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## CetraRuddy Architecture

project 535W43, Midtown.

To create a feeling of community at a pair of 14-story buildings, separated by a courtyard, Interior Design Hall of Fame members John Cetra and Nancy Ruddy made it the focal point for the complex, with amenities grouped around. Alongside the courtyard, a connector between the twin structures contains a game room, a dining room, a kitchen, and a fitness center. The roof of the connector serves as an additional link, a breezeway with



a glass canopy and balustrades.

The lobby shared by both buildings is a double-height space where blocks of mailboxes, usually banished to an alcove, are set on tables topped in solid-surfacing, near a lounge furnished with chartreuse swivel chairs. "A place to meet your neighbors," Ruddy offers. An electric fireplace is set into a feature wall's geometric white bas-relief. Hung from the ceiling, an installation consists of



**Opposite top:** The lobby's feature wall is fiberglass-reinforced gypsum-board. **Opposite bottom:** Yellow Goat Design collaborated on an installation comprising 300 sheets of aluminum folded and hung from the ceiling by wire.

**Top:** Between the two towers, painted steel gates march along a connector that houses public spaces including the game room. **Bottom:** Nancy Ruddy and John Cetra are Interior Design Hall of Fame members. Photography: courtesy of CetraRuddy Architecture.