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Designers Create Interior Magic With Steel Windows and Doors

The Surprising Benefits and Uses for Interior Spaces

February 9, 2018—Companies and individuals alike are tapping the beauty and strength of steel windows and doors to enhance the inside as well as the outside of all kinds of buildings. With their sleek and slender framing elements that provide more glass and less frame—which translates to abundant light—steel windows are inspiring architects and building owners to incorporate steel windows and doors in interior spaces.

By designing both modern and traditional interiors utilizing steel windows and doors, sophisticated architects can achieve imaginative and elegant designs while providing more design flexibility to their customers. Building projects across the country are creating individual private interior spaces, exploring unusual areas for non-blocky windows, and avoiding cubicle divisions and claustrophobic spaces with the flexibility made possible by using strong and durable steel materials. Many building owners prefer the “cleaner” look of steel windows and doors and the minimal upkeep required. Some are even using their enhanced flexibility to create floor-to-ceiling “walls of light.” As individuals and companies continue to seek inspiring and unique spaces, steel windows and doors provide the best option to define a space without impeding the surrounding view.

Because steel windows and doors work well in both modern and traditional settings, the frequency of use has skyrocketed. In public venue building projects, steel windows and doors are increasingly showing up in offices and hotels, casinos and storefronts. Residential use has also increased, going from shower enclosures to wine rooms, kitchen cabinets, and pantries as well as dividing walls in the home. Essentially, the versatility and flexibility of steel windows and doors provide options for any architectural design element requiring a defined space but an open view.

Technically speaking, interior windows and doors are non-combustible and can be fire rated. Upkeep is low, security is high, and many, if not all, of these products use recycled steel. For more information on steel windows and doors, visit the Steel Window Institute website at <http://www.steelwindows.com>. The website provides comprehensive specifications and installation guidelines for various types of steel windows and doors. Many downloadable resources, including the [Architect’s Guide to Steel Windows](#) and various product sourcing guides, provide additional information.

The members of SWI are leading manufacturers of windows and doors made from either solid or formed sections of steel and related products such as casings, trim, mechanical operators, screens, and moldings that are manufactured and sold by members of the industry for use with



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steel windows and doors. SWI provides the public with general and technical information concerning the industry's products. Proprietary specifications produced by each SWI member are available from individual members upon request.

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