

SUGARLAND OFFICE PARK

Houston, Texas

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Set along a picturesque canal 30 miles from downtown Houston, the park engages its natural surroundings to provide a work environment that is tranquil and contained. The long, low (three story) building, the first in a planned group of six, bends around in a gentle arc around a sheltered grassy lawn in front of the water. Giving definition to the form is a series of false pitched roofs, higher and broader over the center than over the ends of each wing. The low, solid buildings with their classical window placement and low gabled wings are reminiscent of eighteenth century architecture. The specific model for the design is a house by the German master of neoclassicism, Karl Friedrich Schinkel.

The building is sheathed in orange brick elaborated with stripes of red brick, marking base, floor level, and roof lines.



Client: Gerald D. Hines Interests
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