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See the Milwaukee Business Journal's 2023 Real Estate Award winners

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Image by Matt Haesly

New Land Enterprise's 25-story mass timber Ascent in downtown Milwaukee, the \$62 million renovation of the Milwaukee Athletic Club and Komatsu Mining's new \$285 million campus on a brownfield site in Milwaukee's Harbor District are among the winners of the Milwaukee Business Journal's 2023 Real Estate Awards.

In all, 17 projects in southeastern Wisconsin were chosen to be honored. Others include Zizzo Group's new Walker's Point headquarters, Milwaukee's \$66 million Community Within the Corridor affordable housing and community development, the 3rd St. Market Hall and Marquette University's new \$60 million Dr. E. J. and Margaret O'Brien Hall, which houses its new College of Business Administration facility.

We had a strong nomination pool to pick from again this year, with more than 45 projects submitted for consideration for our popular Real Estate Awards program. These awards focus on the best real estate deals and projects completed in 2022, with judges looking strongly at community impact and project success. Projects included are within Milwaukee, Kenosha, Ozaukee, Racine, Walworth, Washington and Waukesha counties.

The winners were selected by a panel of judges, of which I led, and included Ivan Gamboa of Tri-City National Bank; retired United Community Center executive director and former DCD commissioner

Ricardo Diaz; Deborah Tomczyk, a real estate partner at Reinhart Boerner Van Deuren sc; and Anthony Pennington-Cross, the Robert B. Bell Sr. chair of real estate at Marquette University.

We plan to honor all of our 17 winners, revealing first place and honorable mention winners at an awards event on May 17 at the Bradley Symphony Center, which is the home of the Milwaukee Symphony Orchestra, on West Wisconsin Avenue in downtown Milwaukee.. We also will reveal the 2023 Project of the Year at that event. The Bradley Symphony Center was our 2022 Project of the Year.

We will profile each of these important projects in our May 19 issue. Below is a complete list of winners. First place and honorable mention designations will be revealed in the special section and announced at the awards event.

Which one is your Project of the Year? Let me know at mkass@bizjournals.com or on Twitter at [@markkassmbj](https://twitter.com/markkassmbj).

2023 REAL ESTATE AWARD WINNERS

3rd Street Market Hall

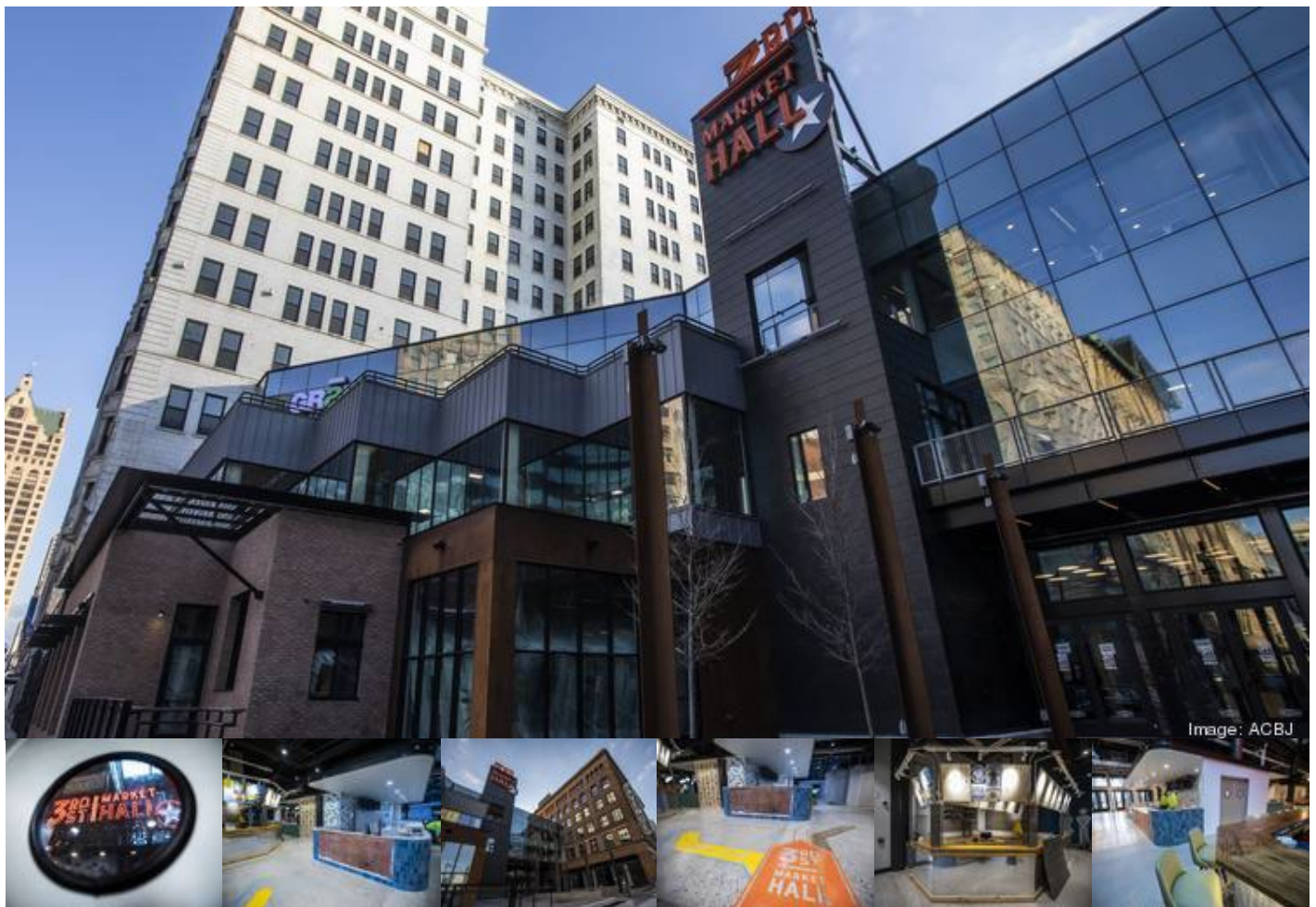


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The downtown Milwaukee project held a grand opening in early 2022.

Ascent MKE completes top half



Image: ACBJ

The Ascent gained occupancy permits and started move-ins for its upper half on Aug. 31, 2022.

- Associated Bank River Center
- Community Within the Corridor
- Belle City Square - The William
- Foxtown Brewing, Downtown Dog Park
- Greenlink Residences + Public House 55
- Historic Grafton State Bank restoration
- Komatsu Mining Corp. South Harbor Campus Manufacturing Facility

First look inside Komatsu Mining facility in Milwaukee's Harbor District



Image: Hunzinger Construction



Komatsu Mining's \$285 million office and plant complex in Milwaukee's Harbor District.

First look: Marquette University opens Dr. E. J. and Margaret O'Brien Hall



Image: ACBJ



The facility houses the College of Business Administration.

First look at \$62M renovation of the Milwaukee Athletic Club



Image: ACBJ

The Milwaukee Athletic Club offered a preview to members Friday of its \$62 million renovation.

- Housing Authority of the City of Milwaukee Westlawn phases
- Milwaukee School of Engineering - University Terrace
- R1VER

First look at Michel's R1ver project in Harbor District: Slideshow



The R1ver development is along the Kinnickinnic River in Milwaukee's Harbor District.

- Rite-Hite Global Headquarters
- Ronald McDonald House Charities
- Zizzo Group office

First look at Zizzo Group's new Walker's Point headquarters



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Zizzo Group Engagement Marketing renovated the historic Brass Light Gallery Building in the Walker's Point neighborhood for its headquarters.