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## INTEGRA HOSPITAL - PLANO GRAND OPENING

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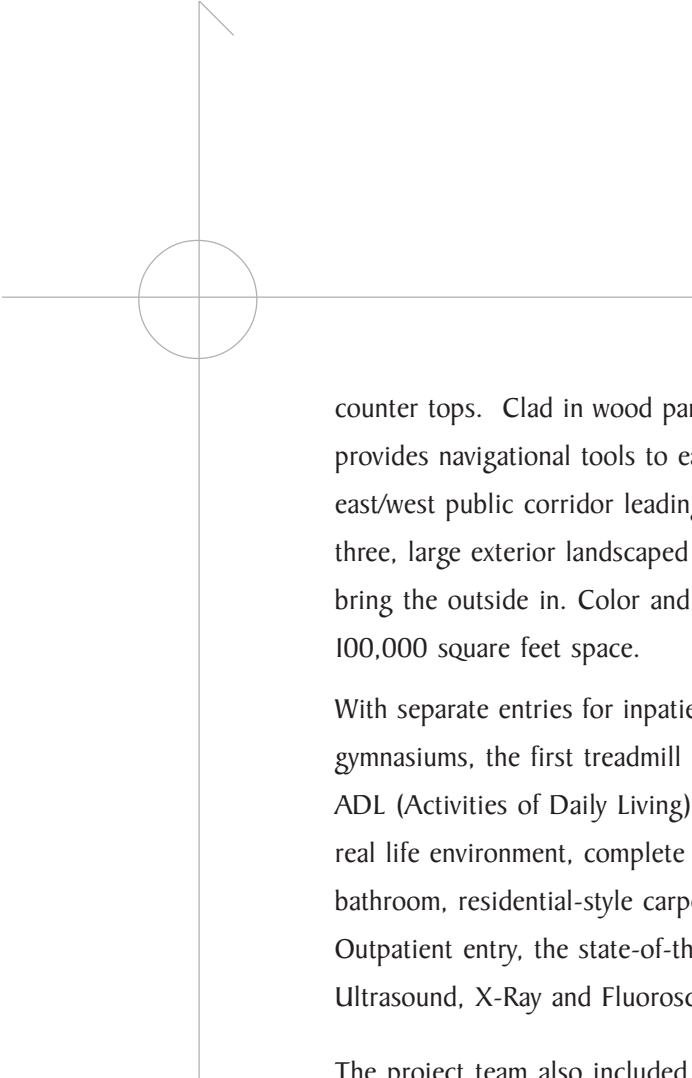
The demand for rehabilitation and skilled nursing facilities is increasing, John Gavras, President and CEO of the Dallas-Fort Worth Hospital Council, told the *Dallas Business Journal*. "They (Integra Hospital Plano) have taken it ... to another level of being able to take care of some critical-care patients."

Azimuth : Architecture, Inc.'s worked with Integra to design a facility that combined the desire for a space that stimulates its users and one that fosters rehabilitation (to restore one to good health and functioning ability). The designers capitalized on the latest healthcare models and products while remaining anchored to timeless practices. "We have built a delivery model built on "excellence", that embodies superior care, delivered with hotel type service, and a specialized customer relations focus." said Dorothy Elford President & CEO Integra Hospital Plano.

The initial site for the Plano hospital consisted of a shell building originally built as a call center, but was never used for that purpose. With vision and creative design, Azimuth : Architecture repurposed the structure into a 72-bed rehabilitation hospital. The first step was to let in the light. Openings were cut into the structure to accommodate three interior courtyards—a public, outdoor dining area; a landscaped, zen meditation area with water feature; and a rehabilitation courtyard with varied patient exercise surfaces built into a serene atmosphere. These openings also created exterior light through windows for the 60 rehabilitation private patient rooms and the 12 Skilled Nursing Unit private patient rooms.

Azimuth sought to recapture the 'hospitable' part of a 'hospital' by introducing residential concepts in the patient rooms and 'living' areas. The rotunda waiting area, located directly off the hospital entrance, is open and light with its impressive, 18-foot lighted dome and granite

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counter tops. Clad in wood panels, the rotunda serves as the facility's core hinge and provides navigational tools to each destination. The wood panels wrap through the main east/west public corridor leading visitors to an upscale dining facility and one of the three, large exterior landscaped courtyards. Color schemes play off nature's palette and bring the outside in. Color and spatial landmarking guide visitors through the nearly 100,000 square feet space.

With separate entries for inpatient and outpatient care, patients have access to two large gymnasiums, the first treadmill therapy pool of this size in the city, as well as a special ADL (Activities of Daily Living) apartment allowing patients to practice home skills in a real life environment, complete with a fully equipped kitchen, separate bedroom, bathroom, residential-style carpeting, and living area. Adjacent and accessible to the Outpatient entry, the state-of-the-art, diagnostic imaging center provides MRI, CT, Ultrasound, X-Ray and Fluoroscopy to benchmark and track patient progress.

The project team also included Austin Commercial (General Contractor), KRG Civil Engineering, Piazza Engineering, Inc. (MEP Engineering), AG&E Associates (Structural Engineering), Studio Tincup (Landscape Architecture, Dan Lee & Associates (Interior Design / Furniture), Lone Star Communications, Inc. (Telecommunications), and Crupko Design Studio (Dietary Consultant).

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