LOS ANGELES IN FOCUS



A. J. Padelford & Son, Inc.

OR MORE THAN 70 YEARS THE LOS ANGELES AREA HAS BENEFITED FROM THE EXPERT SERVICES OF GENERAL CONTRACTORS A.J. PADELFORD &

Son, Inc. From quality contracting to project management, today's A.J. Padelford & Son, Inc. upholds its longstanding commitment to bringing its clients unsurpassed products and services, utilizing its generations of experience and aptitude to not simply meet, but to actually anticipate the requirements of its clients. In this manner the company's name has become synonymous for the top in the business, landing it numerous contracts with high-profile corporations and businesses in the area.

buildings. This move established a precedent for A.J. Padelford & Son, Inc., situating the firm to work its way into the position it enjoys today as one of California's premier commercial builders and general contracting firms.

Since that time A.J. Padelford & Son, Inc. has constructed a wide and diverse array of buildings, from large industrial warehouses to Home Depots and Vons Supermarkets. Additional recent satisfied clients of note include the following: the Bixby Land Company, Golden West Properties, Browning Oldsmobile/Hyundai/Acura, the City of Cerritos, Rite Aid Corporation, TMI Management Co., EXPO — a Home Depot Company, Alexander Haagen Development Co., Lazy Acres

Market, The Arden Group, Ace Beverage Company, Norm Reeves Honda, MCL Distributors Inc., Koenig Companies, Gigante USA Inc., Katell Properties and Vallarta Supermarkets, among many, many others.

In addition to such a vast and varied list of satisfied clients, A.J. Padelford & Son, Inc. has a remarkably lengthy list of projects currently underway for clients who read like a Who's Who list for industries and businesses in southern California,

starting with the 100-acre \$25 million Cerritos Auto Mall, which includes the design and build of S & J Chevrolet (\$4 million), Norm Reeves Honda (\$4 million), Lexus Cerritos (\$2 million), Moon Nissan (\$3 million), Saturn Cerritos (\$2.5 million), Buickmart (\$2.5 million), Browning Oldsmobile and Acura (\$3 million), Cerritos Pontiac (\$2.5 million), Moothart Chrysler Plymouth (\$3 million) and Buena Park Toyota (\$5.5 million). Along with this impressive undertaking, other significant projects consist of the ensuing: Long Beach Nissan (\$2.5 million), Home Depot (new building, \$3.5 million) and Ace Beverage (remodel, \$1.3 million), among others.

Furthermore A.J. Padelford & Son, Inc. has the construction of a plethora of large shopping center projects underway in the Los Angeles area. These include the \$15 million, 24-acre Cerritos Plaza in Cerritos, which will be made up of Ralph's Market, Sav-On Drugs, Tall Mouse, Bowling Center, Wells Fargo Bank, Home Savings, restaurants, offices, retail shops and site work; the \$14 million, 32-acre Plaza De La Paz in

Vons Shopping Center — Glendale, CA



In fact A.J. Padelford & Son, Inc. possesses the most sterling reputation possible for both the quality of its workmanship and for its ability to always complete projects on time. Impressively, in all seven of its decades in existence, the firm has never missed a construction deadline. With such a strong and solid reputation, coupled with the proven track record to back it up 100 percent, A.J. Padelford & Son, Inc. aims to continue its venerable tradition of excellence that has guided it since its inception for generations to come.

When A.J. Padelford founded A.J. Padelford & Son, Inc. in 1934, the company's focal point revolved around the construction of dairy barns and small residential buildings. This still held true when Mr. Padelford's son, Warren (Gene) Padelford, joined him in 1944 to help run the company after graduating from college with a bachelor's degree in engineering from the University of California at Berkley. In the late 1950s the company made the wise decision to change the firm's focus, moving into the field of constructing commercial

Laguna Niguel, which will include construction of a Home Base, T.J. Maxx and Longs Drugstore as well as offices, retail shops and site work; the \$12 million, 22-acre Mountain Square in Upland with a Home Depot, Vons Pavilion, T.J. Maxx and Craftmart as well as retail shops and site work; and the \$12 million, 40-acre Manhattan Village in Manhattan Beach, an enclosed mall containing more than 60 shops including Ralph's Market, Sav-On Drugs, banking institutions, an office complex, additional shops and site work, among others too numerous to list.

