

SIMONS PARK ROYAL - WEST VANCOUVER

Platinum Millwork

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Scope of Work

Platinum's work consisted of a paneled ceiling that used 90 sheets of Baltic birch and 1500 exposed fasteners. An additional 400 sheets were used to finish furring the walls and wall paneling with an integrated display rail system. Change rooms were also paneled with Baltic birch and a decorative lightweight concrete board. 3,000 square feet of a custom made white oak engineered flooring was used to clad the perimeter of the DJAB department and the Simons storefront. Platinum also provided the store fixtures, metalwork, acrylic, glazing and stone within the DJAB department.

From Start to Finish

The project took 4 months from being awarded to completion.

Why This Project?

We chose this project because we liked the design and found it rewarding to work with the amount of wood and other materials that were part of the job. This project also helped demonstrate the versatility and dedication of the Platinum team and their ability to execute successfully in a short time frame.

Challenges

There were many challenges in this project, but one in particular will not be forgotten. The approval of the hardwood floor sample that

would be used to clad the exterior of the DJAB department came more than 2½ months into the project. This left very little time to get the product manufactured and installed. Simon's employees were scheduled to start loading the store shelves on September 28th and the product arrived on site September 22nd, leaving a short 7 days to install the planks onto the walls and complete our project. We felt the pressure at that point but were confident we could complete. Then we were told, 2 days before the hardwood arrived, that we were no longer permitted to cut inside the store and all cuts must be made outside of the building. We are nothing if not flexible, so when the product arrived we set up outside the building in the parking lot. After the first day the site supervisor came to me and said, "Vic, you are going to be upset, but I received a complaint and you can no longer cut outside." At first I thought he was joking and just messing with me and then found, to my shock and frustration, that he was serious. To make a long story short, we had a good laugh and came to a solution where we were able to cut inside the building in a sealed tent and lots of dust extraction, allowing us to finish the job on schedule.

We want to give a special thanks to everyone involved with this project: the architects, the design team, the construction managers and our employees. It truly was a team effort.

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