



DOWAKSA CarbonWrap®

CASE STUDY

GHIRARDELLI SQUARE CHOCOLATE FACTORY
SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA

BRINGING A HISTORIC STRUCTURE UP TO SEISMIC STANDARDS

Problem

The historic Ghirardelli Square Chocolate Factory building in San Francisco was unreinforced brick that presented significant seismic hazards. Due to the historic nature of this building, the least invasive technique was desirable to retrofit the building. DowAksa CarbonWrap® was selected as the most effective and efficient technique to bring this historic brick building up to the current seismic standards.

Solution

The light weight of DowAksa CarbonWrap® did not increase the weight of the building, therefore it required no foundation modifications. Furthermore, the less-than-1/8-inch thick DowAksa CarbonWrap™ on the walls did not reduce the floor space, as conventional techniques would have.



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