Creating 3D building models of complex geometry was never so easy

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Headquartered in Durgapur, India and with offices in Houston (USA), London (UK), Dubai (UAE) and Calolziocorte (Italy) and Zurich (Switzerland), Pinnacle Infotech is catalyzing renaissance in the construction arena with BIM services. Pinnacle facilitates more than 1035 clients in over 32 countries, across 6 continents, collaborating across time zones with global delivery centers in India, USA, UAE, UK & Italy, comprising of more than 810 in-house BIM specialists, architects & engineers.

Being a leading provider of innovative BIM services to architectural, engineering & construction industries for over 18 years, Pinnacle has successfully executed more than 4500 landmark BIM projects across industries. Some of the significant BIM projects include Kingdom Tower in Jeddah – Saudi Arabia, Dubai International Airport, Muscat Airport, Delhi International Airport (T3), New York University, Julphar Pharmaceutical Plant, Msheireb Downtown Construction (Doha), Dubai Festival City, University of California Health Longmont Hospital, Santa Ana College, Kolter Hotel in Tampa, Florida, Ambuja Patna City Center and Rosslyn Central Place, Arlington County, USA among others.

The Project–Multifamily Project, Los Angeles, USA (Mixed Use Construction)

Pinnacle created the BIM Model of a residential project in USA to create different stages of drawing set for construction. Moreover, the 3D Model is used to meet various project objectives such as 3D coordination, clash mitigation, schedule for door & room finish and visualization. The project was divided into 5 Zones (1, 2, 3, 4, 5 building) with 7 storeys over two subterranean and one mezzanine level parking areas.

Project Specialty

High Level detailing was used for the mixed use construction. Pinnacle worked with various designs of different residential apartments, where wood, metal CMU and concrete were used. Pinnacle conducted code analysis, fenestration analysis, area analysis, F.N.R. analysis and Egress to meet several project requirements at various stages.
Pinnacle generated detailed 3D BIM model for producing construction document set from Schematic Design.

BIM WORK FLOW

Project Requirement

Project Estimation

Project Management

Scheduling

Resource Allocation

Documentation

Project Check list

Delivery Schedule

Technical Specification Sheet

Client Approval

RFP Sheet

BIM WORK FLOW

QC Process

3D Modeling

RFI

RFI Response

Clash Co-ordination with Arch. & Struct.

Clash Co-ordination with Other MEP Trade

Web Meetings/On Site Meetings

Co-ordinated Model

Client Approval

Final Deliverables

Challenges & Solutions

- **Design Issue:** Design change was a huge challenge in this project. Also, several new details were required by the client to develop along with the design change.
- **Solution:** Raised RFIs and communicated to client through Webex and email for incorporating desired changes.

**Modeling Stages**

**Stage 1: Schematic Stage Modeling in LOD 200**

- Area Analysis, LA Code Analysis & basic modeling including Windows, Doors, Furniture(Generic), Ceilings, Curtain Walls, Roofing, Stairs, Rails (Generic), Elevators, Walls, Exterior Wall (Generic), Interior Wall & Wall Finishes
- Concrete Structural Models - Slabs, Foundations, Beams, Piles, Columns & Drop panels

**Stage 2: DD& CD Stage Modeling in LOD 350**

- Clash Coordination with services, Detailed modeling of furniture & Design validation using building codes, Construction details and references through model
- Clash report was shared with client in the form of RFI’s & subsequent solution was incorporated in the design

**BIM Software helped Structural Coordination in Architectural Modeling**

1. Floor plan change was found at southeast corner of Bldg 1. The building edge (used to be a trimmed edge) was pushed out for extending the cantilever end of the steel transfer beam (W36x194) on fourth floor by about 7.5’ (it was 15’, now 22.5’). A larger size steel beam was anticipated. Moreover, the framing at this corner at all floors needed to be redesigned (probably seismic design too because of increased floor areas, especially at roof deck level). The change occurred in 2017-3-16 Revit model updates.

2. BIM helped to clarify the right joist depth to be used (10” or 12” deep joist). Moreover, when 10” joist at the balcony was required, Pinnacle used tapered wood beams in lieu of notched wood beams to ensure maximum beam capacity.
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Pinnacle’s Value Addition:

- Pinnacle raised more than 20 RFIs to resolve clashes for producing accurate drawings to help the client for the project at various stages, including Window Package, LAGBL Green Plan Check Clearances, ADA Plan Check Clearances, Fire Fighting Plan Check Clearances and some Pre-bid Package.

BIM Process identified several constructability issues:

- Location, Size & Thickness of Structural Wall does not match with Architectural Wall
- Location of Structural Column does not match with Architectural Column
- Absence of Shear Wall in Architectural File
- Mismatch in Column Location between Structure & Architecture

Summary:

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**Facts at a glance:**

- **BIM Start Date:** 19th February, 2016
- **Expected BIM End Date:** April, 2017
- **Project Area:** 347,019 Sq. ft
- **Team Size:** 12 Engineers
- **Architecture & Planning:** Nadel Residential & Commercial Inc.

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