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Hospitality design is about more than just a space. ISG's bold, yet enticing designs draw people in—inspiring them to gather, celebrate and enjoy. They're the spark that ignites lasting memories. It is ISG's goal when it comes to dining, entertainment and lodging to go above the stereotypical and surpass the consumer's expectations. Our multi-disciplinary team of experts use specialized skills in planning and design to create flexible spaces that accommodate the needs of consumers and personnel, culturally fit and complement the physical surroundings all while addressing both maintenance costs and building performance.

Our vast list of clientele is represented by hotels and restaurants, national chains and independents, who are experiencing the bottom-line success of dynamic indoor and outdoor environments—the result of our team's expertise, vision and responsive project approach.



TANDEM BAGELS

Mankato, MN

The mission: to make quality, soulful food in an inviting setting while leaving a small carbon footprint through eco-friendly serving materials, high efficiency lighting and bike racks. This remodel included opening up the entire front facade creating a large storefront and saturating a previously dark space with natural light. During exterior demolition, a window was discovered within the kitchen area and the entrance. It was integrated into the design and privacy was maintained by sandblasting the Tandem Bagel logo onto the glazing. The restaurant is welcoming and provides open views of the City Center.



CHANKASKA CREEK RANCH AND WINERY

Kasota, MN

ISG was keenly involved in the master planning, design and engineering of this 15-acre ranch and winery positioned on a hill and surrounded by a forest, farm site and the meandering Chankaska Creek. The two-story, 7,500 square foot building features a tasting and retail room, as well as a kitchen with a mosaic wood fired pizza oven. The lower level houses the production area, containing wine presses, fermentation tanks, lab facilities and the cooperage—an underground barrel storage area. The ranch includes a 10-acre vineyard, trail system, amphitheater and indoor/outdoor event spaces. Multiple bridge paths over the creek create scenic connections to enchanting outdoor venues. Recent updates to the facility include a distillery for the production of fine distilled spirits.



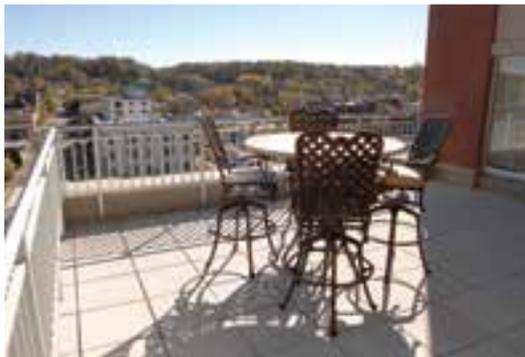
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HILTON GARDEN INN

Mankato, MN

This hotel is rejuvenating downtown development and also serves as a catalyst for additional growth and expansion in the area. Conveniently located between the civic center and the Intergovernmental Center (IGC), this nine-story, 118 room, upscale hotel is a prominent feature of the city skyline. With 2,344 square feet of event facilities, the hotel also connects to the Verizon Wireless Civic Center, the IGC and an existing parking ramp via two skyways. The hotel's exterior includes a combination of stone, metal and brick with an exterior insulation finish system on the upper floors that is one of the most energy efficient wall cladding used in construction today.



OLIVES BY MASSAD'S

Mankato, MN

With a vision to be a restaurant of bold flavors, Olives was designed to provide an unforgettable dining experience with equally bold design elements including dark woods, rich colors and textiles. The interior reflects not only its mission, but the menu of classical Mediterranean and American cooking with a slight European flair.

The custom lighting fixtures—reminiscent of Mediterranean canopies—are made from imported Israeli silk and are visible to passersby through the many windows along the street. By design, the seating is a balanced mix of private booths and views into the open kitchen. Located in a Hilton Garden Inn, the restaurant is scaled to create an intimate evening dining experience for the public and hotel guests alike.



YUM! BRANDS

Various National Locations

This brand includes iconic restaurants such as Kentucky Fried Chicken, Taco Bell and Pizza Hut. Franchise facilities are located throughout the United States. The goal for the prototype restaurants is to create an efficient space for maximum work flow that results in high quality and consistent product, shorter production time and lower overall costs. Remodel challenges include adapting prescriptive elements onto a variety of building types to maintain a consistent look between all facilities. Developing creative structural solutions for the facade framing to maintain consistency has allowed for a faster construction process so renovations can be completed in four weeks or less.



