



ADAPT & REPEAT

49 South Van Ness

49 S VAN NESS AVE, SAN FRANCISCO, CA 94103

18 Floors / 220 ft | 176,040 sq.ft. of curtainwall

OWNER

City of San Francisco

ARCHITECT

Skidmore, Owings, & Merrill

GENERAL CONTRACTOR

Pankow Builders

PHOTOGRAPHS

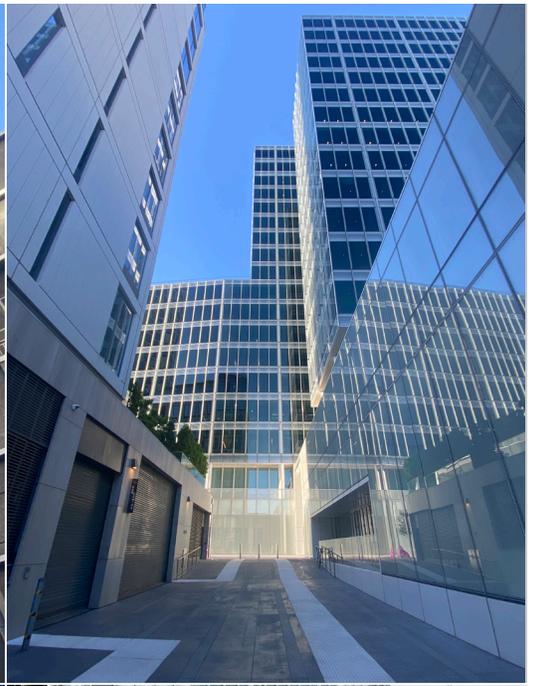
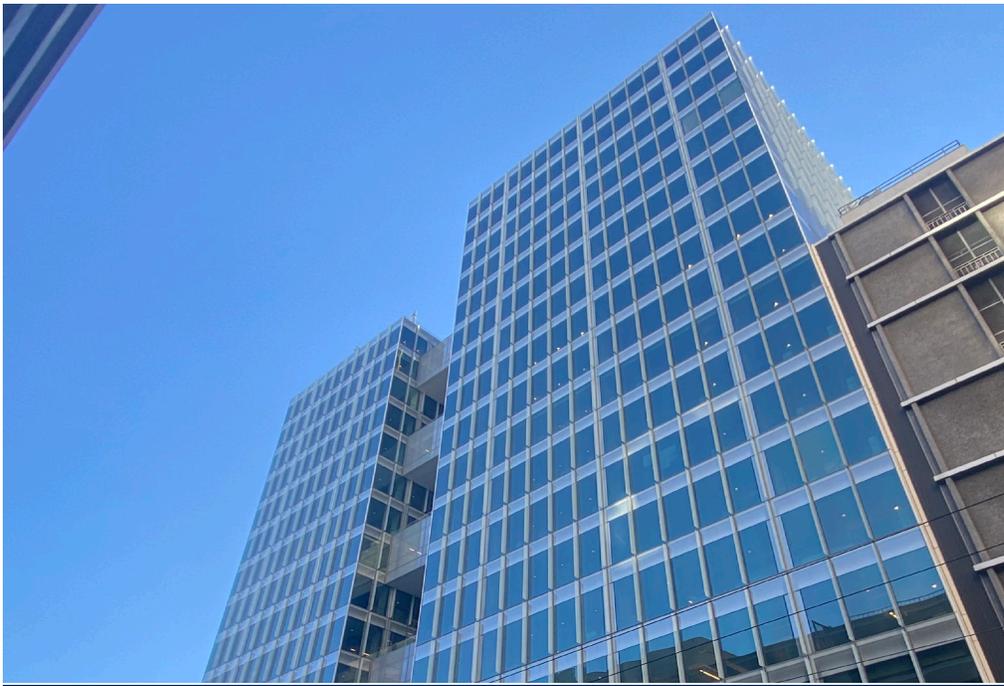
Andriy Kyfor

49 South Van Ness Avenue was New Hudson Facade's first project on the West Coast.

"For New Hudson Facades, it's a story of adapt, adapt, adapt for our clients no matter the situation," relates an NHF project manager. From building during a pandemic to a tricky lighting system to rail shipping, NHF figured it all out. The city of San Francisco Planning, Building and Public Works Departments moved to a new 460,000-square foot, 16 story headquarters building on South Van Ness Avenue in 2021.

A significant challenge was the integrated electrochromic glass system. There were more than 2,000 exterior panels providing both shading and a subtle glow to the building. If one panel didn't work, the whole system didn't work, so New Hudson Facades created a rigorous five-point quality process to verify each panel was operational upon arrival, staging, and installation.

Another highlight of the building is a massive graphic of the city's official seal at the street level, created in collaboration with a local graphic designer. Placing this element between the glass panels required precision planning and fabrication since every detail is visible at eye level.



“From proposal, to install of the final unit, the façade at 49 SVN was turn-key. This project was built specifically for the City of San Francisco’s Department of Building & Inspections.”

DAVID PECK, SENIOR CONSTRUCTION MANAGER, RELATED CALIFORNIA

