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Littco Enterprises Ltd., BCWCA member and commercial drywall and insulation contractor in Kelowna, was contracted to complete exterior engineered steel stud framing, light gauge interior steel stud framing, drywall, and acoustic ceilings on a new 22,765-square-foot Porsche dealership in Kelowna.





According to Faction Projects, integrated real estate, architecture, and construction company for the project, the building was designed using the clearly defined, globally uniform architectural language expected of a Porsche dealership. This language, “leaves room for interpretation based on regional specifics, is technical, and reduced to the fundamentals—without unnecessary lines or unnecessary details,” says the company. A key component of the clean, contemporary design was the building’s discreet interior with an exacting, high-quality finish.

One of the project’s interesting architectural features from Littco’s scope was a large, curved exterior wall that was finished to level 5 with ½” x ½” intersecting reveals on the curve, says Littco Enterprises, Ltd. owner, Ty Winterbach.

“The exterior wall that was framed on a curve was finished on the inside with intersecting reveals that matched the pattern of the exterior cladding panels,” he says. “There was also a two-foot perimeter vent bulkhead that pushed the curve wall further back, making the wall surface trickier to reach for boarding and taping. The entire wall was back-framed to support the drywall after the reveals were cut out.”

Littco used drywall suspension grid for the suspended drywall ceilings to better accommodate the linear diffusers

and recessed lights that crossed the ceilings in opposite direction multiple times in each room.

“The suspension grid allowed us to customize the grid layout to suit the fixtures layout,” said Winterbach.

Littco’s scope at the dealership took six months to complete and the company had a total crew of 25 guys that worked on the site during that timeframe, though not all at once.

“The client was looking for a high level of finish with a tight schedule,” says Winterbach. “The project ran smoothly.”

Littco typically completes work from Penticton to Kamloops, its main focus is commercial, multi-family, and elite residential projects. It is currently working on a new Janguar Land Rover Volvo dealership for the same owner, architect, and contractor.

For more information about Littco Enterprises, Ltd. please visit www.littco.ca. ■

Project name: Porsche Kelowna, Kelowna, BC
Owner: Wyant Group
Architect: Faction Architecture Inc.
General contractor: HJ Kamerbeek
Wall and ceiling contractor: Littco Enterprises Ltd.