







CASE STUDY

BUILDING BREAKDOWN

154,625 ft.² Four stories Ottawa, Ontario Senior living facility 2019 Hambro by Canam was asked to convert the design of a building from concrete to load bearing steel structure with Hambro floor system. Below is a full take-off comparison between the two systems. Exterior walls and tower crane were added to the concrete building scope in order to compare the buildings on the same basis and scope.

CAST IN PLACE CONCRETE OPTION

	ITEM	DESCRIPTION	COST (CAN\$)	
Ground, 2 nd , 3 rd , 4 th	Formwork Concrete Reinforcing Placing and finishing	2,335 m ² x 4 floors 2,335 m ² x 250 mm x 4 floors 21 kg/m ² x 2,335 m ² x 4 floors 2,335 m ² x 4 floors	\$1,205,981 \$443,080 \$392,280 \$150,748	
Roof	Formwork Concrete Reinforcing Placing and finishing	2,335 m ² 2,335 m ² x 325 AVG thick 25 kg/m ² x 2,335 m ² 2,335 m ²	\$301,495 \$144,020 \$116,750 \$37,687	
High roof	Formwork Concrete Reinforcing Placing and finishing	170 m ² 170 m ² x 325 mm AVG thick 23 kg/m ² x 170 m ² 170 m ²	\$21,950 \$10,640 \$7,866 \$2,744	
Columns (300 mm x 1,300 mm x 54)	Formwork Concrete Reinforcing	3.2 m x 17 m x 54 columns 0.3 m x 1.3 m x 17 m x 54 columns 45 kg/m ² x 17 m x 54 columns	\$379,355 \$81,700 \$82,620	
Shear walls	Formwork Concrete Reinforcing	109 m x 17 m 83 x 17 m x 250 mm 321 kg/m² x 17 m x 83 m	\$259,660 \$87,210 \$117,396	
	BUILDING MATERIAL	LS SUBTOTALS:	Total formwork: Total concrete: Total reinforcing: Total placing and finishing:	\$2,168,441 \$766,650 \$716,912 \$191,178

CONCRETE SUPERSTRUCTURE SUBTOTAL:	\$3,843,182
Basement (28,700 ft. ² @ \$45):	\$1,291,500
Exterior walls added for comparison (38,962 ft. ² @ \$10):	\$389,620
Tower crane, operator and concrete pad added for comparison:	\$225,000
TOTAL STRUCTURE:	\$5,749,302
Price per square foot:	\$37.18
Schedule cost (two-month differential, 5% interest, @ 231,250/2.5 months):	\$1.50
Heating, hoarding, additives (winter construction conditions):	\$2.00
Piling for building weight (D class soil):	\$3.60
REAL COST PER SOLIARE FOOT:	\$44.28

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HAMBRO BY CANAM - STEEL OPTION

	ITEM	DESCRIPTION	COST (CAN\$)	
	Structural system LBSS walls Floor system Balconies Roof and parapets Engineering	Structural steel package With outside sheeting Hambro D500 Precast concrete on SS column OWSJ and SD EOR mandate		
Complete steel superstructure			\$3,470,000	*Contract price
Ground, 2 nd , 3 rd , 4 th	Concrete Reinforcing Placing and finishing	1,914 m 2 x 89 mm thick x 4 floors Wire mesh only, incl. installation 2,335 m 2 x 4 floors	\$129,390 \$50,249 \$100,498	
Shear walls	Formwork Concrete Reinforcing	109 m x 17 m 83 x 17 m x 250 mm 321 kg/m² x 17 m x 83 m	\$199,749 \$67,070 \$90,304	
	BUILDING MATERIAL	S SUBTOTALS:	Total steel structure: Total formwork: Total concrete: Total reinforcing: Total placing and finishing:	\$3,470,000 \$199,749 \$196,460 \$140,553 \$100,498
CONCRETE SUPERSTRUCTURE SUBTOTAL: Basement (28,700 ft.² @ \$30): TOTAL STRUCTURE:				
Price per square foot: Heating, hoarding, additives (winter construction conditions): Piling for building weight (D class soil): REAL COST PER SQUARE FOOT:				

FACTS

PROJECT CONCLUSION

The building was erected and enclosed ahead of schedule at 14 weeks. Hambro's floor system requires no shoring, allowing subsequent trades to work in the building the day after concrete placement, providing additional schedule savings. Unlike concrete structures, no extra costs for winter conditions had to be considered since the exterior walls were up as the building was erected.



HAMBRO BY CANAM SCHEDULE



PERFORMANCE STEEL vs CONCRETE





