

THE CRESCENT

Dallas, Texas

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The Crescent combines 1.25 million square feet of office space; 175,000 square feet of retail space; a 250,000-square foot hotel; and a multilevel, 4000 car, underground garage. The triangular site is tight and addresses planning as a single entity subdivided into concentrically arranged, arc-shaped buildings, which are bisected down the middle by an elaborate procession of gates, courts and lobbies.

A circular ramp descending to the parking garage occupies the apex of the triangle. A three-story retail building fills the next section of the site with a courtyard plan. A 226-room hotel occupies the next curved layer, connected to the retail building through its court. The central section is raised higher than its wings to reinforce the central spine. A crescent-shaped road separates the hotel from three office towers, arranged in an arc. The office towers are composed of many of the same elements as the lower buildings, with the exception of full-height, largely glass, vertical sections that reinforce the center of each building by projecting both forward and through the roofline.



Client: Sheperd & Boyd USA, Inc.
Completion Date: 1985
Area: 3,000,000 square feet
Associate Architects: Sheperd & Boyd USA, INC