



## DESIGN EXCELLENCE AWARDS 2010

# DISTINGUISHED BUILDING AWARDS

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## 235 Van Buren | Chicago

**Architect:** Perkins+Will

**Client:** CMK Development Corporation

**Contractor:** Bovis Lend Lease

**Consultants:** Tylk Gustafson Reckers Wilson Andrews, LLC (structural engineer); Cosentini Associates, Inc. (MEP); Terra Engineering, Ltd. (landscaping)



The seemingly random pattern of the balconies on 235 Van Buren's south side has a kinetic attitude that reflects the movement and energy of the highway it overlooks. That choice, jurors agreed, "was risky." Should a high-rise residential building advertise with its architecture that its near neighbor is a noisy roadway? The jurors felt that the architect resolved that risk by making the reference so handsomely. Its exterior opacity also impressed, because it is the counterpoint to the interior's translucence. "That difference is very nice," one said, while another added that is "something that tells you the architect was really pushing limits here."