

MaRS architectural design studio recognized for two commercial projects

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MaRS, Mayfield and Ragni Studio has been recognized by AIA Houston for its work on two diverse commercial projects that draw on a mid-century design with a modern aesthetic.

The Houston-based interior architecture studio, which was founded by Kelie Mayfield and Erick Ragni, earned two 2019 AIA Houston Design Awards. The awards were announced at a ceremony at Emancipation Park last week.

MaRS received a 'Renovation/Restoration' award for transforming a set of 1960s buildings on Mercer in the Greenway Plaza area into a modern headquarters for Gulf Coast Pavers. The project incorporated original brick, orange clay tile, raw concrete and terrazzo flooring materials with new glazing complementary wood, steel and felt.

Houston-based Gulf Coast Pavers designs and installs interlocking pavers, permeable paver systems, roof deck paver systems, retaining walls and synthetic turf.

The firm won an 'Interior Architecture' award for creating a sophisticated space with bright whites, large scale furnishings and a rotating art collection at Dancie Perugini Ware Public Relations office in the Post Oak Hotel at Uptown Houston.

The 14,000-square-foot, never before occupied office with floor-to-ceiling windows incorporated personalized touches such as custom wall coverings and custom printed tiles with news clippings of Dancie Ware's clients. Her roster of clients includes high-profile companies such as Simon Property Group, H-E-B, Fertitta Entertainment, Landry's and Hines.

MaRS' portfolio includes hotels, apartments, corporate offices, retail and restaurant spaces and residences.

The [AIA Houston Design awards recognize](#) design excellence across in architecture, residential architecture, restoration/renovation and urban design for projects in the Houston area. Other winners and categories include:

- Ponce Woodfill Architecture, Spec House (Conceptual)
- Patel, Kweton, Takahashi, Mobius (Divine Detail)
- Michael Maltzan Architecture, Moody Center for the Arts (Architecture Greater Than 50,000 SF)
- MC2 Architects, Greater Houston Pediatric Dentistry (Interior Architecture)
- Content Architecture, Paloma Heights (Interior Architecture)
- Kirksey Architecture, Motiva Reception & Conference Center (Interior Architecture)
- Michael Hsu Office of Architecture, Heights Mercantile (Architecture Less Than 50,000 SF)
- Gensler, Del Mar Community College South Campus (On The Boards)
- Content Architecture, Greenbriar Residence (Residential Architecture)
- Reid Architects, The Simple Residence (Residential Architecture)
- Brett Zamore Design, Arlington Pool House (Residential Architecture)
- Kinneymorrow Architecture, East 24th Street Houses (Residential Architecture)
- Content Architecture, Kipling Residence (Residential Architecture)
- EYP Architecture & Engineering, GRB Convention Center Expansion/Renovation + Avenida Houston (Renovation/Restoration)
- Lake|Flato Architects, Vibrant (Renovation/Restoration)