PUB 500

Mankato, MN

This new construction restaurant/bar is located amongst historic buildings dating back to the mid-1800s. To blend with the existing buildings, designers used two brick colors to make the restaurant appear to have been two buildings, both on the interior and exterior. Corbelled cornices, arches, keystones and brick columns were used to blend in with the architectural style of the streetscape. The interior features expansive windows, a large 360-degree bar, elevated dining area, gaming space and a copper covered fireplace with lounge. Durable and timeless furniture make the new building feel like an old-world pub. Outside, the patio seating surrounding a fireplace is perfect for bringing the dining experience out into the streetscape.



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HOLIDAY INN EXPRESS

Mankato, MN

A comprehensive, team approach between the owner, Intercontinental Hotels Group, the City of Mankato and the ISG design team provided for a project that started with a boundary survey and tree management plan and extended through bidding and construction administration. The resulting five-story hotel features 88 guest rooms, 24-hour business center, two meeting rooms, a 24-hour fitness center, indoor swimming pool, wading pool and whirlpool. Reduced operational costs and added guest comfort were the goal in installing a Pool Dehumidifier using Reactivation Technology instead of refrigeration, providing more accurate humidity control and a higher reduction in energy consumption. In addition, Energy Recovery Units provide guest rooms with fresher air, while improving efficiencies in ventilation and exhaust systems resulting in a 70% reduction in energy consumption.



NUMBER 4 AMERICAN BAR AND KITCHEN

Mankato, MN

Located in a historic Art Deco building in downtown Mankato, Number 4 was designed to be an upscale, casual restaurant and bar that is authentic to the original building. This modern version of a retro supper club inspires a 1950's era charm that includes rounded leather booths, red velvet curtains, pendant light fixtures and stainless steel tiles on the fireplace and amber sconces. This environment is connected to the downtown streets through a wall of windows that dually reflects activity both inside and out. ISG's design helped the client's dream for historic and lively become a reality.



MASSAD'S MEDITERRANEAN GRILLE

Mankato, MN

This fresh concept restaurant's design begins with a tree silhouette on the entry wall which is intertwined with culinary graphics and wording influenced by the family culture of this locall-owned restaurant. The concept is extended into the restaurant's colors that include a leafy, spring green, aqua-blue sky hue and warm wood tones. Stainless steel appliances provide a bright and clean feel to the restaurant. Light fixtures mimic the shape of a traditional Schwarma pit—featured in all true Mediterranean restaurants—which is part of the Massad's logo.

An outdoor dining area extends the Mediterranean café concept to the streetscape located adjacent to the Minnesota State University, Mankato campus. This prototype restaurant will serve as a model for future plans to expand into the franchise industry.



STARBUCKS

Mankato, MN

This worldwide coffee chain enlisted the expertise of ISG to design a new building that complied with the City of Mankato's Commercial Gateway District and Urban Design Guidelines. The requirements were met by using cultured stone, cement fiber panels, limited EIFS and additional glazing than what is generally used at a Starbucks. This Starbucks is one of two new buildings on an existing retail campus site that includes the remodel of an existing anchor building. All are designed to have a complementary image and share the same material and color palette. As a result, the new Starbucks maintains the signature brand image while also fitting in with the local design requirements of this busy retail center.



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PIZZA RANCH

Various National Locations

With multiple locations in several states, design services are continually required for both renovations and new construction for this growing franchise. To maintain brand consistency and control construction costs in stores across the country, ISG prepared a prototype design for the restaurant. Despite changes in both materials and construction methods, the modified prototype reduces construction expenses while allowing for creative uses of materials and a refreshed facade to the restaurants. ISG's assistance with pre-design services during the site selection process and coordination with vendors including beverage and kitchen equipment suppliers, allows this growing restaurant chain to expand while maintaining a consistent presence throughout the region.



BLUE BRICKS

Mankato, MN

Located in a historic building in downtown Mankato, Blue Bricks is a full-service restaurant and bar with high ceilings, wood floors, rustic yet modern decor and original brick walls that boasts a comfortable atmosphere.

