Zislis Residence
LA Restaurateur, Hotel Mogul’s House Stands Apart with StoVentec™

California entrepreneur Michael Zislis chose StoVentec™ Rainscreen® System to make a bold, eye-catching statement when building a home for his family.

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When Michael Zislis decides what he wants, he goes after it with determination and passion.

His entrepreneurial spirit dates back to his teenage years. At age 13, he decided to brew his own beer at home, convincing his parents that it was a “science experiment.” Years later, his passion led him to open a brewery fabrication company and then a number of breweries around the world.

Now a serial entrepreneur, hotelier and restaurateur, Zislis is the principal owner of the Zislis Group in Manhattan Beach, California. The company is behind such greater LA restaurant concepts as Brewco, Rock & Brews, and Rock & Fish. Zislis’ Shade Hotel, a luxury boutique hotel in Manhattan Beach, is listed as Conde Nast Traveler’s #6 reason to visit Los Angeles.

When it came time for Zislis to build a home for his young family, the StoVentec™ Rainscreen® System quickly caught his eye.

The Lightbulb that Led to StoVentec

The epiphany for Zislis came when Patrick Tasson, western regional sales manager at Sto®, talked to Zislis about StoVentec during a meeting at the Zislis Group Manhattan Beach office. Tasson touted the product’s differentiators, such as enhanced aesthetic value and advanced performance properties.

Zislis was immediately intrigued by the product and saw it as a defining element of the facade for the new home he was designing and constructing for his family.

He ordered his design team to change the specification for a portion of the exterior cladding on his house.

The result: A head-turner on the side of the home that faces the ocean.

Contractors installed 900 square feet of StoVentec Glass in Pastel Blue, Light Blue and Azure Blue. It is the first such installation of its kind on the West Coast on a 4,500-square-foot home that is just a few blocks from the beach. The house includes an indoor/outdoor pool, a gym, a home theater, a brewery, and an exterior fireplace.

“Architecturally, it’s the signature of the house. The owner wanted his home to convey the ‘wow factor,’ and StoVentec Glass delivered on that design vision.”

Patrick Tasson | Sto Corp.
One Complete System

StoVentec ventilated Rainscreen cladding systems provide superior weathertightness, thermal performance and fire protection, all in a single solution. StoVentec Glass applies the versatility and visual appeal of glass to a rainscreen cladding system. The components include:

- **StoGuard® Air and Moisture Barrier** featuring Sto AirSeal®, providing single-source, continuous, fully integrated air and moisture protection.

- **Thermal insulation** in the form of non-combustible mineral wool. Insulation thickness can be varied to meet design and thermal requirements.

- **StoVentro™ Sub-Construction**, which is adjustable to compensate for uneven substrates and provide flush transitions between different Rainscreen claddings.

- **StoVentec Carrier Board**, a structural glass composite board made of expanded glass beads that combines light weight with high compressive and tensile strength and flexibility. It also features more than 90 percent recycled content.

- The **StoVentec Glass Panel** assembly, featuring durable, heat-soaked glass permanently bonded to StoVentec Carrier Board.

For the Zislis home, StoVentec Glass was the ideal product for the home’s beachside locale. The durable, opaque glass-faced panels integrated with thermal insulation and an air and moisture barrier combine for one complete system that delivers stunning curb appeal and optimal performance characteristics. StoVentec Glass conforms with U.S. code requirements for use on noncombustible construction, for air leakage resistance and for water resistance.

A Conversational Piece

As a designer at heart, Michael Zislis chose to showcase the most innovative products and materials on the exterior and interior of his house, which is often the place for social gatherings and functions. As guests enjoy his home, he likes to introduce them to all the cutting-edge products in use.

That conversation begins before walking in the door with StoVentec Glass.

The multiple sized panels of StoVentec Glass in varying shades of blue provide a unique appearance for a residential home. Because the product is tempered glass, it maintains reflective properties for a dazzling, durable exterior finish.
Inspiration favors the open mind

With Sto, your creative exploration can take you anywhere. Our proven products give you unmatched freedom and the ability to achieve your vision in any color, any form, any texture, any material.

StoVentec Rainscreen systems provide a wide range of aesthetic options and price points from glass, to stone, wood, mosaic and any combination in between. They bring form together with function in a complete, single source system, allowing you to create wall systems that are visually stunning, durable and thermally efficient. Imaginative design using StoVentec Glass, with the smooth, hard, reflective look of glass, can be accentuated with an adjacent StoVentec Render system. Featuring a wide range of color and texture options, StoVentec Render extends design possibilities, and helps you create a look that is uniquely appealing.

Creativity Begins. Sto Finishes.