

TESTIMONIALS — Marcel Vandersluis AIA

The Malachowsky Data Science & Information Technology Building, University of Florida, FL (with Walker Architects & BCJ Architects)

“Hey Marcel! I love your design process. It's super clear and nice to follow.”

Joe Walker, Joe Walker Architects (President – November, 2020)

“... [Marcel's] curiosity and creativity have already had a huge impact on the quality of work on May & Porter, the Wedding Venue and Data Science!”

State of the Office Address – February, 2021

“The mentor role you are filling is exactly what we needed from you Marcel. I'm loving it! ... You're really good at it.”

Joe Walker, Joe Walker Architects (President – December, 2020)



Renderings by BCJ Architects

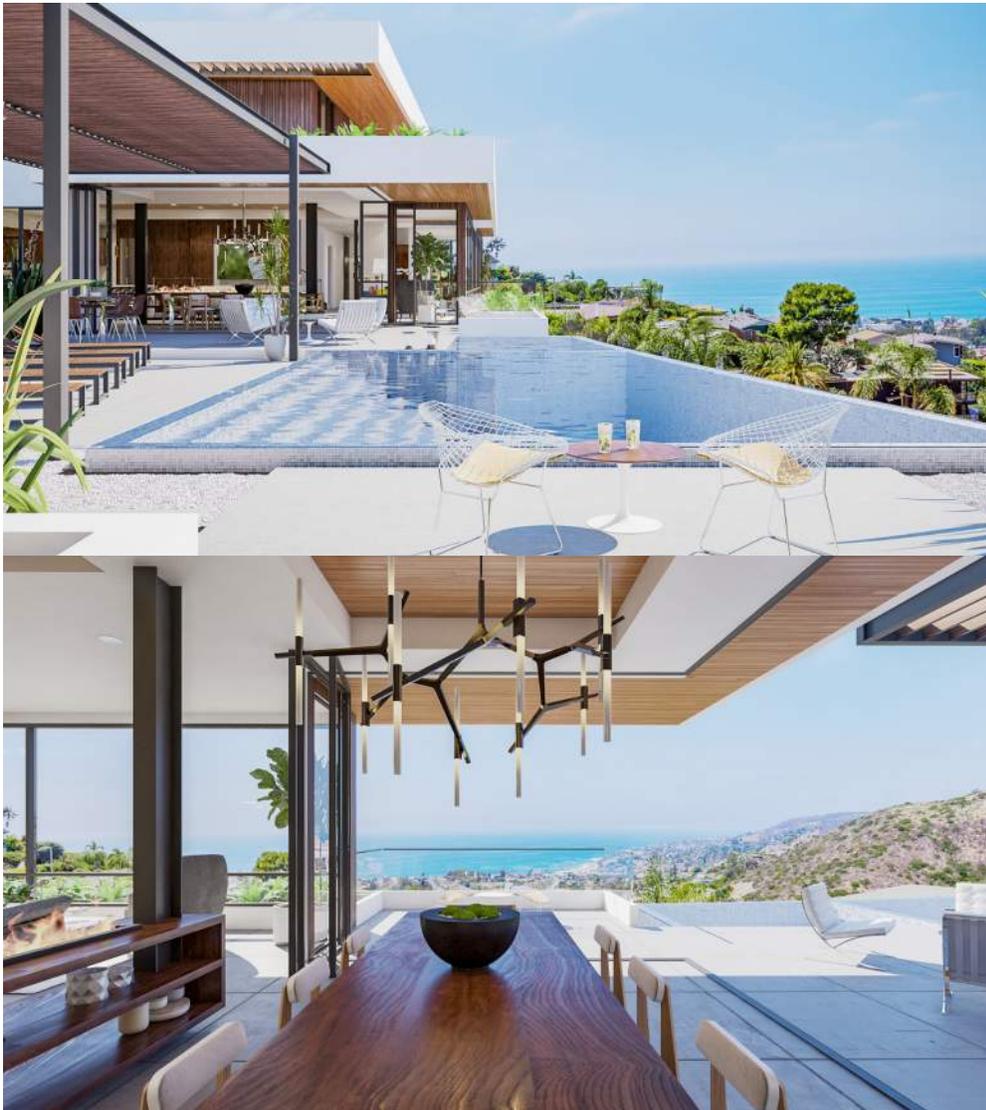
The University of Florida’s Malachowsky Hall will connect students and researchers across disciplines to advance computing, communication, and cyber-technologies. This 263,000 sf facility will make UF’s supercomputing environment the most powerful in U.S. higher education, while integrating AI across the curriculum.

