Student housing has changed significantly in the past few decades. Gone are the days of tight spaces with one or two people and a single bed to a shared bathroom. Now it’s all about not only functionality, with everyone having his or her own bedroom and bathroom, sharing common spaces with a few people. The theme of individuality often continues throughout the entire student housing space. When creating Apple College Station Luxury Student Housing, they needed to bring in the spirit of the Century Tree, an oak tree located on Texas A&M’s campus.

**UNIQUE TOUCHES THROUGHOUT**

Taking the individuality of the space and the student, German looked at its design objectives of a specific, authentic design and space to make this student housing project unique and identifiable. “We saw from the outset that we wanted to bring school spirit and iconography into the space” through the use of graphics, Nanson explains.

One way they did that was through the quiet and look of the Century Tree, an oak tree beloved by Texas A&M students and alumni. Located on campus near the Academic Building, its trees over 100 years old and has many unique branches, some of which touch the ground.

The German team brought their interpretation of the feeling, look, and scale of the tree into the lobby space using Mic’s Designs Digital Perforated Aluminum Wall Sheets. The design was created using a 21 ft. panels of aluminum about 18 ft. high—approximately 4,800 feet of custom perforated metal. It’s a recognizable piece right when people walk into the Apple College Station, the Century Tree. “It’s a huge statement,” Nanson notes. “Everyone who sees it sees that first. We talked with people working in the lobby, and they were impressed they were working in such a cool space.”

**WALL SHEETS: A UNIQUE PRODUCT**

Nanson says that the Digital Perforated Aluminum Wall Sheets were chosen because it is unique and would offer the look and feel they were going for with the project.

The custom design features aluminum wall sheets in a powder coat nickel escherly. Different hole-stretches throughout the 1/8th inch aluminum panels were used to create the image of the tree. A benefit of the Mic’s wall sheets in a student housing setting is the material’s durability, notes Linda Guzman, director of marketing at Mic’s Designs.

For other projects, perforated metal sheets are available in various sizes holes and sheets, along with different colors, grates, and finishes. The sheets can be bent, curved, and fabricated. They can be used to divide or space without closing it in, as seen here on the Century Tree logo over the desk area.

**ABOVE** When the German team was designing Apple College Station Luxury Student Housing, they wanted to bring in the spirit and soul of the Century Tree, an oak tree located on Texas A&M’s campus. Students and faculty love the tree. They brought its into the lobby space using Mic’s Designs Digital Perforated Aluminum Wall Sheets.

**LEFT** Perforated metal sheets are available in various sizes holes and sheets, along with different colors, grates, and finishes. The sheets can be bent, curved, and fabricated. They can be used to divide or space without closing it in, as seen here on the Century Tree logo over the desk area.