

Centurion Stone awards Manous

The Permobil exterior.



Corporation (a division of GM), Boeing Commercial Airplanes, Cracker Barrel Old Country Stores and Performance Food Groups.

The award-winning project is the Permobil, Inc. corporate, manufacturing, and warehouse facility for all North American operations. The 120,000 square-foot phase one includes a diverse program which contains a central café, employee commons area, call center, research and development lab as well as manufacturing and custom fabrication shops and other functions. The land plan anticipates the additional 100,000 square feet of mixed use and production areas. The client investment is anticipated to exceed \$12 million.

Manous Designs challenge was to create a state of the art facility for the worldwide leader in custom mobility devices for the disabled. This new facility had to reflect the owner's commitment to people and to the environment. A litany of "green building" ideas were carefully examined as a 60 KW solar array being incorporated into design of the project.

Manous Design provided land planning studies and site evaluation studies for five potential sites. Manous Design also provided comprehensive



John T. Baugh, chairman Centurion Stone, and Timothy F. Pardue, president Centurion Stone, present Mike Manous of Manous Design with the Centurion Stone Excellence in Design Award for 2010 his work on Permobil's recently completed building fronting on Hwy. 840 near Lebanon.

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Out of hundreds of architects, engineers, and designers who submitted projects completed in 2010 that incorporated Centurion Stone, the Excellence in Design Award this year was presented to Lebanon's Manous Design.

The winning project designed by Manous is the Permobil-North American Operations Center located off State Route 840 in Lebanon.

Since 1969, Centurion Products has led the way to secure stability and performance in the precast stone industry. Architects, builders, general contractors and designers nationwide are confident in the craftsmanship offered by Centurion Stone as a global leader.

The "close to nature" appearance of Centurion's wide variety of products has made it a favorite worldwide for decades. Centurion Stone has a distinct advantage because it is lighter, cost effective and easier to install than natural stone. Centurion's state of the art facility enables them to manufacture quality products that meet the high standards they set for themselves and that their customers' expect. Centurion maintains a timeless goal of making a product that will last for decades regardless of the climate.

Manous Design, a Lebanon-based design firm, was established in 1992. Since then, the firm has worked on projects throughout Middle Tennessee and the nation. Its numerous projects include everything from private residences to master-planned projects, from historic restorations to mixed-use retail centers, and from commercial distribution centers to country clubs. Budgets have ranged from \$250,000 to more than \$250 million. Whatever the project, challenge or budget, Manous Design has been successful in delivering architectural excellence, according to clients served by the firm.

Michael L. Manous, R.A., founder and president, has more than 25 years of architectural experience. He is a registered, fully-licensed architect in Tennessee and six other states, and is certified by the National Council of Architectural Registration Boards (NCARB). He personally directs all design and production-related activities at the firm, working with a staff of engineers and architectural designers.

Manous is a graduate of the College of Architecture at the University of Tennessee. During his career, he has directed the architectural services for many major regional building projects, working with clients including Bridgestone/Firestone, Inc., Saturn



The Permobil interior.

architectural and structural and civil engineering services plus interior, landscape and lighting design. Manous Design managed all mechanical, electrical, plumbing and fire protection engineering services.

Centurion Stone and their dealerships across the country congratulate Manous Design on this exterior design award. A spokesman for Centurion said "We recognize their outstanding contribution and commitment to the construction industry."