

project	MIT ALUMNI POOL CURTAINWALL
location	MASSACHUSETTS INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY, BUILDING 57
client	DEPARTMENT OF ATHLETICS, PHYSICAL EDUCATION, AND RECREATION
project type	ARCHITECTURE

highly visible location
 maintained integrity of original architecture
 energy efficient materials

preservation

The MIT Alumni Pool Curtainwall project received the Cambridge Historical Commission Preservation Award.

After years of exposure to chlorine and humidity in the natatorium, the Alumni Pool Curtainwall was in need of replacement. Because of its highly visible location next to the newly constructed Stata Center, it was desirable to upgrade the façade even though this was not included in the original scope of work for the Stata Center. The project team, led by David Silverman, drew up design options and after getting a cost estimate, discovered that it would cost a fraction of what had been previously thought, which made the Institute eager to proceed. By working closely with the Cambridge Historic Commission, a design was implemented that maintained the integrity of the International Style architecture while using more energy efficient materials that would protect against the harsh conditions inherent in the building.