Due to business volume, the owners worked with ISG to renovate and expand the existing space tripling the size of the business. This renewed space has taken advantage of greater exposure along the City Center Entertainment District including a large exterior dining area. The main bar along the entrance wall serves most of the space, while a new satellite bar offers service for private parties and larger crowds. Large windows provide natural light into the space and accentuate the historic design elements.



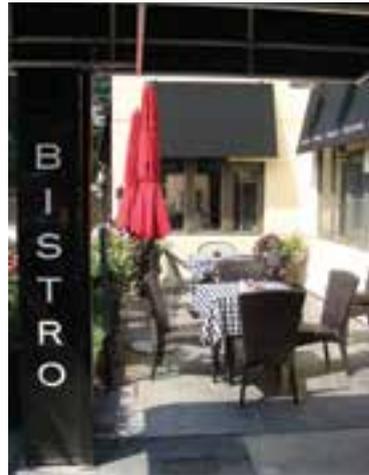


NEIGHBOR'S ITALIAN BISTRO

Mankato, MN

This classic neighborhood Italian restaurant is a locally-owned fixture within the community. As part of the City of Mankato's Storefront Revitalization Program, ISG designed a refreshing new facade for this unique corner-lot building to give it a bold street presence.

The updated exterior features new EIFS wall panels providing a more contemporary style with striking black awnings that contrast with the neutral color palette of the walls. Adjacent to the entry is a trellis covered alfresco dining area surrounded with decorative iron fencing, lush potted plants, bright flowers and an herb garden.



MANKATO GOLF CLUB INTERIOR RENOVATION

Mankato, MN

In a long standing relationship, ISG has provided a variety of services to further enhance both the grounds and facilities—both interior and exterior—at the Mankato Golf Club.

Recently, the club house bar and dining areas were modernized with an interior renovation and cosmetic updates. Clean lines and a contemporary style are showcased with rich, dark-brown tones in the bar, trim and furniture that contrasts well with soft, cream colored fabrics and carpet. Alternating espresso and ecru colored beams and posts highlight the expansive vaulted ceiling. Natural light from the wall of windows—that frame the stunning golf course views—permeates the space.



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RASMUSSEN COLLEGE STUDENT GATHERING AREAS

Various Locations

Student gathering and dining areas provide the study and social interaction settings that Rasmussen College aims to provide as part of the learning process. Each campus is designed with public spaces located around the main entrance with windows and views to connect the entry with the media and resource spaces. These options are even extended outdoors with shaded seating areas. Vending machine offerings, counter seating, booths and dining tables allow students to eat and work in a comfortable environment. These spaces are designed with bright colors, glass walls and multiple seating arrangements to foster group/individual study options and to be places for social and academic conversation.

With campuses located throughout the Midwest and Florida, each facility is inspired by its local culture, environment and architecture. From urban to rural settings, to Caribbean and Native American influences, each have found a place among these distinct campus locations through the use of building materials, colors and interior design elements.

CENTENNIAL STUDENT UNION MINNESOTA STATE UNIVERSITY, MANKATO

Mankato, MN

A major renovation to the food preparation and dining areas of the student union provides patrons with an expanded selection of dining choices, seating areas and gathering spaces. The updated interior includes improved lighting, furniture and flooring—providing for a vibrant flow throughout the many seating options ranging from cozy booths, to counter height tables and more casual bench seating.

ISG and our planning partner, MHTN Architects, provided a design plan that allowed for ongoing operation during construction, which provided patrons with a consistent dining routine. Behind the scenes, food preparation areas were upgraded to enhance work flow and efficiency while also updating equipment.



MOM & POP'S

Mankato, MN

A City of Mankato Storefront Revitalization Program encouraging building owners to renovate and restore buildings in its historic districts spurred the renovation of this property. The owners asked ISG to design an expansion to the building, renovate the interior and create a patio area behind the building. The storefront was completely rebuilt with new brick archways and windows. The former upper level apartment was removed to create an expansive two story interior space with seating and serving areas. The roof was replaced with a standing seam metal roof—for low maintenance—that blends the building among the nearby historic structures. A large, inviting patio, pergola and multiple seating areas were added to what was once a parking lot.

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