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Pickard Chilton-designed T3 RiNo Receives 2025 Wood in Architecture Award from WoodWorks

*Innovative Mass Timber Office Building in Denver, Colo. sets a new standard
for sustainable, innovative, and community-centric design*

(New Haven, Conn. – June 13, 2025) – [Pickard Chilton](#), an award-winning architecture studio best known for its innovative and cutting-edge design of corporate headquarters and campuses, announces that [T3 RiNo](#), a groundbreaking six-story mass timber, Class-A, mixed-use office building at 3500 Blake Street in the heart of Denver’s vibrant RiNo (River North) neighborhood, has won a 2025 *Wood in Architecture* award from [WoodWorks – Wood Products Council](#). The award was presented at a reception alongside the 2025 AIA Conference on Architecture & Design in Boston on June 5.



Credit: Eric Laignel

WoodWorks, a non-profit known for supporting innovative wood design, helps developers and design teams use wood successfully in commercial and multi-family construction. It is also a leading provider of continuing education to design and building professionals across the U.S. The *Wood in*

Architecture awards recognize excellence in mass timber, light-frame wood, and hybrid building design, celebrating design teams using wood in innovative ways to positively impact the environment, occupants, and their communities. Entries were reviewed by a jury of industry peers and judged on a number of criteria, including design excellence, innovative use of wood, sustainability and resilience, and market impact.

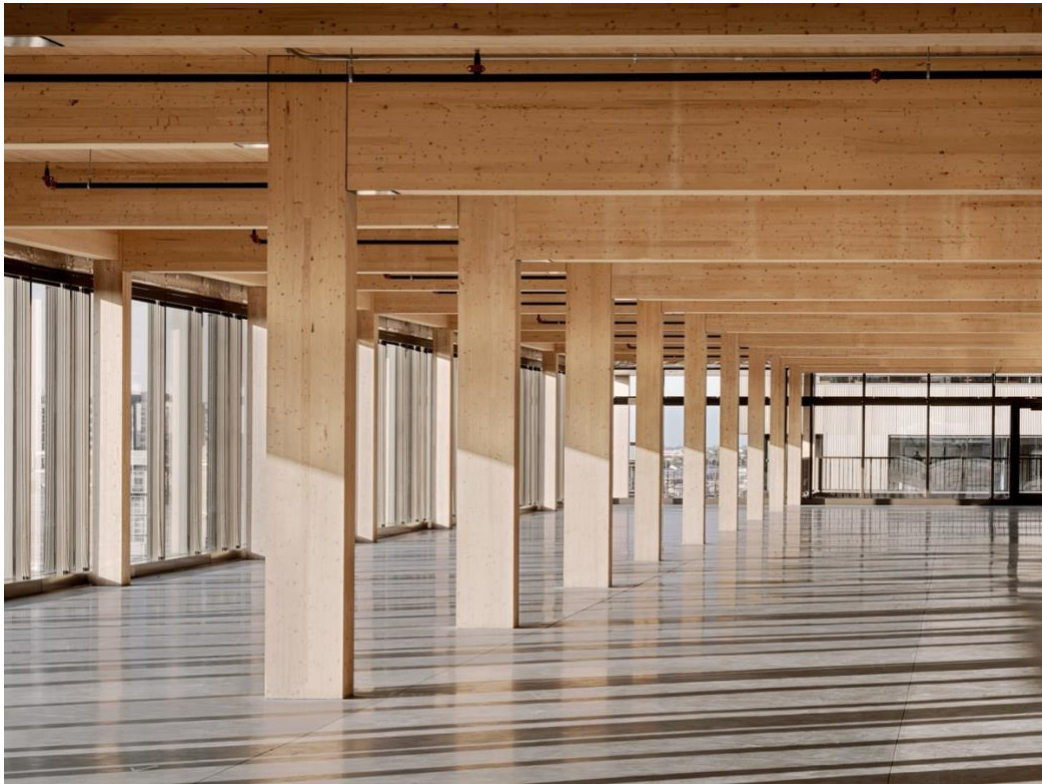
T3 RiNo was developed by the collaboration of Hines, McCaffery, and Ivanhoé Cambridge, the real estate group of CDPQ, and raises the bar for environmentally conscious and community-oriented workplace design. The “T3” stands for Timber, Transit, and Technology, elements woven into the building with thoughtful timber design, proximity to multiple transit options, and digital building systems focused on the expectations of today’s tenants.



