

KTGY Earns Pasadena Beautiful Foundation's Redevelopment Award For Design of New Whole Foods Market

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"This was an exciting and challenging project to design and plan," said Greg Lyon, principal at KTG Y. "It's a multi-level project on a very tight site that incorporates elements of the 80-year-old existing historic structure with the new, creating a sense of style and architecture that is unique. We are thrilled that this development has been so well received by the community and the real estate industry."

KTG Y's Retail/Mixed-Use Studios are continuously designing retail and entertainment centers, lifestyle destinations, urban developments, and mixed-use communities. Today they have teamed up with well-respected developers including Regency Centers, Vestar Development Company, Allied Retail Partners, Red Mountain Retail Group, Champion Development Group, Makar Properties, Developers Diversified (DDRC), Civic Partners, Watt Commercial and others.

Established in 1991, KTG Y GROUP, INC., Architecture and Planning, provides comprehensive planning and architectural design services for residential communities, retail developments, hospitality and related specialty projects. KTG Y delivers innovative solutions that reflect clear understanding of development, marketing and financial performance and takes particular pride in its highly motivated and principal led studio teams. Serving clients throughout the U.S., KTG Y maintains offices in Irvine, Oakland and Santa Monica, and in Denver. For more information, see www.ktgy.com or contact Sayeh Rad at 949-851-2133.

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