

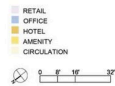




BEFORE



AFTER



FLOOR 12 (TYPICAL)









LondonHouse Chicago

Chicago, Illinois, USA

Located in downtown Chicago at the prominent intersection of Michigan Avenue and Wacker Drive, the LondonHouse Chicago is an adaptive reuse project that brings together old and new. A 1923 office building, originally designed by Alfred Alschuler for the London Guarantee & Accident Company, is combined with a new slender infill tower on an adjacent site to define an integrated 452-key hotel. The renovation encompasses 305,000 square feet of the existing 21-story building, with an expansion of 85,000 square feet next door.

Completing the street wall by filling in a previous parking lot, the new tower is designed to respect the cornice lines of the existing property while introducing a series of subtle saw-toothed angles in the new façade that respond to the signature views west down Wacker Drive and overlooking the Chicago River.

The hotel's main entrance, located in the new glass tower, features a gateway arrival leading to the historic elevator lobby and a grand second-floor check-in lobby and bar. The top of the hotel is the main feature. Previously unoccupied, underutilized space has been converted into a tri-level rooftop terrace and bar, including a special-events space within the refurbished cupola. Designed in keeping with the city's landmarks codes and approvals, the rooftop space sensitively inserts glass rails stepped back from the original façade to allow the historic building details to shine while providing guests exceptional views of downtown and along the river.

Project Data

SIZE

21 stories
390,000 sf total
305,000 sf renovation
85,000 sf expansion

FEATURES

452 keys
Conference rooms
Fitness center
Business center
Spa
Rooftop bar
LEED Silver
Interior Design:
Simeone Deary Design Group

CLIENTS

Oxford Capital Group, LLC
Angelo, Gordon & Co.

Recognition & News

RECOGNITION

2021 Award of Excellence, Renovation – Council on Tall Buildings and Urban Habitat
2019 Merit Award – Greater Than \$75 Million, Innovative Design in Engineering and Architecture with Structural Steel (IDEAS2) – American Institute of Steel Construction
2018 Chicago Landmark Award for Preservation Excellence – City of Chicago Commission on Chicago Landmarks
2017 Historic Redevelopment of the Year – Chicago Commercial Real Estate Awards
2017 Best Adaptive Reuse – Friends of Downtown
2017 Finalist, Merit Award for Rehab Construction – Chicago Building Congress
2016 Richard H. Driehaus Foundation Preservation Award for Adaptive Use – Landmarks Illinois
2016 Best Renovation/Retrofit Project – Structural Engineers Association of Illinois
2016 Gold Award, Mixed-Use Architecture – Chicago Design Awards

NEWS

Forbes Names GP to Inaugural List of America's Top Hospitality Architects & Designers
GP at the National AIA Conference on Architecture
GP Presents Two Projects at CTBUH Conference

GP Sponsors and Presents at CTBUH 10th World Congress in Chicago

Two GP Projects Honored by the Commission on Chicago Landmarks

Chicago Commercial Real Estate Awards Convey Wide Honors

LondonHouse Chicago and Union Station Highlighted in Chicago Tribune Yearend Roundup

LondonHouse Chicago Receives the 2016 Richard H. Driehaus Preservation Award for Adaptive Use

2016 SEAOL Awards Honor Four GP Projects

LondonHouse Chicago Reviewed in the Chicago Tribune