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Quarra's recent projects

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Wisconsin Institutes for Discovery at UW-Madison

Ongoing

Quarra's role: Exterior building cladding and other design features using granites and limestone, plus about 30,000 square feet of Ramon Grey-Gold stone quarried in Israel for the main level floor and lobby. Different black Italian stones for interior fountains and pools, and limestone quarried from the east-central part of Wisconsin near Two Rivers in 4-ton blocks for 110 rustic-looking outdoor benches

"These things are like small automobiles," said John Rodell, executive vice president of Quarra. "It's very organic in the look of it. They want it to look like (the benches) were almost literally pushed out of the earth. So they're not manicured. They're not polished."

Kansas Statehouse in Topeka, Kan.

Ongoing

Quarra's role: A five-year exterior restoration project of the Kansas Statehouse with a team of master carvers hand-carving hundreds of ornate medallions and decorative elements using locally quarried stone.

U.S. Capitol Visitor Center, Washington, D.C.

2008

Quarra's role: Provided and fabricated more than 43,000 cubic feet of custom "Brickle Gold" sandstone for interior wall stone, stairways and hallways, with extensive master carving. It is Quarra's largest project to date.

"It was a vast quantity of big pieces," Quarra President Jim Durham said. "We provided 150,000 square feet of stone 3 inches thick, as well as other thicknesses. It was 200 truckloads-plus."

U.S. Supreme Court Visitor Center, Washington D.C.

2010

Quarra's role: Provided and fabricated Alabama Cream White Marble for interior walls, floors and dramatic columns.

Yale Bass Library in New Haven, Conn.

2007

Quarra's role: Hand-carved the ornate Gothic Pavilion entrance of the Bass library, sandstone friezes, finials and decorative arches.

The David Koch Institute for Integrative Cancer Research at MIT in Cambridge, Mass.

2010

Quarra's role: Provided and fabricated dimensional stone for Ellenzweig & Associates' eco-sensitive LEED-gold certified research center.

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