My main involvement in this project was interior design, production scheduling, construction documentation, exterior detailing, and coordination with consultants (particularly structural engineers).

648 Canyon View Drive Residence, Laguna Beach, CA (with Anders Lasater Architects)

“I’ve enjoyed working with you You’re a great resource.”

Anders Lasater, Anders Lasater Architects (President – October, 2020)



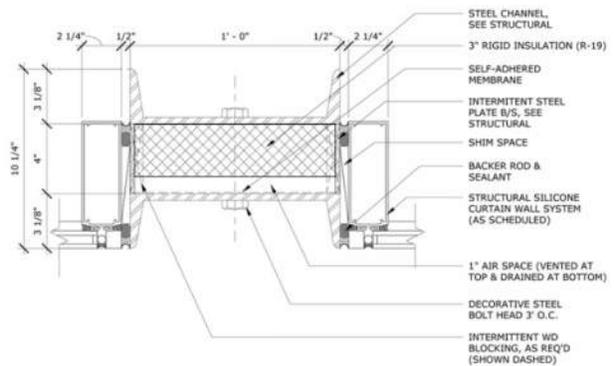
Renderings by Anders Lasater Architects

With breathtaking views of the Pacific Ocean, Channel Islands, and Laguna Beach, this 6,700 sf hillside home required thoughtful detailed design. This detailed design was my primary involvement in the project, from dissolving the dining room corner to preserving views from multiple interconnected living spaces. I detailed the entire exterior envelope and complex terracing patios and living spaces. Blurring the boundary between interior and exterior was a predominant spatial emphasis. *This project won a 2020 AIAOC Citation Award.*

Church Street Phases 2&3 (with Baker Barrios Architects and Lincoln Properties Corporation)



Renderings for Phase 2 and 3 (Renderings by Baker Barrios Architects)



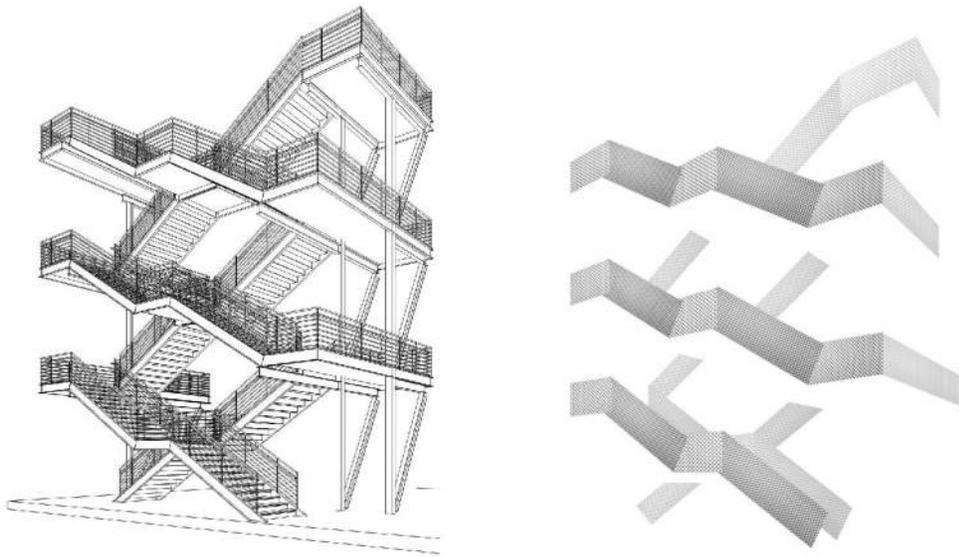
Construction Documentation for Phase 3 (Revit model & details by Marcel Vandersluis at Baker Barrios Architects)

“Marcel – I wanted to say this is great work. I think you are doing an awesome job.”

Wayne Dunkelberger, Principal, Baker Barrios Architects (Creative Director – May, 2019)

The Church Street project consisted of recycling the existing 30,000 sf Bumby Arcade (phase 3) into retail shops. As the Project Architect, I participated in the design process while translating the robust 19th century railway aesthetic into the details. I also participated in early detail study discussions for the tower (phase 2) which interfaces with the Bumby Arcade.

