

## Wells Positions Company for Strategic Growth with an Acquisition and Senior Management Team Restructure

As announced in December 2020, Wells acquired Spancrete to become one of the largest precasters in the United States. With more than 125 years of combined experience, the partnership aligns two companies dedicated to precast innovation.

Wells continues the success Spancrete has achieved in both precast solutions and machinery equipment production, focusing efforts on growing the business for greater market penetration.

With strategic strength and regional independence in mind, Wells recently updated its organizational structure. At the Corporate level, the company will be led by leaders with decades of industry experience who are also experts in their own individual fields.

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## Sustainability with Prefabrication: Reduce. Reuse. Recycle.

These are the basic principals that everyone learns at a young age in order to become better stewards of our environment and our resources. We are taught that doing these simple steps helps us reduce the waste we produce, which makes us more efficient with the materials we purchase and use.

The prefabrication process matches up well with sustainable design and construction goals. Prefabricated construction is a methodical approach that is most efficient when there is early involvement in the design process. This early input can provide benefits for the entire building life cycle. Prefabricated construction reduces that amount of on-site construction material waste. Structures are able to be erected and enclosed faster in a prefabricated system, which reduces the amount of inefficient temporary on-site energy needed for construction completion.



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## Designing Precast Parking Structures and Maintenance Schedules

Parking structures have long been part of our community. Some of the early precast parking structures used deep horizontal flat spandrels around the perimeter that sloped to follow the drainage of the parking deck. Although very functional, these structures were not thought of as architectural icons. Many times these structures were built behind or in the shadows of the offices, hospitals, or community buildings they were made to support.



Today designers are utilizing the flexibility of precast, architectural finishes and features of precast can be used to create a look that not only compliments the surroundings, but has all the potential to become the focal point of the area.

Often these structures are so well matched to their surroundings it is not easy to identify them as what they actually are: buildings you park in.

Precast concrete parking structures offer superior resistance to deterioration. The elements of parking structures require routine maintenance because unlike other buildings, the structural components of parking structures are exposed directly to weather and other environmental conditions.

In addition to increasing service life and reducing long-term structural repairs, a comprehensive maintenance program will produce a cleaner, safer and more user friendly atmosphere.

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## Project Showcase - Parking Structures

Precast concrete is the premier building system for parking structures. Bright, open lobbies, stairwells, and entrances welcome users with greater security, accessibility, and comfort, while the reflective properties of precast concrete enhance lighting in the garage structure. A Wells parking structure not only feels safer, it is safer with long, clear, open spans with fewer columns for better visibility and efficient traffic flow.



**Cameron Apartment Parking Structure** - Denver, CO: Wells built the parking structure phase of this project, manufacturing and installing nearly 170,000 sq. ft. of precast. This five-level parking deck includes beams, double tees, stairs, and wall panels, which provide great protection from the elements, safety for tenants, visitors, and employees, and require much less maintenance than structures built using other methods or materials.

**10 West Office & Parking Structure** - St. Louis Park, MN: Wells manufactured and installed more than 400,000 sq. ft. of precast for the office tower and parking structure. The office tower exterior facade includes insulated architectural precast spandrel panels boasting a thin brick and acid etch finish linking glass elements on every other floor. Precast thin brick arches and a deeper brick expression softens the base, adding character to the pedestrian experience.



Wells also produced and erected precast for the 1,214-stall parking structure, which is a three-bay wide design with vertical vehicular circulation occurring in the center bay. The facades on all four sides are flat, and clad with integral color acid etch architectural precast.



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