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UNLV Thomas & Mack Center

Location: Las Vegas, NV

Market: Sports & Entertainment

Quantity: 62,000 sq ft

Architect: Klai Juba Wald Architects

Flooring Used: Fritztile Vibrant Pearl Collection: Graphite | Fritztile Legacy Collection: Mother of Pearl Black | Fritztile Customs: 10-15-14-P





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Left with a very limited budget for architectural and aesthetic improvements, UNLV Thomas & Mack Center in Las Vegas, Nevada was in need of a durable and stylish floor to help complete renovations of the 33-year-old sporting arena.

The UNLV Thomas & Mack Center is located on the campus of the University of Nevada and home of the UNLV Runnin' Rebels basketball team of the Mountain West Conference. The multipurpose entertainment venue opened its doors in 1983 and 33 years later has undergone a multi-million dollar renovation. Renovations include updating the existing building systems; plumbing, electrical, HVAC, IT as well as architectural and aesthetic improvements. The facility will not only renovate, but will transform to include a 36,000 square foot observation deck overlooking the Las Vegas Strip.

Klai Juba Wald Architects was selected to modernize the facility. The budget was set early in the project leaving them a very limited budget forcing them to use the most durable and cost effective materials. Gary Cawn, Architect at Klai Juba Wald Architects commented, "By careful planning and design, we were able to incorporate a number of design elements into the project so that both the owner and the patrons using the Thomas & Mack Center will be able to appreciate the upgrades to the building."

62,000 square feet of Fritztile Vibrant Pearl, Legacy and Custom Collections were specified for the bathrooms and main concourse of the facility. By using Fritztile's new Vibrant Pearl Collection, the flexible terrazzo tile combine stone chips with mother of pearl reducing the visibility of seams. The reflective quality of the mother of pearl distracts the eye, resulting in a floor that looks continuously poured and hides any dirt and imperfections. Combine the beauty of mother of pearl with all the benefits of Fritztile (acoustical performance, durability and a 20 year commercial warranty) and you have the perfect solution for a high traffic area where low-maintenance needs are demanded.

This iconic arena now has public areas that look new and renovated. Much of the tired 33-year-old design is updated with new materials including Fritztile Terrazzo Tile throughout the facility, all within the overall project budget.