EBG Stair (with Baker Barrios Architects and Entertainment Benefits Group)



Revit model, Photoshop & details by Marcel Vandersluis at Baker Barrios Architects

“I think this stair is awesome”

Wayne Dunkelberger, Principal, Baker Barrios Architects (Creative Director – April, 2019)

“Marcel - Wow! That’s some pretty creative work. And produced quickly. I’m impressed.”

Carl Jenne, Senior Structural Engineer, TLC Engineering Solutions (Engineer – April, 2019)

Upon acquiring an existing building, in which to house their new office space, the client was requested by the County Building Official to increase the exiting capacity - due to an occupant load increase. One of the challenges in the design of this stair was to accommodate its substantial size and visible weight. Concurrently, I was trying to avoid an industrial look such that the stair achieves an *Objet d’art* quality. The columns, along the leading edge of the stair, were eliminated, contributing to the apparent floating nature of the three outermost stair runs. The ephemeral qualities are, likewise, augmented by stainless steel perforated guards that fold (and reflect light) as they ascend and descend. This creates an origami type structure seemingly caught in flight.

Orange County Tax Collector Office (with Cuhaci & Peterson Architects)

"... I can't stress enough how much I appreciate you going to bat for us in that meeting with West Oaks Mall and their representatives. That project was one of the smoothest projects I ever worked on. From concept to final production I love how we collaborated on it to make your vision come to life."

Jeff Eubinag, Project Executive at DCL Orlando (Manufacturer – March, 2019)

"I really like the look of these facades."

Cindy Valentine, Assistant Tax Collector Orange County (Client - March, 2018)

"... what a great project, you did a fabulous job!"

Karah Wilson, Senior Creative Services at C&P Architects (Marketing – March, 2019).

The Orange County Tax Collector Office (OCTC) was a successful repurposing of vacant retail space in the West Oaks Mall in Ocoee, Florida. The 33,000 sf was divided among Data and Service Centers, and my primary involvement was in the mall façade design, construction documentation, and consultant/GC coordination.

The design was well received by the client, advocated by the GC, and supported by the primary manufacturers. The twisted slats, manufactured by DCL Orlando, were intended to accommodate the conflicting requirements of daylight from above, while concurrently providing privacy for the OCTC staff below. The metal spider connections complemented the existing mall ceiling structure with a modern high tech equivalent. Both the slats and glazing preserved the interactive mall experience by simultaneously concealing and revealing the activities between the mall and the OCTC Service Center.



Completed at Call Center Break Room and Dealer Service Counter looking Northeast (Photo by Marcel Vandersluis)



View looking up at the glass spider connections and twisted slats (Photo by Cuhaci & Peterson Architects)



View from within Main Entrance looking Northwest into the mall (Rendering by Marcel Vandersluis)



View rendering at Service Center Breakroom looking Southeast (Rendering by Marcel Vandersluis)

Marco Town Center (with Cuhaci & Peterson Architects and Brixmor Development)

“Very cool.

These [renderings] should help immensely with the city. I think we present the photo realistic one and I’ll hang the other on my wall.”

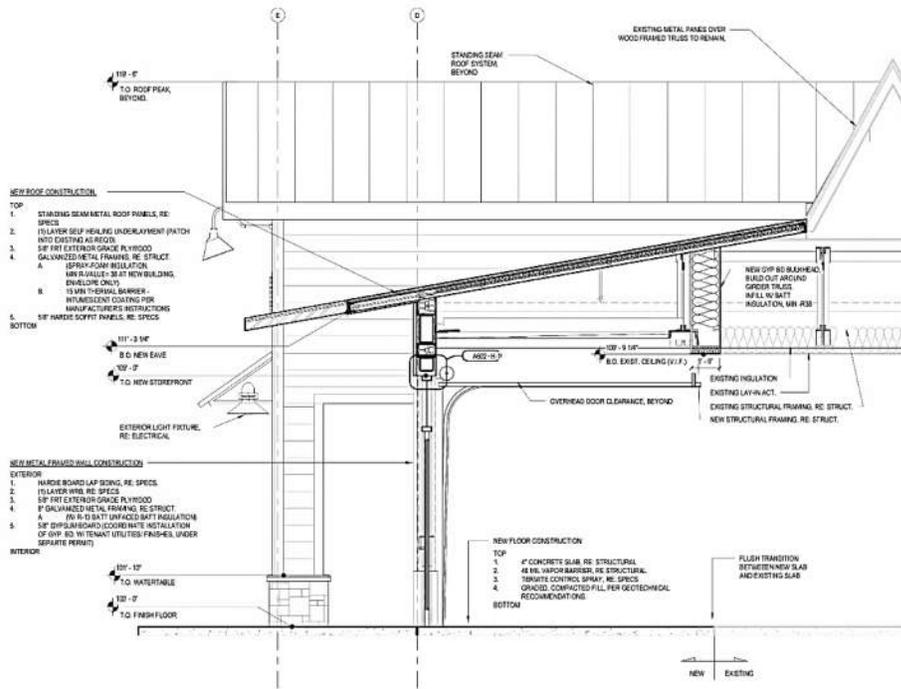
Chuck Borysiak VP, Redevelopment Brixmor (Client - July, 2017)

