

CASE STUDY

TRUSSES IN PARADISE

MARGARITAVILLE HOLLYWOOD BEACH RESORT HOLLYWOOD, FLORIDA

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OVERVIEW

PROJECT

Use Oceanfront property

Size 17 stories, 349 units

Completion Date Summer 2015

Construction Cost \$175 million

PEOPLE

Owner Margaritaville Holdings, LLC, Palm Beach, FL

Architect Adache Group Architects, Fort Lauderdale, FL

General Contractor Coastal & Tishman Construction, Miami, FL

Structural Engineer TRC Worldwide Engineering, Fort Lauderdale, FL

CF Steel Truss Fabricator Scosta Corp., Sebring, FL

Truss Installer Brannon Specialities Inc., Miami, FL

STEEL TRUSSES

TrusSteel[™] Cold-Formed Steel Truss System



Resort's Complex Roof Made Easy with Cold-Formed Steel Trusses

Inspired by the lyrics and lifestyle of singer, songwriter and author Jimmy Buffett, the \$175 million Margaritaville Hollywood Beach Resort is the centerpiece of a revitalization of the Hollywood Beach Boardwalk in Hollywood, Florida. The newly opened, 349-room, 17-story oceanfront resort brings a "no worries" feeling of escape to its guests.

Several building assemblies played a key role in creating the tropical vibe. The project's cornerstone, the TrusSteel[™] Cold-Formed Steel Truss System from Alpine, was utilized in remarkable ways.

TIKI-STYLE ROOF DESIGN

Cold-formed steel trusses helped create the tiki-style roof of the resort's LandShark Bar & Grill.

"The LandShark is the most interesting of all the truss structures," says Kenneth Pagano, P.E., designer and estimator at Sebring, Florida-based Scosta Corporation, the company that engineered and fabricated the trusses for Margaritaville Hollywood Beach Resort.

The LandShark's interior ceiling is the perfect inverse of its exterior roof profile. To create the effect, Pagano designed parallel chord trusses, each 2-ft. deep.

The unique, tiki-style roof created structural challenges. But these were met by the coldformed steel's U-shaped profile and use of double-shear fasteners to efficiently transfer loads and reduce the need to install lateral restraints and bracing.

"The trusses follow many wings and bumpouts," says Pagano, who used the cold-formed steel manufacturer's proprietary software to design the system. "Any given truss at Land-Shark cuts across several different planes."

Picture a parallel chord truss as it begins at a bearing wall. The top chords and bottom chords angle upward, level off and run flat. Then, they slope upward some more, until reaching the peak. The truss follows a similar pattern downward to the opposite bearing point. And that's just one truss running



through one section of the structure. At LandShark, multiple trusses work through multiple planes and together create a tiki-roof shape over a 6,368-square-foot total footprint.

"If it was just a simple hip, it wouldn't be difficult," says Pagano. "But this building is many hips put together."

The result? An open-plenum ceiling that follows the exterior pitch of the roof perfectly.

"Every 12 ft. or so, aligned with a truss, there's a fake beam in the ceiling," says Pagano. "It gives the illusion of a tiki bar."

CANTILEVERED TRUSSES

Another intriguing truss design, this one located at the rear of the Margaritaville resort's main hotel, cantilevers off that structure to partially cover an outdoor, pool-side dining area.

"The dining area was meant to look like part of a sailboat," says Pagano. "The trusses adjacent to the sailboat replica form a Polynesian-style roof."

These cantilevered trusses are large. Consequently, they required multiple connectors fastened properly in place, and thus, extra work to install.

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The work turned out well. And both the truss fabricator and installer were able to meet their respective construction dead-lines.

"We're so glad the general contractor and owner are happy with the systems," says Scosta's president and owner, Scott Stanley.

In a sense, Stanley's professional life has come full circle. He has delivered trusses to the very address – 1111 North Ocean Drive in Hollywood – where he delivered newspapers as a boy.

"It's great to be part of such a landmark," says Stanley.







Creative cold-formed steel truss designs help create the resort's distinctive appearance.

DETAILS

MARGARITAVILLE HOLLYWOOD BEACH RESORT

COLD-FORMED STEEL TRUSS VARIETIES

- Parallel chord (sloping flat) trusses
- Gable trusses
- Gable end trusses with outlooks
- Sheer block trusses
- Hip sets
- Corner sets
- Valley trusses
- Piggyback trusses
- Dual pitch trusses

CFS BLOCKING, BRACING AND CONNECTIONS

- Peak ridge blocking
- Web lateral bracing
- Piggyback connections
- Ridge plate connections
- Brake metal
- Fascia beams
- Heel closure
- Continuous lateral bracing
- Diagonal brace restraints
- Web reinforcement braces
- Gable end braces
- Truss-to-truss connections
- Truss-to-bearing connections

COLD-FORMED STEEL

• 33 mil to 97 mil

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