



Birdair Backgrounder

Birdair, Inc. is an international sole-source specialty contractor of architectural roofing systems, providing a variety of lightweight structural fabric membrane and cable construction solutions.

Birdair projects range in size from large-scale stadiums, airports and arenas, to shopping centers, schools and entertainment venues. Birdair's project portfolio contains a long list of award-winning venues including Denver International Airport, Pittsburgh's David L. Lawrence Convention Center, Atlanta's Georgia Dome, Palm Springs Airport, Kuwait Stadium and South Korea's Incheon Stadium.

Birdair offers turn-key, design-build applications for all aspects of project development - working with clients from conceptual planning to follow-up services - as well as expert engineering, installation and construction management.

Birdair installations use a wide variety of structural roofing materials, including fabric membranes that are energy efficient and translucent, yet durable enough to withstand harsh conditions. These materials keep out the elements to allow for significant energy savings through daylight harvesting, without sacrificing aesthetic design.

Additionally, Birdair installations require fewer structural steel components than traditional roofing systems. By taking advantage of Birdair fabric membrane's unique strength, fluidity and flexibility, there is no limit to its capabilities or the building envelopes to which it can be applied.

The company has come a long way from its simple beginnings, when Birdair founder Walter Bird, a pioneer in membrane roofing systems, started his business in 1956 as a manufacturer of air-filled rooms and radomes. In the late 1970s, Birdair entered the architectural arena with one of the world's first large-scale structural fabric membrane roofing projects, installing the canopy for the Haj Terminal at Jeddah Airport in Saudi Arabia.

Today, Birdair has grown to become a standard bearer in custom architectural fabric membrane roofing, employing an experienced team of on-site engineers, architects and designers who are ready to assist clients with innovative roofing options that bring architectural visions to life.

Birdair is a division of Taiyo Kogyo Group's North American operations and is headquartered in Buffalo, N.Y.

Interviews: Birdair's marketing professionals are available for interviews and can specifically address their products as well as the history and trends of architectural fabric membrane roofing solutions.

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