The Marco Island Planning and Zoning Council referenced these images as being particularly helpful in concluding a two year redevelopment approval process. The Council commended Brixmor’s Cuhaci & Peterson’s commitment to a responsible and attractive solution.

Subsequently I quarterbacked the Construction Documentation process, an excerpt of which is included here. The section drawing illustrates how the design intent is followed through in the details, despite complex structural considerations and existing tight headroom conditions.



View from N Collier Blvd looking Southwest showing new endcap condition (Rendering by Marcel Vandersluis)



1 Section Through Existing Roof
SCALE: 1/2" = 1'-0"

Excerpt from Section Drawings through existing roof condition (Drawing by Cuhaci & Peterson Architects)

Colony Beach Resort (with Fugleberg Koch Architects and MW Corporation)

“This is an extremely well balanced approach that stays within the limits of current requirements and codes, needs no referendum, and fits perfectly within the local lifestyle we all Love so much ... good for MW Corporation ... this is just what we need and I know the vast majority would accept, and move this project quickly. Look at the difference between Unicorp (big city development on Longboat Key), and MW Corp (Quite, friendly, small town approach).”

Michael Uhran (Country Club Shores resident - February, 2017).

“Very impressive ... and it closely resembles the original development. I would think that this proposal would be preferred by Longboat Key residents and current Colony owners...”

Bob Kumar (Longboat Key resident - February, 2017)

“Your renderings/images are very much appreciated...”

Manfred Welfonder, MW Corporation (Client - February, 2017).



View from the Gulf of the Colony Beach Resort on Longboat Key (Rendering by Marcel Vandersluis)

General Testimonials

“Marcel is an extremely conscientious, creative and effective architect who exceeded all of our expectations. He delivered home plans, and more importantly, a vision, that represented all of our wishes and fit the site beautifully. He was prompt, stayed on budget and was professional. His breadth of experience enabled him to translate our rough concepts into concrete (or, in this case, wood, stone and glass) designs and spectacularly rendered visuals. His depth of knowledge steered us to choices that built layers of function and beauty into the project. Working with him was a wonderful experience.”

Peter Kleinman, PhD, USDA and Associate Professor of Soil Science, Penn State (Client)

“...I found [Marcel] to be a quick study in the aspects of healthcare planning. In addition, his skills in urban planning proved very useful in medical center campus masterplanning, including density studies and site circulation.

Marcel’s academic background is evident in the way he interacts with the staff in the office. He led several ‘design’ lunches aimed at educating and improving project team member’s ability to ‘think’ design in all aspects of a project. He was always able to convey his ideas from design theory to the finer levels of detailing the final product and communicate his ideas with the project team. He brings to the profession a great deal of integrity, and design intelligence and is respected by his peers.”

Randy Regier, President TAYLOR and Associates Architects

“I had the opportunity of witnessing [Marcel’s] attentive manner to every project, big and small. It was enjoyable on many occasions to watch a presentation by Marcel on the latest office project. His enthusiasm and genuine interest in his work is remarkable, a rare trait not found in every employee. His explanations, from site research through the entire design process, are thorough and understandable. While his knowledge and imagination are discernible, Marcel is also a sincere and respected soul. He often encouraged the pursuits of younger staff and frequently followed up with each person for additional guidance. I feel fortunate to have met a colleague who expressed such a genuine concern for the achievements of others in an often competitive field....”

Elise Drakes, Project Coordinator, TAYLOR and Associates Architects

“Marcel Vandersluisdemonstrated [a] keen interest and sensitivity to the issues of urban design and city building....He has demonstrated a great ability to apply his creativity and put his ideas into practice in a diverse body of work.”

Ken Greenberg , FRAIC, Principal Ken Greenberg Consultants Inc. (Professor at U of Toronto)