Caption: L to R: Bobby Larson, DLR Group; Steve Cavanaugh, DLR Group; Jessie Johnson, DLR Group; Anthony Markese, Pickard Chilton; Michael Hensley, Pickard Chilton; Ashkan Shirani, Pickard Chilton; Dave Eckmann, Magnusson Klemencic Associates. Credit: Pedro Blanco Photography

“We are thrilled for T3 RiNo to be recognized with a 2025 Wood in Architecture award from WoodWorks. An overarching team goal was to maximize and express the exposed wood. As such, the building’s high-performance, transparent façade was designed to maximize exposure of the full timber structure from both the interior and exterior,” said Michael Hensley AIA, a principal at Pickard Chilton.

Built using Type IV-HT construction, the timber structural system gives T3 RiNo its signature character. A glulam post-and-beam frame supports concrete-topped cross-laminated timber (CLT) panels, engineered to reduce vibration and enhance acoustic performance. The timber grid provides efficient structural spans, optimizing wood fiber while adding flexibility for tenant layouts. Rigorous coordination between the optimized structure and MEP systems allows the wood expression to shine through. All timber utilized was sourced from supplier Nordic Structures and manufactured by Chantiers Chibougamau in Québec, Canada.



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The building offers 239,000 square feet of state-of-the-art office and 19,000 square feet of retail space designed to foster creativity, collaboration, and a healthy work-life balance. Pickard Chilton's forward-thinking design features numerous open terraces and a variety of amenity spaces, including hospitality-driven social areas and a modern fitness and bicycle facility.

The building's notable attributes have led to ample tenant interest; the entirety of the building's office space, more than 220,000-SF, has been pre-leased by Xcel Energy Colorado, making it the largest office tenant in the RiNo submarket. Xcel Energy was attracted by the building's refined, heavy-timber-structured design and warm workspaces with exposed wood, open layouts, 12-foot ceilings. The floor-to-ceiling windows offer panoramic views of Denver's natural landmarks, while the outdoor terraces thoughtfully break down the building's mass to provide tenants with multiple private outdoor experiences. Pickard Chilton's design coalesces natural light and sculpture, emphasizing occupants' connection to nature through both form and materiality.

T3 RiNo has emerged as a standout in contemporary sustainable design. Its carbon-negative mass timber structure is 100% renewable, recyclable, and non-toxic. The building contains 188,000 cubic feet of mass timber, sequesters 4,155 metric tons of CO₂, saving an additional 1,608 metric tons of CO₂ and using 38% less embodied carbon than if constructed conventionally. Construction and manufacturing processes represent a greenhouse gas reduction equivalent to taking 1,218 cars off the road for one year. T3 RiNo is LEED-CS Gold, WELL Silver v2-Pilot Core Office, and Energy Star certified, with WELL Health-Safety certification pending.

ABOUT PICKARD CHILTON

Pickard Chilton is an international architectural practice noted for its expertise in the design of large, complex, and often high-profile buildings including corporate headquarters, high-rise commercial office and multi-family towers, hotels, and academic and life science facilities. The firm's layered perspective informs all of its work, presenting clients with a sophisticated, knowledge-based approach that emphasizes design vision, placemaking, integrity, a focus on client objectives, and exceptional service. Since 2006, projects totaling over 80 million square feet have been designated or targeted LEED Gold or Platinum, representing corporate, commercial, residential, and institutional buildings in design, under construction, or completed – one of the highest amounts in the United States. Headquartered in New Haven, Conn., the firm's recent completed projects include the Tokyo Midtown Yaesu tower in Tokyo, Japan; T3 RiNo in Denver, Co.; The Eight in Bellevue, Wa.; and 325 Main, Google's new headquarters in Cambridge, Ma. Current projects include The RO development in Houston, Tx.; CoStar Group's new corporate campus in Richmond, Va.; 530 Howard Street in San Francisco; Sherwin-Williams's new headquarters in Cleveland, Oh.; Northwestern Mutual's North Office Building in Milwaukee, Wi; Mutual of Omaha's new headquarters in Omaha, Ne;. and Linkpillar 1 at Takanawa Gateway City in Tokyo, Japan; as well as commercial and residential developments in Austin, Atlanta, Dallas, Denver, Houston, San Francisco, and Stuttgart, Germany. Please visit www.pickardchilton.com for more information.