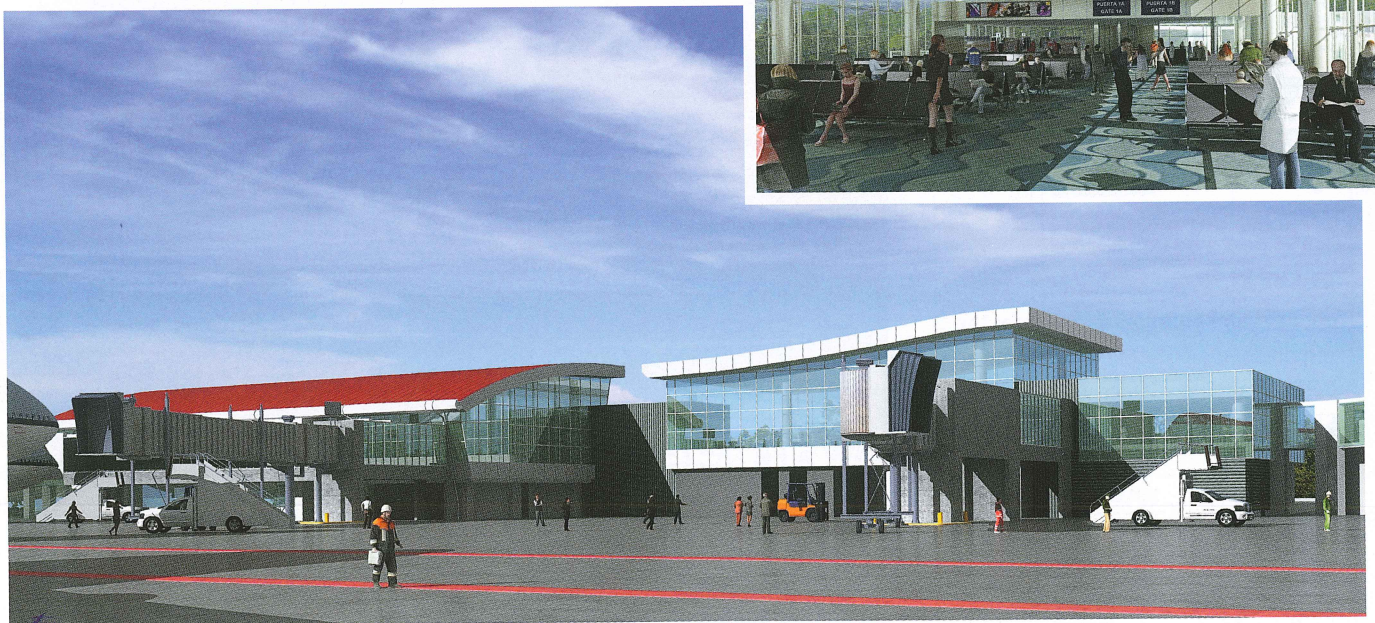
While the street where the building is sited is a study in contrasts, this building will be dark and rounded at street level to visually contrast with the sleekness of the rectilinear shape of its upper floors. The building's materiality is made interesting through the use of architectural concrete, embossed metal and glass. A paved urban courtyard leads to a rooftop garden that offers views of downtown Miami and the Atlantic Ocean.

The building's commercial use contrasts with the floating bar façade at the top of the structure that was designed to serve as a three-dimensional canvas for projecting digital art installations. The massing was deliberately kept simple so that the floating bar façade could take on different personalities, playing with simple concrete and light and not relying on complicated metal skins or glass.

Reynolds, Smith and Hills (RS&H), Jacksonville, is serving as program manager for the expansion of the Juan Santamaria Airport in San Jose, Costa Rica. The expansion will add five gates in two phases, increasing from 10 to 15 gates to accommodate a 20 percent passenger increase. The first phase, the east expansion, will add two gates and the west expansion will add three more by the end of 2015.

According to RS&H architect Denis Iskra, the design of the terminal will be consistent with indigenous local architecture. In addition to program management, RS&H is providing program development, terminal concept planning, specialized

engineering support, LEED and green specialties and security/access control design. Along with its Costa Rica-based partners, Ingenieria Sismo-Resistente, S.A. and Rojas Arquitectos, S.A., RS&H has worked to create efficiency in the new design to reduce energy and resource consumption while creating a pleasant experience for travelers. ■



Interior and exterior renderings of the Phase 1 east expansion, courtesy of Reynolds, Smith and Hills.