



Case study

BAL HARBOUR SHOPS PARKING GARAGE



PROJECT DETAILS

Owner

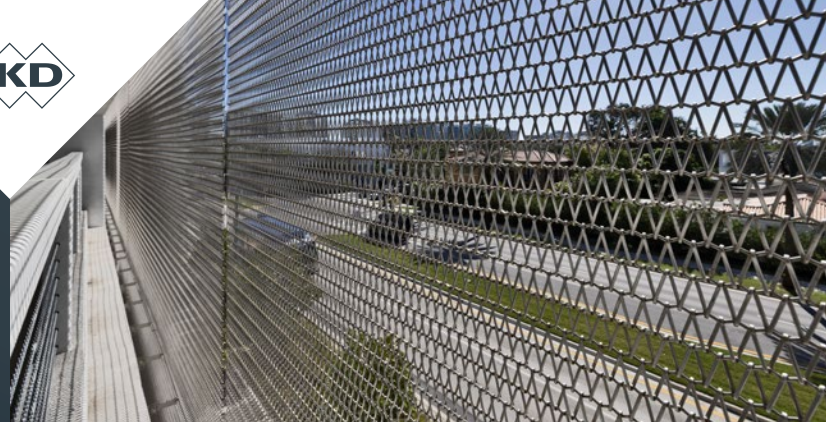
Bal Harbour Shops, LLC

Architect

Zyscovich

Mesh Type

Helix 12



METAL FABRIC DELIVERS ELEGANCE AND LIGHT TO A SHOPPING CENTER'S PARKING GARAGE

Bal Harbour Shops is an open-air shopping mall located in an affluent suburb of Miami. It has been ranked among the highest grossing retail centers in the world. Since its opening in 1965, the shopping center has built a reputation for excellence that attracts locals and tourists alike.

As the shopping center has grown, so has its need for infrastructure. Parking, while often overlooked, is an extremely important element of the retail experience. To achieve the optimum aesthetic and performance on its new parking garage, the owners turned to architecture firm Zyscovich, which has been planning the concept design for Bal Harbour Shops since 2017.

Timeless Design

"The design intent was to create an elegant, timeless design that was truthful to the function and character of the Bal Harbour shops," explains Ahmed Alvarez, principal

in charge of the project for Zyscovich. "The concept always was to use a 3-dimensional material. We tried a kinetic movable mesh and a living grass wall, but finally we decided to go with a tridimensional mesh that was interesting enough to create a pattern."

To achieve the right look and performance, the design team looked to GKD's metal fabric.

"We got input from Alex Gato, a longtime consultant, and researched the best metal meshes available for open garages," says Roberto Bezold, senior designer at Zyscovich and design project manager for Bal Harbour Shops. "Transparency and natural light were critical in the decision to use GKD."

See the Light

"The goal was to both beautify and offer solar management for natural lighting, and GKD's Helix 12 mesh was able to deliver both," says Andy Franks, GKD regional sales manager. "A 3D material with depth, Helix 12 provides permanence and sustainability with ease of maintenance for many years."

GKD provided design assistance and technical support along the way. The upgraded parking garage was completed in Fall of 2023 and has been getting good marks.

"The client wanted to keep it simple with a transparent mesh that maintains as much light as possible for security reasons," Alvarez says. "The customers seem very happy with their experience inside the garage."

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