



## Homewood Suites

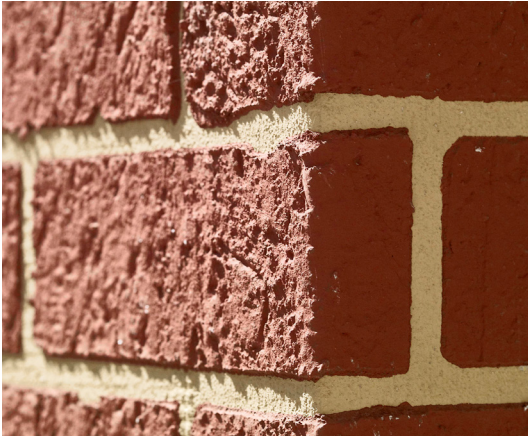
Sto Corp. Has it Covered at Homewood Suites by Hilton® Nashville

The new Homewood Suites by Hilton® in Nashville, Tennessee, near Vanderbilt University has just opened. Sto Corp. got in at the right time to help cover more than 80 percent of the new hotel with its StoCreativ® Brick and Sto Limestone finishes, and its EIFS cladding system, StoTherm Classic NExT®, complete with StoGuard®, its air and moisture barrier.

Sto Products: - StoTherm®Classic NExT®  
- StoGuard®  
- StoCreativ Brick  
- Sto Limestone

Architect: Bounds & Gillespie Architects, LLC  
Applicator: Liddle Brothers Contractors, LLC  
General Contractor: EBCO General Contractor/HARDAWAY Construction Corp. -  
A Joint Venture  
Distributor: Wallboard & Supply  
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The project was originally designed with brick and stone as the claddings of choice and was over budget, according to Michael DeLaura, LEED AP BD + C, an exterior cladding specialist for Sto Corp. One of the contractors on the project, Patrick Hannon, Senior Project Manager for HARDAWAY Construction Corp., asked if there could be money saved by using a continuous insulation system with specialty finishes emulating brick and limestone. The answer was a resounding yes.

“We needed to look at options to bring the cost down on the cladding or find other cost saving measures,” said Hannon. “Everyone was concerned about going with a different product and not using limestone and brick, as originally specified, but after the owner and architect saw mock ups of what Sto had to offer, and saw it on an actual project, they were more and more convinced that this change would work. Everyone seems to be happy with the outcome, including me.”

Dave Holton of Wallboard and Supply, the Sto distributor in Nashville, helped coordinate the cost savings with the contractor, general contractor, architect, and Sto Corp. Holton worked with one of his long-time customers, Little Brothers Contractors, Inc., a family-owned business founded in 1936, providing them with the products needed for the project, as well as with valuable information on the application techniques of StoCreativ Brick and Sto Limestone. “Along side of the architect, general contractor and applicator, my job was to make sure the owner received the desired look,” says Holton.

The architect on the project, Danny Bounds, with Bounds & Gillespie Architects, LLC out of Memphis, saw a parking garage finished with StoCreativ Brick and Sto Limestone and agreed that the combination provided the look and feel of original brick and limestone, and was able to switch the cladding choice to keep the project going. To help with the comfort level of the products, DeLaura took a trip to Memphis to show the architect samples of both finishes.

“The contractor proposed a few options, including Sto products. StoCreativ Brick and Sto Limestone offered tremendous savings and achieved the look and perception everyone wanted,” says Bounds. “If we hadn’t been able to make this change, we would have had to look at other items across the board to save money. Using StoCreativ Brick and Sto Limestone allowed us to maintain a lot of the other features, finishes and items that hotel guests can see, touch and feel.”

Bounds explains that when this option was brought to the table, he wasn’t sure that the City of Nashville would sign off on it. There are many guidelines in this particular area of Nashville and there were a lot of barriers to overcome, outside of the team involved. Bounds invited a member of the planning staff to visit the site and look at a mock up. His overall impression was good and the City approved Sto’s option.

According to Holton, StoCreativ Brick is a decorative wall finish that can be used over any prepared exterior surface such as EIFS, stucco and CMU to give the lasting impression of brick without the added expense and design limitations. This finish is light weight so it reduces the building structural requirements. When used with the EIFS system, StoTherm NEXt, as it was on the new Homewood Suites, it also provides enhanced moisture protection and energy efficiency.





Sto Limestone finish features the look of stone at a fraction of the weight. The smooth, classic look of stone that Homewood Suites wanted to achieve was created at a fraction of the cost of real stone. When used as a component of an EIFS system, this durable 100 percent acrylic finish can create the look of stone arches, reliefs and other architectural elements while reducing the load of additional weight on the hotel structure.

“The original drawings called for standard EIFS,” says Mike Taylor, Vice President of Liddle Brothers. “We recommended the Sto system, StoThermNExT with StoGuard, for enhanced moisture management along with the StoCreative Brick and Sto Limestone finishes. The system was accepted by the owner and saved them a substantial amount of money without compromising the look that they wanted.”

A small portion of the first story of the building is original stone, with the rest of the first floor covered in Sto Limestone. The other six stories are covered in StoCreativ Brick, and the cornice is Sto Limestone.

“Not only does the hotel look great, but it saved the owner money by making the structure lighter,” adds Holton. “The building has an air barrier and continuous insulation which will increase occupant comfort and lower heating and cooling costs. This project was a real win-win for everyone involved.”