Added to the completed and in-progress construction of such shopping facilities and other projects, A.J. Padelford & Son, Inc. recently served as the general contractor in the construction of the \$3.5 million Pioneer Hospital Ob/Gyn Center in Artesia, the \$3 million Charter Medical Center in Cerritos, the \$3 million Signal Hill Industrial Park in Signal Hill, the \$3.5 million Mullikin Medical Clinic in Long Beach, the \$3 million MCL Produce in Los Angeles, the \$3 million Mission Beverage in Indio and the \$10 million Ace Beverage in Los Angeles, as well as numerous parking structures (for clients including Vons, Ralph's, the City of Paramount and more) and production facilities for the California Milk Producers in Artesia, Gardenia Cheese in Southgate, Masson Cheese in Vernon and Balian Ice Cream in Los Angeles.

Such variety in its projects has enabled A.J. Padelford & Son, Inc. to acquire a vast, unsurpassed quantity of skills and expertise as a general contractor, which in turn enables the firm to continue its dominance as one of the foremost general contractors in the area. The fact that most of the firm's contracts are negotiated directly with its clients adds to the appeal. As a mark of the current client confidence A.J. Padelford & Son, Inc enjoys — though the firm has a bonding capacity of \$30 million — most developers and/or lenders choose to actually exempt the company from bonding due to its reputation of quality and performance within the building industry.

Above all else this sort of confidence is inspired by the fact that each and every project undertaken by A J. Padelford & Son, Inc. receives the personal and direct supervision of one of its four principals — all of whom are descendents of the company's founder.

These include President Douglas W. Padelford, who holds a bachelor's degree in architecture from the University of Southern California; Vice President Daniel R. Padelford, who holds a bachelor's degree in structural engineering from the University of Southern California; and Secretary/Treasurer Diane I. Padelford-Young, who holds a bachelor's degree in interior design from Woodbury University. The fourth principal, Vice President Hollis Gene Emmons, possesses equally



Expo Design Center – Laguna Niguel, CA Boat Canyon Shopping Center — Laguna Beach, CA



impressive academic credentials, having majored in mathematics from the University of Denver. Thus one member of this team of principals, backed by their tremendous academic credentials and industry experience — as well as a family and company tradition — personally handles each individual project, guaranteeing that today's customers will enjoy the same high standards of performance and quality set forth many years ago by the firm's founder, A.J. Padelford.

Not only does the firm thereby enjoy a well-earned, day-to-day reputation and recognition within the industry as a company committed to excellence, but also, it has received awards and recognitions too numerous to list through the years for its commitment. Highlights have included being voted the "Most Outstanding Contractor" by Home Depot's Western Division's Construction Division, and the recognition of two of its principal officers as "Man of the Year" by the City of Artesia.

Thus the firm's officers maintain an active and diligent involvement that stretches beyond business interests in the community in which A.J. Padelford & Son, Inc is headquartered, as well as in the surrounding communities. Positions held presently or in the past by A.J. Padelford & Son, Inc.'s officers include the following: member of Artesia city council;

mayor of the City of Artesia; president of the California League Of Cities; members and chairman of the Artesia planning commission (two officers); members of the Artesia Chamber of Commerce's board of directors (three officers); members of the ABC school board; president of the ABC school board; and president of the Artesia-Cerrito Lions Club, among others. With such a vigorous investment in local communities, it's no wonder that A.J. Padelford & Son, Inc. enjoys a reputation as a company with a conscience that cares — a fact that helps it maintain its status as a top choice for locals in need of a general contractor as well as its regional reputation for its expertise.

For the past seven decades the general contracting firm of A.J. Padelford & Son, Inc. has brought enhancements and quality-of-living improvements to communities throughout southern California, both through its expert commercial construction abilities and through the personal commitments of its principals to each project and to improving their local communities. By refining its trade to the point of near-perfection A.J. Padelford & Son, Inc. has defined itself as an award-winning general contractor worthy of the highest levels of consumer confidence — a reputation the company anticipates upholding for the next 70 years and beyond.