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thyssenkrupp Elevator to provide surface-mounted, modular moving walks for longest pedestrian bridge in the U.S.

- Six iwalks ranging in size from 150- to 200-feet will be installed on the 1,000-foot-long pedestrian bridge at United Shore's Pontiac, Michigan campus
- The compact design of the iwalks allow them to fit virtually any space, offering greater comfort and more safety for passengers while easing planning, integration and operation for architects, general contractors and building owners and managers
- In North America, iwalks are helping some of the busiest airports keep passengers moving safely and efficiently to their destination

PONTIAC, Mich. (September 16, 2020) – thyssenkrupp Elevator will provide six of its revolutionary moving walks for a 1,000-foot pedestrian bridge being built on the 1.5 million-square-foot campus for United Shore, home to the number one wholesale mortgage lending company in America, UWM. When completed, the pedestrian bridge will be the longest in the U.S.

Final installation of all six iwalks is expected in 2021.

Four of the iwalks are 200 feet long and two are 150 feet long to cover the bridge length. The six surface-mounted iwalks will be installed on the slab of the bridge but will look flush with the final walking surface. The units also feature a sleep mode function to save energy when there are no passengers on the moving walks and can monitor how many people it is carrying and adjust power usage accordingly.

The general contractor on the project is Troy, Mich.-based The Alan Group, a leader in providing value-added construction services since 1995.

“This is truly an ideal partnership – a pedestrian bridge unlike any other in the United States with moving walks unlike anything else out there,” said Kevin Lavallee, President and CEO of thyssenkrupp Elevator North America. “iwalks have revolutionized the moving walkway as these units can fit anywhere and can be installed and removed quickly to meet specific building and traffic needs.”

iwalks are a cutting-edge solution to the challenge of transporting passengers and objects. With 30 percent less weight compared to conventional solutions, iwalks have changed the way that moving walks are developed, manufactured and installed. The iwalks' modular, compact design is tailored to fit the evolving requirements of space, with reduced weight and

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outer dimensions to produce thinner floors, requiring less building space while offering enhanced convenience and comfort of passengers due to a wider pallet.

In North America, thyssenkrupp Elevator's iwalks are also helping transport passengers at major airports across the continent, including Calgary, San Francisco International, Dallas – Fort Worth International, Denver International, Reagan International as well as one of the busiest airports in the U.S., [John F. Kennedy International Airport](#) in New York.

Globally, thyssenkrupp Elevator is installing several iwalks at the [918-foot-long Skybridge](#) linking Perth Airport in Australia to a new train station currently being constructed. Two of the four iwalks will extend approximately 300 feet – the longest iwalks that thyssenkrupp Elevator has ever manufactured. The remaining two are approximately 124 feet in length.

Other worldwide installations include 13 iwalks at Heathrow Airport in London and 28 iwalks at Kuala Lumpur International Airport in Malaysia.

For more information on iwalks, go to <https://www.thyssenkruppelevator.com/moving-walks>

To view images of the iwalks and the pedestrian bridge at United Shore, click [here](#).

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With customers in over 100 countries served by more than 50,000 employees, thyssenkrupp Elevator achieved sales of around €8 billion in the fiscal year 2018/2019. Over 1,000 locations around the world provide an extensive network that guarantees closeness to customers. After building its position as one of the world's leading elevator companies in a mere 40 years' time, thyssenkrupp Elevator became an independent company in August 2020. The company's most important business line is its service business, with approximately 1.4 million units under maintenance and over 24,000 service technicians globally. The product portfolio covers commodity elevators for residential and commercial buildings to cutting-edge, highly customized solutions for state-of-the-art skyscrapers – such as One World Trade Center in New York. In addition, it also consists of escalators and moving walks, passenger boarding bridges, stair and platform lifts, as well as tailored service solutions such as MAX, the industry's first cloud-based digitally enhanced maintenance solution – thus covering a broad spectrum of urban mobility.