Stonebriar Centre
Frisco, TX

JURORS’ COMMENTS
Detailing is simple, well done. A knockout.

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ituated near Dallas, TX, the Stonebriar Centre offers a dynamic public environment while remaining a traditional linear-concourse shopping complex. Using structural steel to define and highlight the major spaces, the mayor of Frisco, TX, likened the complex to a trip to the airport or opera. Defining the central circulation path, a 1,550’-long sloping and curling steel roof structure spans the entire spine of the complex. Constructed of tension-supported steel rod "king post" trusses resting on angled clerestory tube trusses, the roof structure undulates along the spine. Secondary spaces are defined by unique roof forms supported by a variety of truss systems, such as tension ring and bicycle wheel trusses. An innovative winged single-truss pedestrian bridge and fan truss mark the main entrance.

Architectural elements complement the steel structures. A contemporary architectural vocabulary reflects this area’s reputation for cutting-edge technology and communication industries. Traditional Texas themes blend with the architectural elements; Texas limestone pillars, motifs and steel sculptural art complement the structural system. A glass elevator, wrapped by a steel stair, extends through the overhead trusses.

The combination of the interweaving skylight system and steel span evokes an exciting and spacious promenade, reflecting seasonal and hourly variances of light.
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Steel construction is used inventively to create a sense of place, rhythm and articulation in a building type not known for exemplary architecture. Here is the best example that a mall can be a beautiful building. The whole structure is incredibly airy and light.