Total Precast Concrete Systems Deliver For Multi-family Residences

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In the Chicagoland area, the “old reliable” precast concrete wall panels have dominated the industrial building landscape for many years. The favorable combination of speed of construction, quality, service, ability and longevity of this building method is unsurpassed by any other material. But in the last few construction seasons, a new fresh wave of precast has found its way into northern Illinois. Real excitement in the precast industry is beginning to surge in a vital building sector not normally thought of as being overly receptive to total precast concrete systems solutions—multi-family housing.

Land is not getting any cheaper. At grade lot parking is becoming a thing of the past. Multi family housing often must have parking under the living units to be economically viable. Precast concrete embraces the newest philosophy of marrying the design and construction elements for the building structure that now must sit on a parking structure—maximize the look, minimize the cost. The use of Dukane Precast’s storm safe, energy-efficient and smooth interior finished, Double-wall precast concrete wall and flooring system, in concert with their single or multi-level precast parking structures is really starting to turn heads. Utilizing precast concrete as a single source for the entire building package results in tremendous cost efficiencies and dramatic curb appeal for the entire project.

Life safety, quiet, and comfort are basic desires for any homeowner regardless of the size of their bedrooms or the view from their balcony. Double-wall precast concrete walls and floors ensure a living envi-

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