The Kauffman Stadium renovation for the Royals Ballpark in Kansas City was lead by the architects at Populous. Zahner, producer of highly crafted architectural metalwork, provided an exterior stainless steel façade as well as improvements to the interior experience. The Zahner scope also included the Royals Crown artwork which can be seen atop the ballpark’s digital scoreboard.

The new structure at the Royals stadium features two sections which use selective perforations in stainless steel to create the image of the Royals logo on the surface of the metal. This perforated surface wraps the entire building, yielding a mesh façade which provides light, air control, and a visually intriguing artistic aesthetic. A pattern of perforations and dimples allows glimpses of the original structure and the emblazoned the Royals’ graphic adds visual delight. Daylight and air transverse the façade, and the result is a breezy atmosphere which anticipates the excitement of the ballpark within.

The details show the exquisite stainless steel surface, a process Zahner developed for a soft semi-reflective surface known as Angel Hair® stainless steel. The detail photos also reveal how the logo is composed of a dimpled and perforated façade. When standing a hundred feet from the facade, these dimples and perforations disappear to the naked eye, becoming the Royals graphic.

**Environment:** urban
**Material:** perforated stainless steel
**Surface:** Angel Hair®
**Date of completion:** 2009
**Architects:** populous.com
**Photographs:** Mike Sinclair and A. Zahner Company
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