

CITYPLACE

West Palm Beach, Florida

Client: The Related Companies



AWARDS

AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE
(LARGE-SCALE MIXED-USE)
URBAN LAND INSTITUTE, 2002

SUPERIOR ACHIEVEMENT IN
DESIGN & IMAGING
RETAIL TRAFFIC MAGAZINE, 2002

FEATURED PROJECT, FLORIDA'S FIRST
CONGRESS FOR THE NEW URBANISM,
2004

Elkus Manfredi Architects and The Related Companies won a design competition to create CityPlace, a regional mixed-use development set on a 72-acre site in West Palm Beach that had been leveled 20 years earlier for an office development that never occurred.

The team's design for CityPlace was the only one proposing that the project's spine run north-south rather than east-west— a solution that, rather than isolating the development, wove CityPlace into the existing fabric of the city. This initial decision was key to creating a powerfully integrated sense of place — so powerful that CityPlace has become the new downtown of the Palm Beaches and the stimulus of a new era of construction for West Palm Beach. CityPlace is a paradigm of New Urbanism at its best: a vibrant pedestrian environment, diverse streetscapes, and signature public spaces juxtaposed with a rich program of cultural elements mixed with residential, retail, office, hotel, dining, and a variety of entertainment venues. The design's style and human scale are inspired by the historic southern Mediterranean/Italian architecture prevalent in the Palm Beaches. Drawing on the character of the region, Elkus Manfredi has succeeded in creating the downtown that was lacking for these two important Florida cities.







