

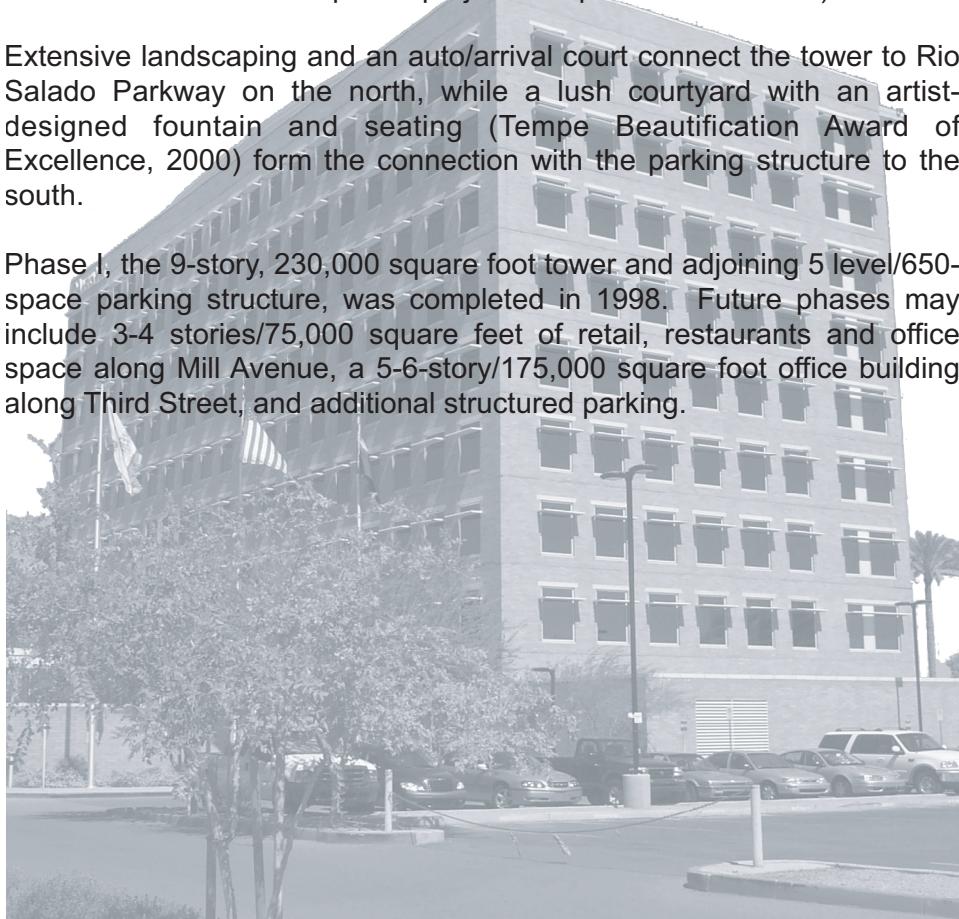
AMERICA WEST CORPORATE HEADQUARTERS

150-155 West Third Street

The striking tower was designed with a roofline that recalls the aerodynamic section of an airplane wing, differing elevations that respond to climatic orientations and views and a south/downtown-facing brick facade with individual windows and canopies referencing the downtown context, while the north/lake-facing steel and glass facade looks to the future of the Rio Salado project. This 7.3 acre project replaced the former America West Corporate Offices (originally Mercado del Rio, the downtown's first redevelopment project with public involvement).

Extensive landscaping and an auto/arrival court connect the tower to Rio Salado Parkway on the north, while a lush courtyard with an artist-designed fountain and seating (Tempe Beautification Award of Excellence, 2000) form the connection with the parking structure to the south.

Phase I, the 9-story, 230,000 square foot tower and adjoining 5 level/650-space parking structure, was completed in 1998. Future phases may include 3-4 stories/75,000 square feet of retail, restaurants and office space along Mill Avenue, a 5-6-story/175,000 square foot office building along Third Street, and additional structured parking.





"The site master plan and architectural palette were developed to complement the existing urban fabric and character, while looking toward the future of Rio Salado and the airline industry."

Bob Colletta
Architect

public role: acquisition and assembly of land and relocation of owner occupant, tenants, and businesses as part of original (1977-80) redevelopment; City provides property tax abatement for the development; City also purchased and owns the nighttime, weekend and holiday parking rights of 800 parking spaces on site

developer: Hines

architect: SmithGroup (design) with Leo A. Daly (architect-of-record), Phoenix offices

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