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## 13 Emerald-Shapery Center and Pan Pacific Hotel

The 30-story, internationally acclaimed Emerald-Shapery Center is scheduled to open within the month, according to the contractor, Dillingham Construction. Breaking two San Diego records in concrete pours, the first pour in 19 continuous hours and the second in 24 continuous hours, the joint venture between Shapery Enterprises and San Diego 109, a subsidiary of Tokyu Corp. of Japan, will be a mixed-used office tower and 436-room Pan Pacific Hotel (which opens in the fall).

At times, more than 250 people worked on-site at the project, many equipped with pocket calculators that can perform trigonometric functions to figure out construction on the eight interlocking hexagonal pods.

Located on a full city block between Broadway and C streets, Emerald-Shapery will feature a 100-foot atrium that is likely to be the tallest of any office project in San Diego, and guests will take indoor/outdoor glass elevators to the 30th floor. The elevators, state-of-the-art Mitsubishi brand, can reach a top speed of 800 feet per minute.

The second phase of Emerald-Shapery is the adjacent 27-story Pan Pacific Hotel, which is expected to open in November 1990.

"We plan to bring the type of modern elegance to San Diego that you'd expect to find in a downtown hotel in New York or Chicago," said Claudia Wehrman, director of sales and marketing at Pan Pacific. "The design of the building alone distinguishes us from any other hotel in San Diego. When people see our renderings, their first reaction is usually, 'Wow.' We'll get a lot of guests who'll stay here."

The hotel will be connected to the office tower by a 100-foot-high glass atrium. The hotel will feature two restaurants, retail shops, an atrium lobby lounge, 22,000 square feet of meeting space, fully equipped health club, lap pool and sun deck.

Catering to the business traveler, guests will have access to the office tower's corporate center, which will feature private offices, secretarial services, computers and fax machines—"all the comforts of the home office," Wehrman said.—R.F. and L.G.



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