“Dear Jingumae” Building

Tokyo, Japan

This project renovated a 25-year old office building, located on a back street of Omotesando in Tokyo. The owner requested a design with a façade expression differentiated from the surrounding buildings, which would be helpful for branding for future tenants. The Amano Design Office designed it with a soft expression that would be pleasing to passers-by, while standing out from the surrounding buildings. By removing the out-of-fashion decorative frame structure on the existing building frame as much as possible, the primary shape was exposed. Then, metallic louvers were placed, using computer design to add a modern expression conjuring images of soft clothing. The louvers give a soft expression by connecting three-dimensionally misaligned radiuses. The louver components are welded to crossed SUS plates and protrude from the building frame by SUS pipes, resulting in a streamlined workability.

Environment: Urban
Material: Stainless steel pipes and plates
Designer: amano design office inc.
Structural Engineer: Rhythmdesign
Completion: March 2014
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