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Carrera Arquitectos leaves its mark of excellence on every project

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Commitment to a client's vision and a top-notch team of professionals has the Carrera Arquitectos firm at the forefront of innovative design, excelling in all types of facilities' consulting, architectural design, sustainable design, specifications and construction administration.

"At Carrera Arquitectos, we stay up-to-date and implement the latest in emerging designs and technologies by continually investing in our architects' continuing education and integrating the latest design tools," said Edelberto Carrera, founder & president of Carrera Arquitectos. "We aim not only to respond to trends but to also stay ahead of the curve to offer our clients the absolute best in architecture and interior design, with creative design solutions that create the maximum visual and functional impact with smaller budgets."

Carrera Arquitectos traces its history to 1982, when Carrera established E. Carrera & Associates. As the firm expanded its client base, it was incorporated in 2000 as Carrera



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Arquitectos PSC. Since then, the company has continued to provide consistent, exceptional design services to its clients.

Located in Guaynabo, Carrera Arquitectos has worked extensively in the mixed-use, office and retail sectors, designing shopping malls, retail stores and other areas, such as housing and institutions.

"Throughout our long history of designing successful projects, we have counted on a decade of clients continually turn to us for their design needs, evolving together throughout the years," Carrera said. "From raising an entire food court, from ground level to the second floor, in an existing mall, to re-designing a project's creative vision through design and reinvention, we cover our clients' needs by providing solutions that go beyond their expectations in the areas of architecture, interior design, environmental graphics, urban planning and design, and sustainability."

Over the years, Carrera Arquitectos has successfully designed more than 200,000 square feet of office interiors, 300,000 square feet of shopping centers and over 250,000 square feet of retail space. In addition, it has an accumulation of experience in the design of institutional, warehouse, residential, industrial, educational and entertainment facilities.

"In addition to retail venues, Carrera Arquitectos has designed multiple commercial offices and mixed-use buildings, including Santander

Tower at San Patricio," Carrera said. "Santander Tower, our signature high-rise, is a 17-story mixed-use project that represents the centerpiece component of a larger urban area designed by Carrera Arquitectos."

Carefully balanced, the project incorporates two commercial office towers, complete with helipad, for banking, multinational companies and University of Phoenix's urban campus; a commercial mall with shops, restaurants and a bank branch with drive-through; and the world's largest lamp sculpture in the complex's center lobby, which was designed by internationally renowned sculpture Pablo Rubio.

"Our most recent signature project was the renovation of Plaza del Sol, where the mall's interior was remodeled and the food court was relocated from the ground floor to the second level," Carrera said. "We also are starting to design a state-of-the-art soccer stadium in Guayama, as well as multiple cinema complexes and Galaxy Lanes, which is a world-class multiuse facility designed for entertainment, and social and corporate events." ■

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