

# SageGlass Installs Dynamic Glass in New Los Angeles Restaurant Atop the Iconic U.S. Bank Tower

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[SageGlass®](#), the world's smartest electrochromic glass, was installed at [71Above](#), a new high-end restaurant located on the 71<sup>st</sup> floor of the iconic U.S. Bank Tower in downtown Los Angeles. Designed to provide patrons with a 360-degree view of the city, day and night, and a unique dining experience, 71Above will feature nearly 3,000 square feet of SageGlass, a product of [Saint-Gobain](#), around the perimeter of the restaurant. SageGlass' unique ability to dynamically control sunlight and manage heat gain allows for unobstructed views and a comfortable dining experience at the restaurant, year-round.

Renowned restaurateur, Emil Eyvazoff, selected SageGlass for his new sky-high restaurant for its aesthetic appeal and functionality. SageGlass controls sunlight to optimize daylight, outdoor views and comfort while preventing glare, fading and overheating without the need for blinds or shades. With electronically tintable SageGlass, 71Above staff will have the ability to control the environment and provide patrons with an always comfortable space that connects them to the city below. Additionally, SageGlass dramatically reduces energy demand and the need for HVAC by blocking up to 91 percent of solar heat.

"With the help of SageGlass, we have created a dining experience at 71Above unlike any other restaurant in Los Angeles. Our guests can enjoy spectacular 360-degree views of the entire city all day and night without being impacted by the harsh southern California sun," said Emil Eyvazoff, restaurant owner and proprietor. "I specifically selected SageGlass because it complements 71Above's modern design and overall aesthetic. SageGlass helps us create a wow factor in addition to enhancing guest comfort, providing us with the ideal combination of form and function."

Summer temperatures often exceed 90 degrees in Los Angeles, which caused unique challenges for Tag Front, the architecture firm for 71Above. Mandi Rafaty, managing principle at Tag Front, says, "Solar control was a major factor for the overall design of the space. We needed to maintain unobstructed views from all vantage points while blocking harsh sunlight and intense heat at the same time. SageGlass' innovative technology made this possible."

SageGlass called upon the expertise of Giroux Glass, Inc. to install its dynamic glass at 71Above. Giroux Glass installed a total of 192 insulating glass units and 48 table-side vents, which can be opened by diners to bring in a rush of fresh air and the sounds of the city from far below. Brad Leslie, Giroux Glass' director of high-end design, says, "Who better to have chosen for the installation of such leading-edge technology? Our glaziers are proficient in all the latest innovations. This is what we do."

The recently opened 71Above is atop the U.S. Bank Tower, currently the tallest building in the Western United States. The iconic skyscraper has undergone a \$50 million renovation, which includes a new observation deck and tourist attractions, among other exciting features.

“The 71Above project really demonstrates how SageGlass can enhance the functionality of a space in ways that were previously not possible. SageGlass has enabled 71Above to offer incredible views at all times of the day, rather than having to lower blinds and shades to control the glare and heat from the sun,” said Alan McLenaghan, CEO of SageGlass. “We are thrilled that our dynamic glass is featured in one of the most iconic new spaces in California. Diners at 71Above will be able to enjoy a great meal and magnificent views even during peak sun hours. And because SageGlass can revert to its clear state when the sun goes down – the city by night can be viewed clearly, too.”

71Above, featuring nationally regarded chef Vartan Abgaryan, is now open for business and serves lunch and dinner daily.

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