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Unique Kumho Tire USA Distribution Facility Designed by Wakefield Beasley & Associates Wins Major National Award



ATLANTA, Ga. - The 410,500-square foot Kumho Tire USA office and distribution facility in McDonough, Ga. designed by Wakefield Beasley & Associates Architects in Atlanta won a major national award recently.

Sasha Vinitsky, Principal, director of the office/industrial studio for Wakefield Beasley & Associates, said the building won the 2008 Tilt-Up Achievement Award from the Tilt-Up Association, a major U.S. trade association of construction contractors, during the World of Concrete convention and trade show recently.

Award projects were reviewed by a panel of judges based on aesthetic expression, schedule, size, originality, finishes, and special conditions, this year's judges also placed an increased emphasis on the characteristics of the projects that would attract and hold the interest of architects and building owners, Vinitsky said.

The build-to-suit facility---which includes 3,500 square feet of executive office space---was designed to emulate Kumho Tire USA's new logo, which features a wing motif.

General contractor Panattoni Construction cast and set the massive entry panels on an angle, using steel embeds welded to both the footing and the panels to hold them in place, Vinitsky said.

The building's corner entry is crowned by two 103,000-pound panels that meet in a "V," and open spaces are filled with reflective blue glass. The cool tone of the colors chosen for the panels offsets the building's red wing-like light fixture.

An aluminum awning completes the unorthodox entry design, which has already earned landmark status in the city of McDonough, thanks to its architecturally arresting features," Vinitsky said.